



Ephesians 6:18

**To that end, keep alert with all
perseverance, making supplication
for all the saints...**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

11:00A

AS WE GATHER There is a lot of good news in the Readings of the day, but you won't find it in today's Holy Gospel, which points out that our fallen hearts produce much of the evil around us. Likewise, the Old Testament Reading warns against not telling the next generation about God's goodness. But the Epistle, which uses the imagery of a suit of armor, tells us to rely on God and His gracious goodness. While asking for God's forgiveness; we also rejoice that He re-creates us, cleaning us inside out. What a great reason to gather to sing His praises today!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" 545

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us then 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God who has made us, saved us, and created us as Your own children, renew us, feed us, and strengthen us that we may in all confidence proclaim Your eternal goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL CANTICLE “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“By Grace I’m Saved”

566

St. 2 – Low voices;

St. 4 – Treble voices

SERMON

“No Interest”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not only given us all Your statutes and just decrees by which we may live but have given us Your only-begotten Son.

By His death He paid for all our sins, and by His rising He has assured us of a place with You for eternity. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood according to His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”	618
“Be Strong in the Lord”	665
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”	749

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN	“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”	923
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POSTLUDE

