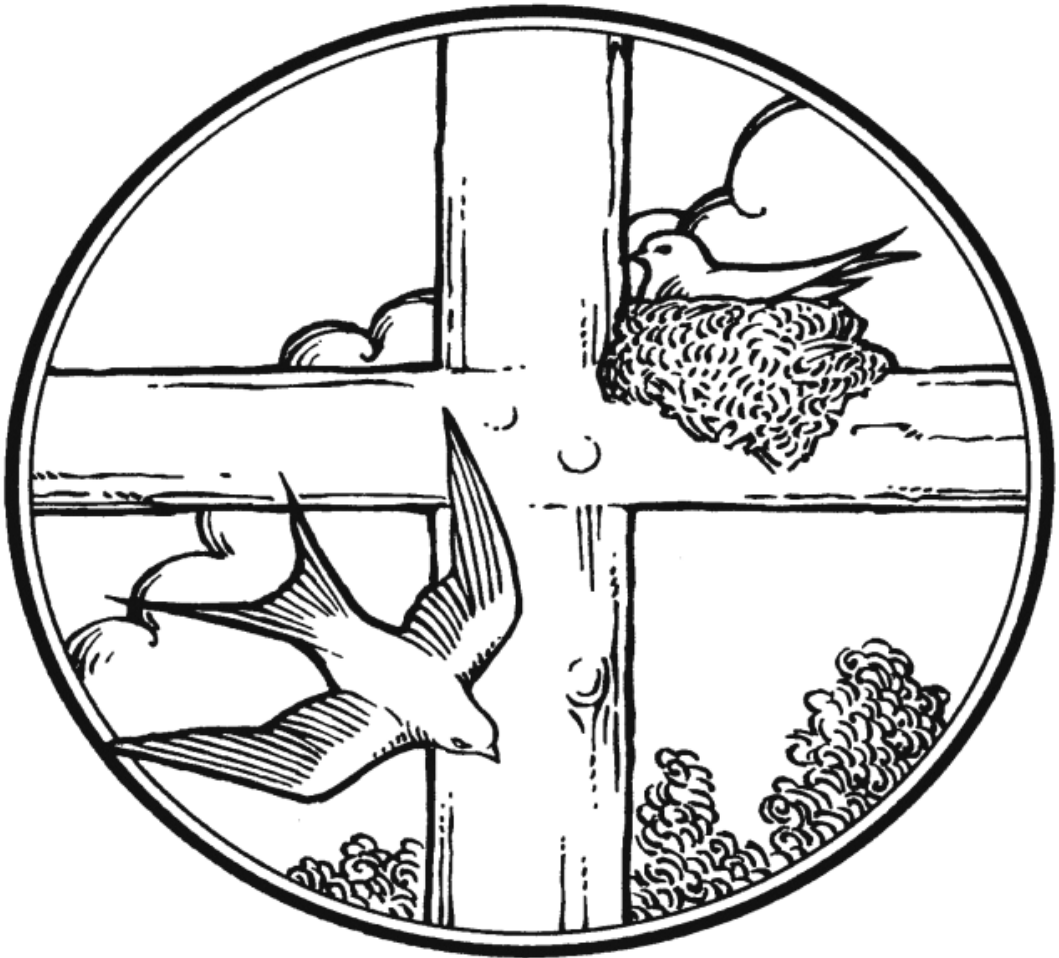


Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

28 September A+D 2025



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Prelude: Partita on 'Was Gott tut' by Johann Pachelbel
Hymn of Invocation: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 86:4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b- 3



Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, | hear me:*

O Thou my God; save Thy servant that trust- | eth in Thee!

Be merciful unto | me, O Lord:*

for I cry unto Thee | daily.

Rejoice the soul of Thy | servant:*

for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

- P** Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Thy help, preserve her evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Propechy

I Kings 17:8-16

In those days: The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” So she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward

make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ ” So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 92:1-2



It is a good thing to give thanks un- | to the LORD,*
and to sing praises unto Thy name, | O Most High.
To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the | morning,*
and Thy faithfulness ev- | ery night.

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

Brethren: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 108:1



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. O God, my | heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my | glory. **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24–34

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good *sts. 1–3*

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good *sts. 4–6*

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** hear our prayer.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymn:

TLH 520 Commit Whatever Grieves Thee (Printed) *Choir sings stanzas 2,5,10*

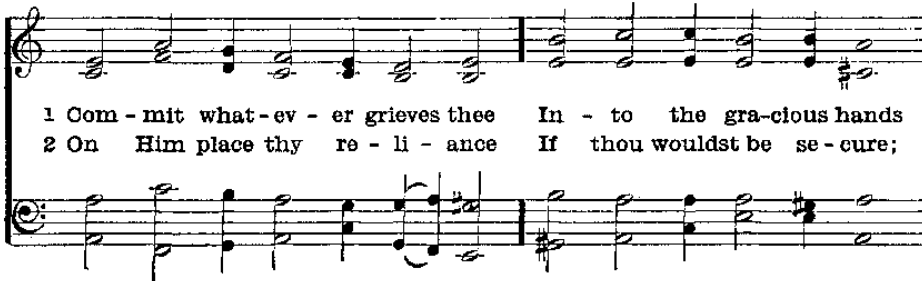
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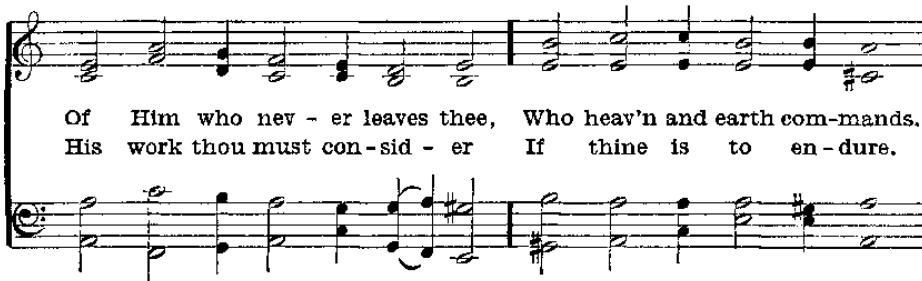
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Paul Gerhardt, 1658
Tr., composite

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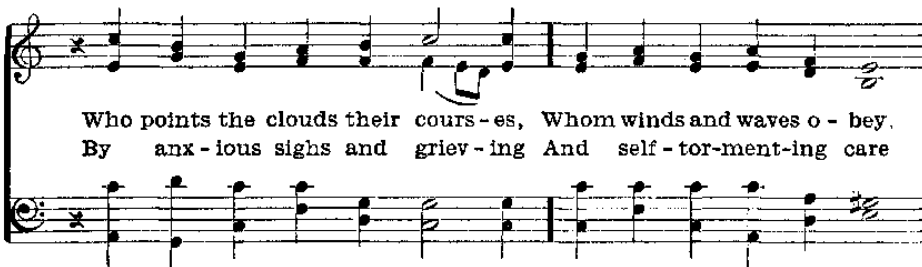
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Hans L. Hassler, 1901



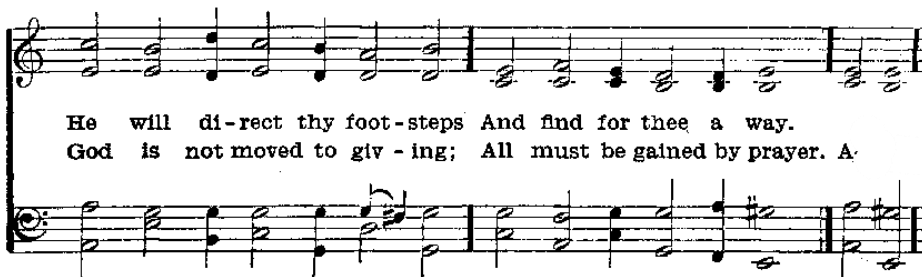
1 Com - mit what - ev - er grieves thee In - to the gra - cious hands
2 On Him place thy re - li - ance If thou wouldst be se - cure;



Of Him who nev - er leaves thee, Who heav'n and earth com - mands.
His work thou must con - sid - er If thine is to en - dure.



Who points the clouds their cours - es, Whom winds and waves o - bey.
By anx - ious sighs and griev - ing And self - tor - ment - ing care



He will di - rect thy foot - steps And find for thee a way.
God is not moved to giv - ing; All must be gained by prayer. A.

3 Thy truth and grace, O Father,
Most surely see and know
Both what is good and evil
For mortal man below.
According to Thy counsel
Thou wilt Thy work pursue;
And what Thy wisdom chooseth
Thy might will always do.

4 Thy hand is never shortened,
All things must serve Thy might;
Thine every act is blessing,
Thy path is purest light.
Thy work no man can hinder,
Thy purpose none can stay,
Since Thou to bless Thy children
Wilt always find a way.

5 Though all the powers of evil
The will of God oppose,
His purpose will not falter,
His pleasure onward goes.
Whate'er God's will resolveth,
Whatever He intends,
Will always be accomplished
True to His aims and ends.

6 The hope, my feeble spirit,
And be thou undismayed;
God helps in every trial
And makes thee unafraid.
Await His time with patience,
Then shall thine eyes behold
The sun of joy and gladness
His brightest beams unfold.

7 Arise, my soul, and banish
Thy anguish and thy care.
Away with thoughts that sadden
And heart and mind ensnare!
Thou art not lord and master
Of thine own destiny;
Enthroned in highest heaven,
God rules in equity.

8 Leave all to His direction;
In wisdom He doth reign,
And in a way most wondrous
His course He will maintain.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working skill
Shall put away the sorrows
That now thy spirit fill.

9 A while His consolation
He may to thee deny,
And seem as though in trial
He far from thee would fly;
A while distress and anguish
May compass thee around,
Nor to thy supplication
An answering voice be found.

10 But if thou perseverest,
Thou shalt deliverance find.
Behold, all unexpected
He will thy soul unbind
And from the heavy burden
Thy heart will soon set free;
And thou wilt see the blessing
He had in mind for thee.

11 O faithful child of heaven,
How blessed shalt thou be!
With songs of thanksgiving
A crown awaiteth thee.
Into thy hand thy Maker
Will give the victor's palm,
And thou to thy Deliverer
Shalt sing a joyous psalm.

12 Give, Lord, this consummation
To all our heart's distress;
Our hands, our feet, e'er strengthen,
In death our spirits bless.
Thy truth and Thy protection
Grant evermore, we pray,
And in celestial glory
Shall end our destined way. **A-men.**

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee /
864 Shepherd of Tender Youth /

**732 All Depends on Our Possessing /
725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Postlude: Toccata in F Major by Dietrich Buxtehude

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Colossians 1:12-20; Matthew 5:33-42

Hymns: 351-760-774-889

Looking forward to next Sunday (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: I Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-16

Hymns: TLH 259(printed)-759-758-755/756/774/742/618/619-672

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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