

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



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Sunday, September 6, 2026

9:15 am

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Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol ✠ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

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THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

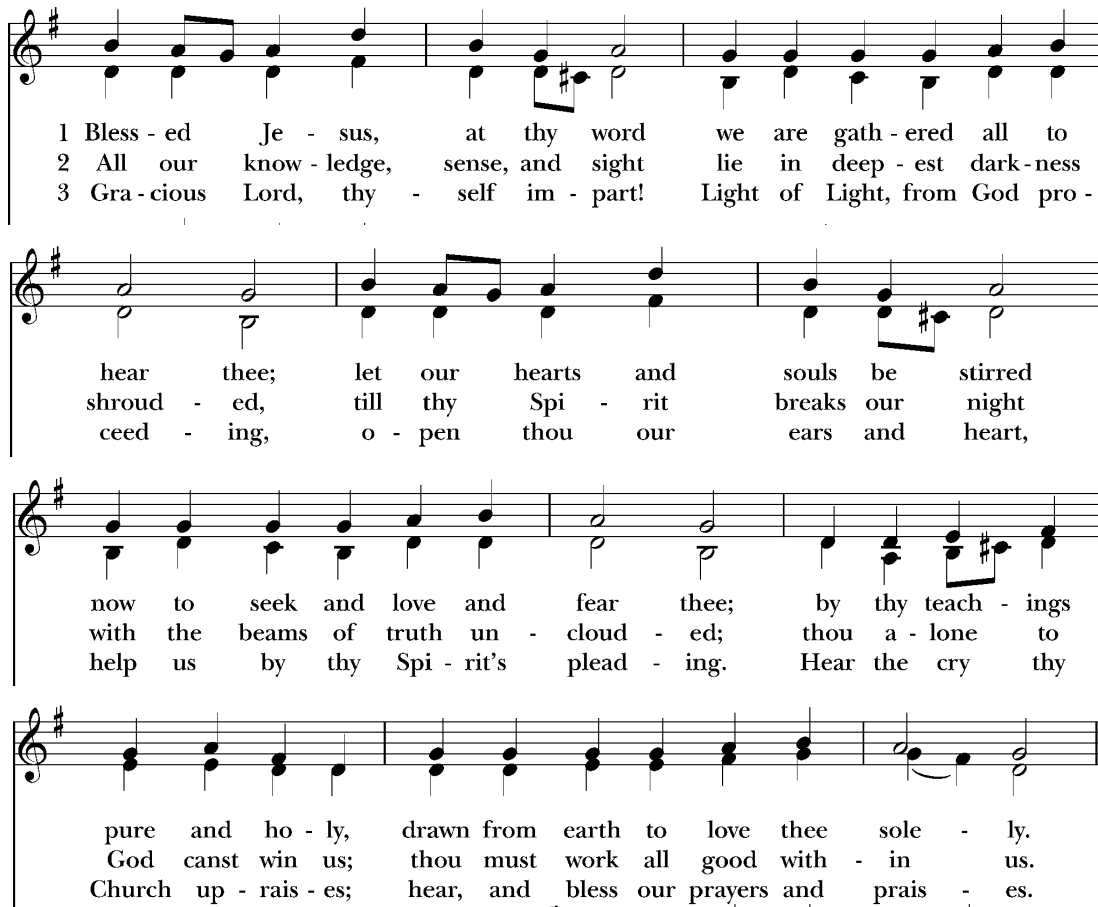
The season after Pentecost is the longest one of the church year, running from the day after Pentecost until the beginning of Advent. It is sometimes called "Ordinary Time" as short-hand, although that term does not actually appear in our Prayer Book. This time is not "ordinary" in the sense of being common or unremarkable but in the sense that the Sundays are ordinal or numbered. The liturgical color for this season is generally green, reflecting life and growth. However, there are several feast days during the season which call for white vestments and hangings: Trinity Sunday in June and Christ the King in November (the final Sunday of the season).



*Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded.
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.*

Prelude

Meditation on Simple Gifts



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

BCP p.233

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • *A reading from the book of Ezekiel*

Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *to be read responsively*

Psalm 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson • A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The 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, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon ✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Deacon Bill Rimkus

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
✠ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “Hear our prayer.”
At this time of changing seasons, we thank you, O Lord, for the beauty of our earth.

People Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church in all times and places. Strengthen our faith as we seek to do your will and become more and more your people.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of our land: Donald, our President, JB, our Governor, Mark, our Village President, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that we may live in justice and peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

People **Hear our prayer.**

O God, the strength of those who labor, grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Remember, O Lord, in mercy all those who suffer or are in any trouble, knowing that you do not willingly afflict or grieve us.

People **Hear our prayer.**

✠ Grant your blessing to all who have died in the hope of resurrection; grant them rest from their labors.

People **Hear our prayer.**

I invite any other prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Meditation on "Lord I Want To Be a Christian"

The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p.367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known
to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through
the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last
days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer
of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand be-
fore you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteous-
ness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in Glory;

Then the Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. ✠ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch

Communion Hymn • Voices Found #89

We Gather at Your Table Lord

1 We gath - er at your ta - ble, Lord: we hum - bly lift our
2 We share this meal and we are fed. Such bas - ic gifts be -
3 God, pour your Spi - rit on us all, and on these gifts that
4 From north and south, from west and east, now rec - on - ciled, we
hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed, all re - stored, and
come your sign: we see you bro - ken in the bread; we
we re - ceive; for in Christ's pre - sence we re - call his
ga - ther near; we taste your king - dom's ban - quet feast, so
all are giv - en work to do. (-en work to do.)
know your love in com - mon wine. (in com - mon wine.)
life and death, and so be - lieve. (and so be - lieve.)
find - ing strength to serve you here. (to serve you here.)

Prayer after Communion

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All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing ✕

Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #635

If thou trust in God to guide thee

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The Dismissal

BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations on Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee

Behind the Music:

The closing hymn today, “If thou but trust in God to guide thee,” was written almost 400 years ago in 1641 by a 20-year-old German poet and musician named Georg Neumark. While traveling to university to study Law he was robbed by highwaymen who stole nearly all his money and possessions; all he had left was a prayer book and a few coins sewed into his clothes.

The attack devastated him. His dream of becoming a lawyer seemed to him destroyed as he would be unable to pay for his education. Feeling hopeless he wandered from town to town looking for work during a very harsh winter, with no success. His destiny changed, however, when he entered the town of Kiel. Hungry and cold, a local pastor took pity on him and welcomed and fed him. The pastor, Nicolaus Becker, recommended Neumark to a local judge to become a tutor.

No longer cold, hungry, and without hope, he was filled with gratitude and relief at his sudden change of fortune. He was inspired to write the words of this hymn as a poetic expression of comfort and faith for anyone undergoing severe trials. Due to the intervention of Pastor Becker, he eventually was able to save enough money to finish his dream of attending university. It is also noteworthy that unlike most hymns, for which different people write the music, in this case Neumark himself wrote the music.

The hymn has three main themes:

- Divine providence
- Patience
- Trusting in God’s guidance, especially when on your own you cannot see a way forward.

Drawing from biblical references, primarily the Sermon on the Mount and lilies of the fields and birds of the air, Neumark wrote words that even today that we can easily identify with. The first verse encourages us: trust, hope, strength. The second verse tells us what to do, what to say to God, and God’s promise to us when we do those things.

Have you been struggling with hardship in your life? My own story, losing my right leg mid-calf has certainly been a life-changing event that brought much hardship and worry. In a very real and personal way, the lyrics of this hymn both minister to and encourage me. I am including the lyrics in the story today. It is my hope that you will take your bulletin home and post this page somewhere you can see it every day.

—From your Music Director, Paul Johnson

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move
Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.*

Georg Neumark 1641

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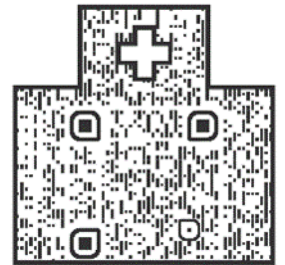
THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, September 6th **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:15am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (summer schedule)
- 10:15am, Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 13th **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Welcome Back picnic.**

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour



Birthdays this week: Thomas, Jim, Kelly, Jimmy, Tove.

In our prayers: Chris, Jerry, Greta, Jacquelyn, Daniel, Kelly, Linda, Suzanne, Sara & Family, Gillian, Roupi, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Kelly, Kiera, Elizabeth, Ned.

Prayer List: We will be refreshing our prayer list. Names will now remain on the prayer list for a period of four weeks. After that time, you are welcome to resubmit names if continued prayers are wanted. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Service Times: We will be returning to two services on September 13th.

Welcome Back Picnic: Join us **September 13th** following the 10am service, for our annual 'Welcome back' picnic!

Children's Church: Children's Church will be starting again on September 13th during the 10am service. All children are welcome. There will also be a 'Blessing of the Backpacks' during the 10am service.

Exodus: Coming soon, Exodus collection for fall delivery.



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Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 9:15am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (summer schedule)

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