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15th Sunday of Pentecost

"The Little Ones"

Sept. 6, 2026

Divine Worship 1



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Although the attention of many is distracted on this Labor Day weekend, the focus of the Readings is clear. We have a Savior who has come to find the lost and restore them through forgiveness, and we have a purpose in speaking this Gospel to the whole world. This is not an easy calling. The lost often do not want to be found, and the wicked are content in their ways. We act not as self-appointed guardians of the truth but as instruments of God, through whom He speaks His Word of love to the lost and erring and by whom they are saved. The most difficult application is

always to those who have fallen from the faith into error or sin. Our greatest temptation is to surrender them to their error or sin. Our greatest calling is to address them with the voice of God's Word through whom the Spirit works to restore the lost. Today we pray that we will not be distracted from this goal and purpose.

Confession and Absolution

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father

and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

INTROIT

P How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

**C It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most
High;**

P to declare your steadfast love in the
morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**C For you, O LORD, have made me glad
by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for
joy.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

KYRIE

152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for
our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for
the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to
the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST *LSB 155*

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel*
33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 32:1-7

Blessed Are the Forgiven

L ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**☐ ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

℟ ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**☐ ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1–10

Submission to the Authorities

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his

approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 156*

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St.
Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Who Is the Greatest?

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Temptations to Sin

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 605 FATHER WELCOMES

ref Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain*

3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

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SERMON: "THE LITTLE ONES"

Matthew 18:1-6

Stand

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the
 Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our
 salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
 of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under
 Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again
 according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the
 Father.**

**And He will come again with glory
 to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and
 the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian
 and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the
 remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the
 dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come.
 Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer response

[P] Lord, in Your mercy,
[C] hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all
His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will
call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in
the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the
midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.

PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .
evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r
and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your
glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you
always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin
of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 601 ALL
WHO BELIEVE
AND ARE
BAPTIZED**

- 1 All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall
stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.

Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 595 O BLESSED SPRING

595 O Blessed Spring

- 1 O blessed spring, where Word and
sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be
A branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful
years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
The boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is
cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ
will move
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take
wing
And trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive
And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 910 NOW THE SILENCE

1 Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing
Now the pow'r
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body
Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing
Now
Now
Now

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Stand

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell
ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and
proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His
people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia,
alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN TO DEPART: 588 JESUS LOVES ME

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Let's His little child come in. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We pray that our worship blesses your day as you are blessing ours by attending.

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated during our worship service this morning. The Bible is clear about who is welcomed and prepared to receive Holy Communion. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:28 – “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.” Therefore, those Christians who are prepared and “worthy”; communicants have been led by the Holy Spirit to ...

- 1) Feel contrition and confess all sins to the LORD
- 2) Trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sins
- 3) Strive to turn away from unrepented sin and
- 4) Discern and believe in the real presence of Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the outward forms of bread and wine. Therefore, we welcome all confirmed adults to join us at the Table of the Lord. We do invite those adults and children who are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper to come to the communion table, cross your arms across your heart, and receive a blessing from the pastor. Thank you!

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED

OFFICERS: Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 13** for the installation of newly elected officers during the worship service. We also will acknowledge those who are currently serving out their term.

LUTHERANISM 101: Please join us for our new member class or a review class for existing members. Lutheranism 101 examines our Lutheran beliefs and heritage in a fresh way. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran searching for more information or new to Lutheranism, looking to understand what we believe, this class will be for you.

This class will be held on Monday evenings from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm starting Monday, October 12**. Please talk with Pastor Huner if you wish to join us.

WORSHIP SERVANTS September 6, 2026

Acolyte: Kyptin Gray

Elders: Walter Reister and Bob Brumm

Officiant: Pastor Ken Huner

Organist: Heidi Swanson

Special Music: Heidi Swanson

Altar: Athena Reister

Counting: Deb Dugan and Joanna Krueger

Ushers: Mitch and Lynda Minger

Greeters: Deb Dugan and Lorraine Laible

Coffee Hour: Mitch and Lynda Minger

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of Aug 30, 2026

10:00 am Worship in Person: 64/Online plays: 151

Communion: NA

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 2

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: 14
/Online plays: 48

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Sep 6

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Pentecost 15

Mon Sep 7

7 pm Trustees—Check with
Bryan Bickel

Tues Sep 8

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed Sep 9

10 am – Quilters

Thurs Sep 10

7 pm – Elders

Fri Sep 11

Sat Sep 12

8 am-4pm Craft Day

Sun Sep 13

9 am – Adult Bible Study

Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday
School

10 am – Pentecost 16

2 pm –Rally Day Events



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Rally
Day**

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Sermon Notes:

"The Little Ones"

Matthew 18:1-6

1. What was the cost of bacon in:

1914:

1950:

1981:

And Today?:

2. What might be missing in today's Sunday School programs?

3. Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?