



SANCTIFIED SENSES
HEARING

September 6, 2026 | Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here, so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: If you have little ones with restless hands, children's bulletins can be obtained from an usher to help keep the kids occupied.

CONNECTION CARD & MY MINI FORTÉ: When the offering is collected, everyone is asked to fill out the Connect Card found in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip so we can better serve you and provide additional information. We will follow up with you about events and volunteer opportunities using the details you share in the "My Mini Forté" section on the back of the card.

RESTROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS: Restrooms are located near the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY: A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children 3 years old or younger. It is in the back of the church (Luther Hall) and available during the late service at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kids Connect is available for children 4 years old through 5th grade following the children's message in the 10:30 a.m. service. Please pick up your children from the Lakeview Room (Luther Hall) after signing them out. Older kids are asked to attend worship unless scheduled for volunteering.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED: There is coffee fellowship every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Breezeway. Come have a cup of joe and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print bulletins are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex). Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Please see the distribution statement in this bulletin (printed in the Service of the Sacrament after the prayers of the church).

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership with a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation, you can transfer your membership to **Our Savior** by contacting the church office. We will gladly reach out to your previous church to request the transfer. You may also join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and New Member Classes are offered year-round. For assistance or additional information, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.oslplantation.church to watch past sermons, read the Weekly Newsletter, view the events calendar, and access our [Facebook Page](#).

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“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”

(**P**=pastor, **L**=liturgist, **C**=congregation, **R**=reader, **A**=cantor)

As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connect Card.

Prelude
Announcements

(Bells rung to begin services.)

(Please stand)

8 AM Opening Hymn—LSB 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.

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(8 a.m. attendees, please proceed to the Invocation on p.6⇒)

(Please stand)

10:30 AM Opening Song 1—Glorious Day

1. Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

2. Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

3. Chorus

*('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day*

4. Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

5. Chorus

6. Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

7. Chorus

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10:30 AM Opening Song 2—In the Garden

1. Verse 1

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

2. Chorus

*And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known*

3. Verse 2

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing

And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

4. Chorus

5. Verse 3

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

6. Chorus

7. Ending

And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

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Invocation

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

Confession & Absolution

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

(10:30 a.m. attendees, please proceed to the Salutation & Collect of the Day on p.7 ⇨)

Service of the Word

(Please stand)

8 AM—Kyrie (sung)

A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** Amen.

8 AM Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast

[REF]

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God. **[Refrain]**
 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are His.
[Refrain]
 3. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation: [v.4]
 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
[Refrain]
 5. For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia. **[Refrain]**
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(Please stand)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. O Holy God, how amazing is Your grace and how sweet is the sound that saved the wretch and proclaims good news to the world. Remove our deafness to Your Word and open our ears to Your Gospel so that we might hear and come to faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C** Amen.

(Please be seated)

L We hear God. According to the scripture lessons for this morning, we hear God only because he enables us to hear him and believe.

First Reading—1 Kings 19:11-13a The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—Romans 10:14-18 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

“Their voice has gone out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.”

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *(Please stand)*

L The Holy Gospel according St. John, the fifth chapter, verses 24-29

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles’ Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed...

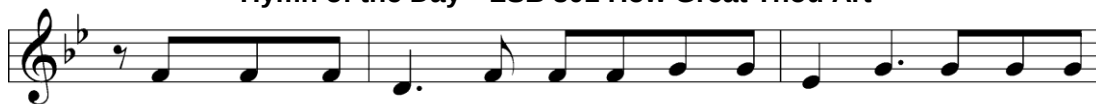
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Please be seated)

10:30 AM Children’s Message

(Children may depart for Kids Connect.)

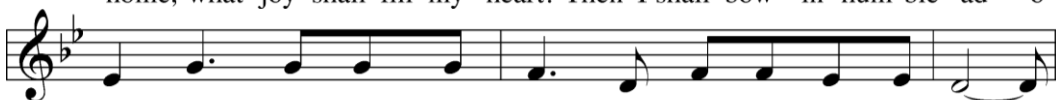
Hymn of the Day—LSB 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Sermon

Sanctified Senses: Hearing

Mark 7:31-35

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Sharing of the Peace

(Please fill out your Connect Cards.)

Offering and Voluntary

10:30 AM Voluntary—Word of God Speak

1. Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

In Your holiness

(Word of God speak)

3. Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

2. Chorus

*Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest*

4. Chorus (2x)

5. Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

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(Please stand)

Offertory—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. *(After each petition, P Lord in Your mercy C Hear our prayer.)*

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray... **C** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord (*Pastor*)

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution (*Please be seated*)

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us.

*As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might **ask ourselves the following questions:***

- Do I realize that I am a sinful human being?*
- Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life?*
- Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others?*

If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.

General Distribution: For the **8:00 a.m. service**, those who are able may commune at the **altar**.

Individual cups are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.

For the **10:30 a.m. service**, we invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper by joining the **continuous line of communicants** leading to the **foot of the chancel**, as prompted by an usher.

Individual cups are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.

White grape juice is available in the **center of the tray** with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine.

Special Distribution:

If you are unable to use the stairs or walk to the front to receive Communion, please remain seated until a Communion assistant arrives. An usher will guide you forward if needed, or the elements will be brought to you at your seat.

8 AM Distribution Hymn—LSB 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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10:30 AM Distribution Song—I Exalt Thee

1. Verse

For Thou oh Lord
Art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods
For Thou oh Lord
Art high above all the earth
Thou art exalted far above all gods

2. Chorus (2x)

I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord

REPEAT VERSE & CHORUS

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Dismissal (*Please stand*)

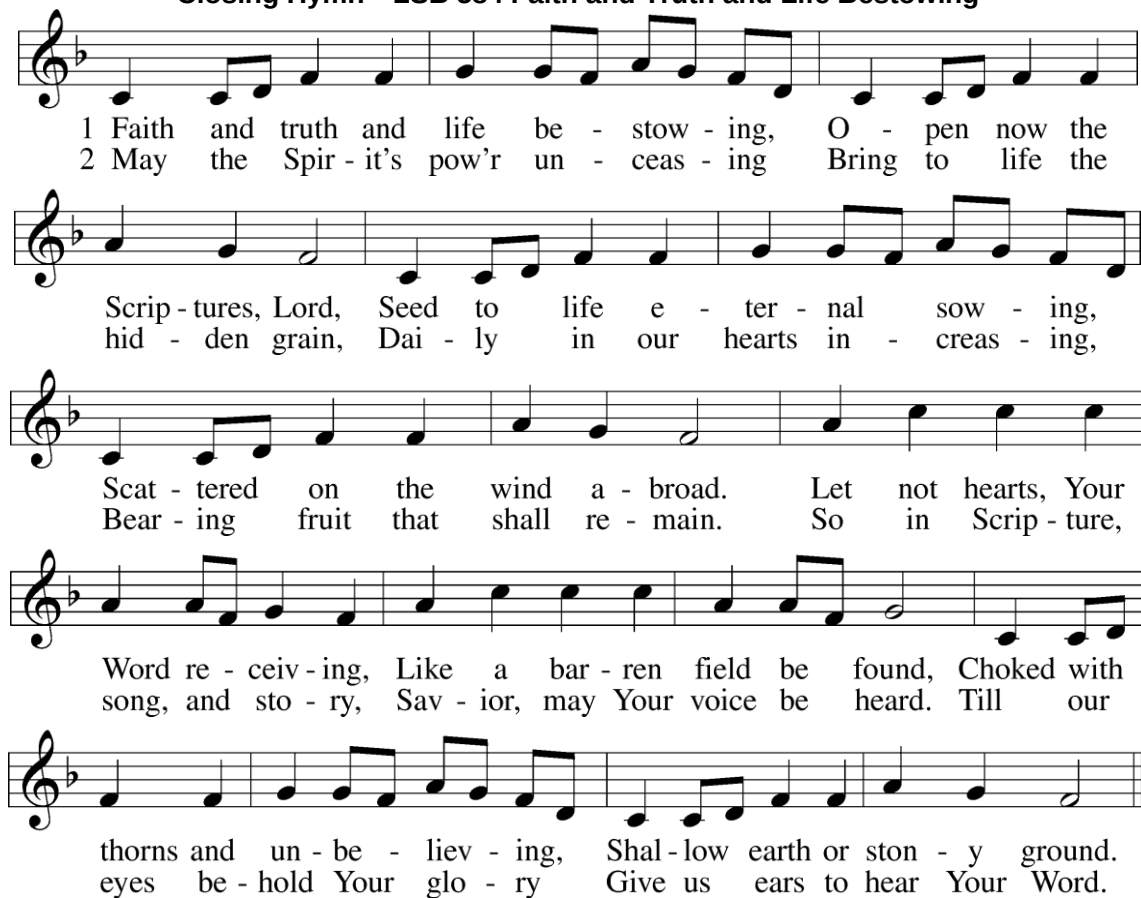
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  in peace. **C Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction (*Pastor*)

Closing Hymn—LSB 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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L Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Sermon

Sanctified Senses: Sight

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[Sat. 10/26] Trunk or Treat