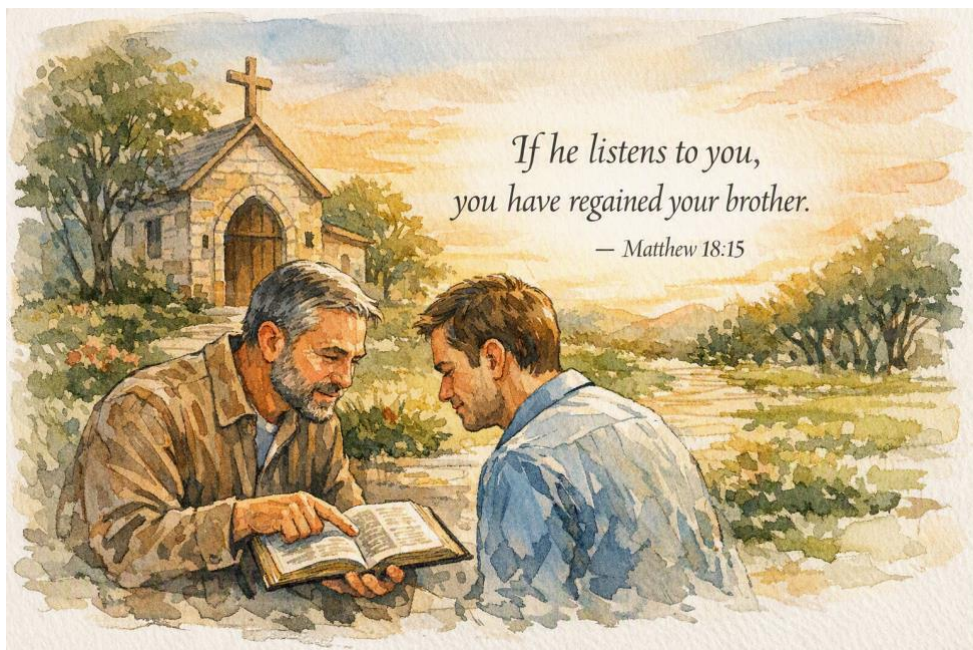




*If he listens to you,
you have regained your brother.*

— Matthew 18:15

Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

When danger strikes, most people move away from it. First responders do the opposite: they run toward the scenes others are fleeing. That response goes against basic human instinct. Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Our motive is the grace of God and His desire for everyone's salvation.



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654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 sts. 1, 4-5, 7

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let
 7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have

say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;
 my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow
 been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
 by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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The Service *Setting Five*

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



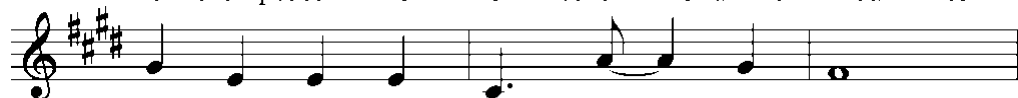
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



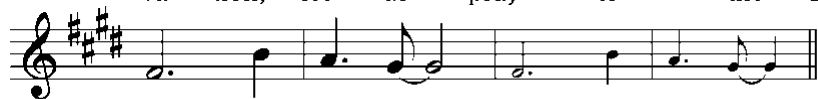
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal -



va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



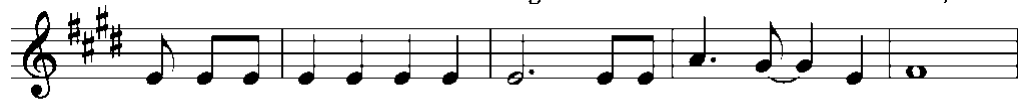
Lord, have mer - cy.



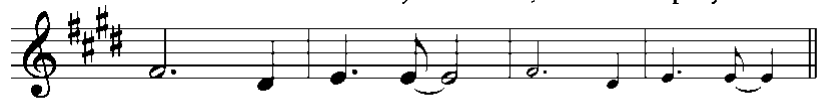
For the peace of the whole world,



for the well - be - ing of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–11

The Lord told Ezekiel that if he didn't warn the Israelites about their sin, He was going to hold Ezekiel accountable.

⁷But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. ⁸When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

32A I Turn to You, O LORD

Psalm 32A

Refrain



I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- /
gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,

but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who /
trusts in him.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

Paul wins his brother Cephas (Peter) over to the truth of the gospel.

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹²For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

¹⁵“We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4



Refrain



Tone



God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

Jesus teaches us how to practice Christian discipline lovingly.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony 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, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

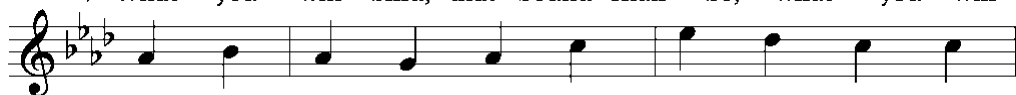
Praise be to you, O Christ!

656 As Surely As I Live, God Said

CW 656 sts. 1-6



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; what you will



see the sin - ner dead, but that he turn from
 preach in ev - 'ry land; be - stow on all my
 par - don and ac - quit, and those whose sins you
 loose, that shall be free; un - to my Church the



er - ror's ways, re - pent, and live through end - less days."
 par - d'ning grace who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
 do re - tain con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 keys are giv'n to op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

- 5 The words which absolution give
 are his who died that we might live;
 the minister whom Christ has sent
 is but his humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 he who by grace the Word believes
 forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

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Sermon

Matthew 18:15-20

You are your brother's keeper.

- 1) Jesus shows you the way to admonish him.
- 2) Jesus gives you authority to do it.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

**Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies,
especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have
revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit
and his working through the means of grace.**

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce
fruit in our lives.**

**Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and
sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.**

**Support all who spread the light of your truth
throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . .]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . .]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

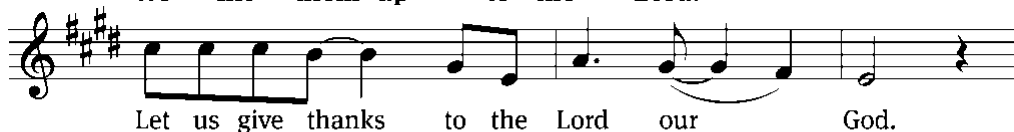
Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament

Preface



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, (hmmm) grant us your peace.

(hmmm) A - men.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

402 Glory Be to Jesus

CW 402 sts. 1-3

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream

poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.

Announcements

Church Cleaners

September 13 - Timothy / September 20 - Mark

Regular Schedule Resumes Next Sunday

On Sunday, September 13, the Sunday after Labour Day, we return to our regular schedule: Bible class and Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (6)** **9:30 am** **Worship** (with Communion)
 10:45 am Brief Bible Study
 3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
 4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore
- Sa (12)** 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class
- Su (13)** 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class
 10:30 am **Worship**
 11:30 am First Fellowship
 12:00 pm Divine Sisters Meeting
- Tu (15)** 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- Fr (18)** 3:00 pm Women's Bible Class
- Sa (19)** 10:00 am Communicating Christ Bible Class
- Su (20)** 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class
 10:30 am **Worship**
 12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
 12:30 pm Ottawa Valley Golf Tournament
 3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**
 4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

***Ottawa Valley Golf Tournament
September 20 at 12:30 p.m.***

Come out for a day of **golf, fellowship, and fun** with friends and fellow members of our church. Whether you're an experienced golfer or just looking to enjoy a day together, we would love to have you join us!

Cost:

- \$63 to walk the Executive Course
- \$20 extra for a golf cart

Payment must be made in advance.

We hope you can join us for a great afternoon on the course and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some Christian fellowship together!

Please sign up and make your payment in advance to reserve your spot. Scan the QR code or sign up at:
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