

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II) WITH BAPTISM

10:00 am



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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## The Word of God

### The Prelude

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

*Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.*

### The Opening Hymn 400 All creatures of our God and King (vs 1-3, 7)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Creator of all.**

### The Collect for Purity

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Lessons

#### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (33:7-11)

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.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:33-40** *(prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

**People: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

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

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and gospel.*

## **The Sequence Hymn 617 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round**

*Song I*

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

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

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."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

## **The Holy Baptism**

**Catherine Adele McNeill and Tullius Oliver Murphy Rauschenbach**

*Parents, siblings, godparents and baptizands come forward.*

## **The Presentation and Examination**

*The Celebrant says*  
The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The parents and godparents stand.*

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Catherine Adele to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

**I present Tullius Oliver Murphy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Will you be responsible for seeing that they are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you by your prayers and witness help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the presenters, who reply on behalf of the baptizands.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
**I do.**

*The congregation stands as they are able and the Celebrant addresses all present*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Catherine and Tully in their life in Christ?  
**We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **The Baptism**

*Celebrant* Will you name this child?  
*The Parents and Godparents reply.*

*The celebrant baptizes with these words:*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The celebrant then anoints the baptizand with these words:*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

*Two representatives of the parish present a lit candle to the parents and godparents with these words:*

N., receive the light of Christ and take it into the world. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

***We Know that Christ Is Raised***

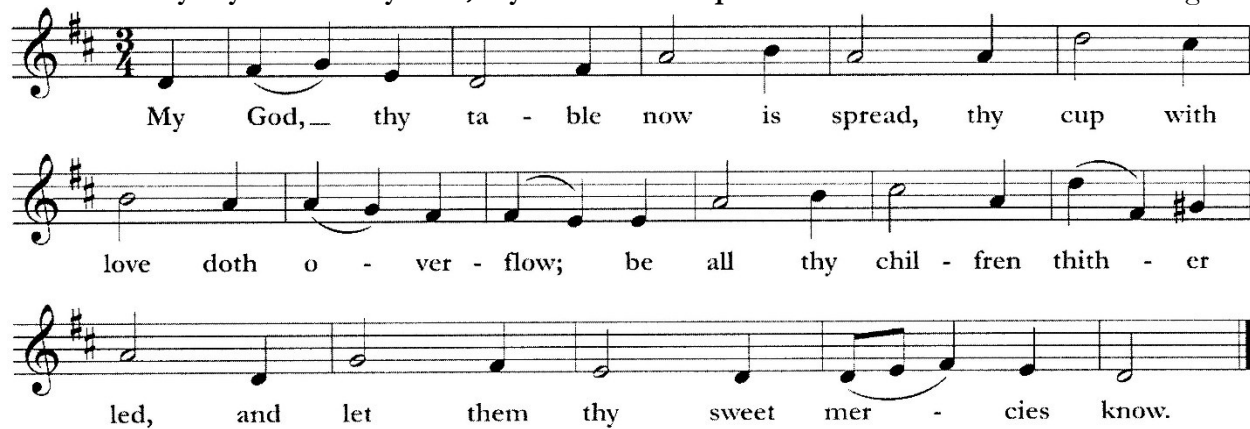
Charles Villiers Stanford  
arr. Harriet Ziegenhals  
text: hymn 296, John B. Geyer

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy! Alleluia!  
*We share by water in his saving death.*  
*Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,*  
*as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!*  
As heavenly splendor clothes the Son with life,  
the Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!  
*A new creation comes to life and grows*  
*as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.*  
*The universe restored and whole will sing, "Alleluia!"*

*As the offering is presented, please stand as you are able.*

### The Offertory Hymn 321 My God, thy table now is spread

*Rockingham*



*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them 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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation, as we sing:

**Sanctus WLP 857**

African arr. Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est

*You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**WLP 878 Whoever comes to me** (repeat three times)

Carl Haywood

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home.*

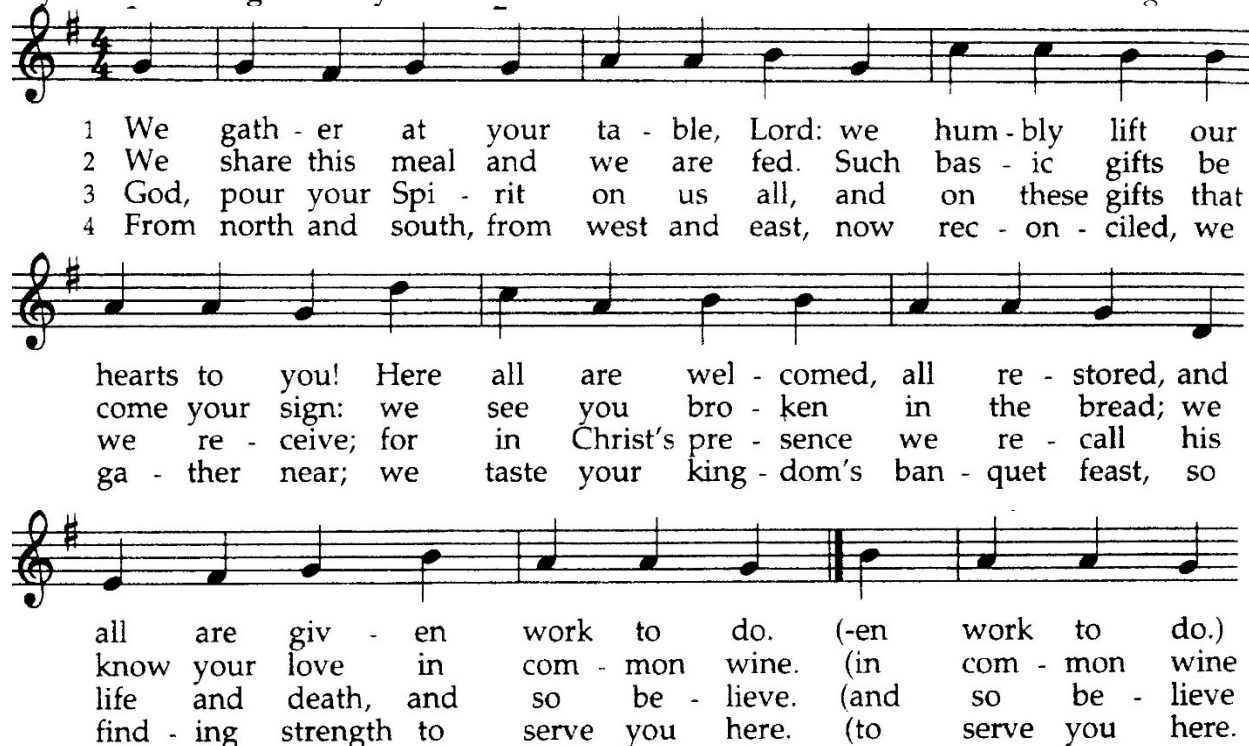
Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.*

## The Communion Hymns

Hymn VF 89 We gather at your table Lord

*The Eighth Tune*



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.

Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

*Dickinson College*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## A Prayer for Labor Day *(pray together)*

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

## The Blessing

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.

Be kind to yourself and to one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High.

Be alert and receptive, for sometimes God is but a whisper.

And the blessing of God Almighty be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn 216 Hail thee, festival day

*Salve festa dies*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Postlude

Introduction and Chorale on *Engelberg* Charles Villiers Stanford

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant and Preacher</i> | The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner                   |
| <i>Music Director</i>         | Joan Kirchner                              |
| <i>Organist</i>               | Michael Simpson                            |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>  | Earle Bailey, Gail Binney-Sterne           |
| <i>Readers</i>                | Jean Collins, Celia Calhoun, Kate Paradise |
| <i>Ushers</i>                 | Rich Gregory, Brian Skea                   |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>            | Meredith Perkins                           |
| <i>Altar Flower Guild</i>     | Cynthia Murray                             |
| <i>Audio/Video</i>            | Nancy Boccia                               |

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#### Music Notes

Flor Peeters (1903 – 1986) was a Belgian organist and prolific composer. He was organist at St. Rumbold's Cathedral in Mechelen for 60 years. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924) was a British composer, organist and professor. Born in Ireland, he was a founding professor of the Royal College of Music and professor of composition at Cambridge in England. Among his students were Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. He composed the tune *Engelberg* in 1904 as a setting for the text *For All the Saints*. Harriet Ziegenhals (1925 – 2016) was an American choral director, organist, and composer. John B. Geyer (1932 – 2020) was an English clergyman and author.

We welcome into the Body of Christ

**Catherine Adele McNeill**

**Parents**

Jordan Ashley McNeill and Leo Glenn McNeill III

**Godparents**

Twilla June Settle  
Sonja Pound  
Jason Grant Berry

and

**Tullius Oliver Murphy Rauschenbach**

**Parents**

Whitney Rauschenbach and Caroline Murphy

**Godparents**

Molly Murphy  
Ben Brauer

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