

August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Preacher: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Mary Markve-Patch

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print: Please see an usher if you would like larger print hymns.

Prayground: We have a Kids Corner for young kids on the front left side (by the stained glass windows). Kids and their adults are more than welcome to sit in that area during the service where there are coloring pages and puzzle books to engage young minds and hands in worship.

PRELUDE

Air from Suite in D

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*So it is
if the heart has devoted itself to love, there is
not a single inch of emptiness. Gladness gleams
all the way to the grave.
-Mary Oliver*

GATHERING

INTROIT

In This Very Room

Ron & Carol Harris

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 89

Your love, O God, for ever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;

love and truth go before your face.

Truly, God is our Ruler;

the Holy One of Israel is our Sovereign.

***OPENING HYMN**

#311 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Psalmist reminds us that the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. So trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, giver of life, we praise you for your redeeming work and we confess that while you have made us one in Christ we have not lived as members of the same body. Too often we

hold up our differences and divisions as greater than the unity we share in baptism. We have neglected, mistreated, and put aside the needs of others while looking to our own comforts and desires. We have made you to be another item on our agendas instead of the one who is above all, through all, and in all.

Forgive us, Holy God, and renew in us the unity and peace that are only possible by the power of your Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Jesus, of whose body we are a part. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who is in Christ, is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Still our wandering minds and our restless hearts, O God, and speak to us again the words of life which only you can offer. In the gracious name of Jesus, Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 16:11-15

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

THIRD READING

John 17: 20-24

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

An Embodied Faith: The Body of Christ

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Near the Cross

Women's Trio



*"Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life."
To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.*

***DOXOLOGY**

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/FAITH**

Baptismal Questions

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself
to the church's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God,
giver of all good things:
For our home on earth
and for your unfailing mercy,

We give you thanks.

Christ, our redeemer:
For your sacrifice on the cross
and rising from death that we might live,

We give you thanks and praise.

Holy Spirit, giver of life:
For your abiding presence in our lives

and for comforting and guiding us,
We give you thanks, praise, and glory.

O triune God:
to you be glory and praise now and forever.

Holy God, One-in-Three and Three-in-One,
hear us as we pray for your blessing,
saying: Holy, triune God, **have mercy on us.**

Intercessions are included,

*When the pastor says "Holy, triune God", please respond **have mercy on us.***

All this we ask of you, Lord God,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who taught us to pray...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Douglas Wagner

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 89 in the St Helena Psalter, ©2004 the Order of St Helena.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Faith: We will be taking the month of August off and resuming in September.

Blood Drive: BPC is in need of 12 Blood Drive Volunteers for the canteen and registration areas. The following times are open if you wish to participate, a sign up sheet is available outside the BPC office. We will be clearing the Fellowship Hall after Worship & Fellowship on the 23rd.

Canteen (6 volunteers needed): Registration (6 volunteers needed) (12pm - 2pm | 2pm - 4pm | 4pm - 6pm)

Date: August 24th from 10:45am - 12:15pm

Meals on Wheels: BPC is in charge of providing volunteer drivers for delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) for the month of September. MOW now has 4 routes in the Buffalo area every weekday and we need drivers to cover as many routes as we can during September. **The time is from 10:45 to about 12:15.** It is a very rewarding mission activity that is greatly appreciated by the people who depend on this service for one hot meal each day. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is the sponsoring agency for Meals on Wheels in the Buffalo area. **You MUST register and sign up through the Catholic Charities Volunteer Website** at the following link: ***We will have people available to help with sign-ups after worship this Sunday. You can also visit with Ali during the week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am and 2pm for any assistance.***

<https://ccstcloud.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/SeniorDining>

Women's Retreat "Weekend with an Immersive God": Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Come away for a refreshing time to reconnect, rest, and be immersed in God's presence.

Date: Sept. 25-27

Place: Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, MN

Cost: \$160.00 plus meals

September 1: Remainder of the cost

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Maseca corn flour**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Today August 16	9:30am: Worship 11:00am: Faith Formation Meeting
Monday August 17	5:00pm: Deacons Meeting
Tuesday August 18	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast
Thursday August 20	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Sunday August 23	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Taylor, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- Fred, brother of Arnold Leas
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Dan Vanderheiden (Del's family)
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother's wife)
- Nancy Gritman

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1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands;
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease;
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
 where, O where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
 help us as we work and pray; send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 While in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 truth and cour - age, faith and power need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

**Optional finger cymbals*

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the *gagaku* mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



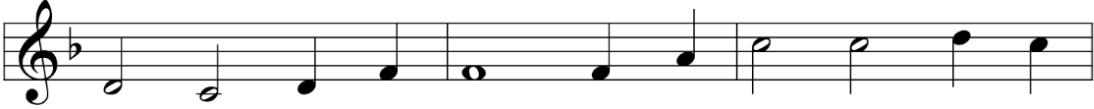
1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new-born crea-tures
2 Ev-ery day we need your nur-ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-i-mag-ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm



of your womb. Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar-ments bright and
bless-ing, liv-ing bread. God, re-new us; guide our
lives we wor-ship, praise! We your peo-ple stand be-

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a-noint them;
foot-steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F

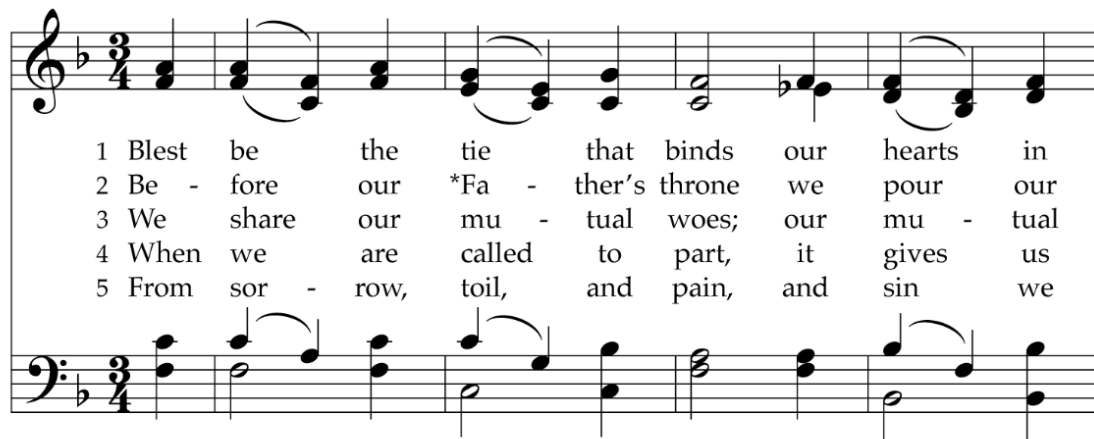


send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

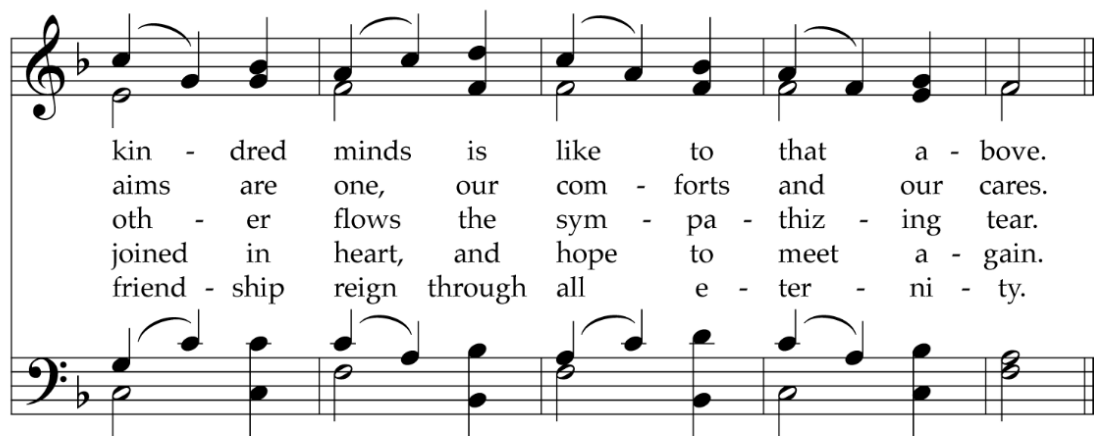
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1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.