

September 13, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Order of Morning Service

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The Opening Hymn

No. 32

“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

The Confession of Sins and Absolution

Please Rise

The Introit

Hymn No. 235, verse 7

All: (♪)

O gentle Dew, from heaven now fall With power upon the hearts of all,
Thy tender love instilling,
That heart to heart more closely bound, In kindly deeds be fruitful found,
The law of love fulfilling.
Dwell thus In us; envy banish; Strife will vanish Where Thou livest.
Peace and love and joy Thou givest.

Gloria Patri

All: (♪) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

The Kyrie

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The Gloria in Excelsis

The Salutation

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The Collect for the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your benefits, that You have given us life and graciously sustained us to this day: We beseech You, do not take Your blessing from us; preserve us from covetousness, that we may serve You only, love and abide in You, and not defile ourselves by idolatrous love of wealth, but hope and trust only in Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

(♪) Amen. ,

The Small Catechism

Third Commandment, Page 1

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21 (NKJV)

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, ¹⁷ 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹ Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?

²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

The Gradual

ALL (spoken Responsively):

It is better to trust in the Lord:

Than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord:

Than to put confidence in princes. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

O God, my heart is fixed of my salvation:

I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Hallelujah!.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (NKJV)

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 (NKJV)

Congr: (♫)Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying,

‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

Congr: (♪)Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Apostles’ Creed

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Hymn

No. 521, verses 1-4

“What God Ordains is Always Good”

The Sermon:

The Offertory- *Create in Me*

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The Offering

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

No. 521, verses 5-6

“What God Ordains is Always Good”

The Collect for the Word

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The Benediction

The Closing Hymn

No. 27

“Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”