



**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
***Service of Healing***  
**(September 5/6)**  
**Order of Worship**

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**WELCOME:**

**BLESSING OF BIBLES:**

*Our annual tradition of presenting and blessing bibles for our 2nd graders is celebrated today. All are invited to have their bibles present and lifted up to be blessed this day.*

The Bible is God's  
Living Word received in our hearts  
by the Spirit through faith.  
Open its pages and  
Hear God's word with us.  
Learn and tell its stories.  
Discover its mysteries.  
Honor its commandments.  
Rejoice in its good news.  
May God's life-giving word  
Bless you with grace + and  
Fill you with faith, hope, and love.  
Amen.

## **GATHERING SONG: "Holy is the Lord"**

### **Verse**

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

### **Pre-Chorus**

And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

### **Chorus**

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

### **Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus**

### **Bridge**

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

### **Pre-Chorus, Chorus**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray:

Healing God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**Desert Cross Lutheran Church  
Gilbert, AZ**



**FIRST READING:** Psalm 199:33-40

*Read by Deb Christensen*

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.

<sup>36</sup>Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.

<sup>38</sup>Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.

<sup>40</sup>See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Andrea Cain

**SERMON SONG:** "Change My Heart, O God"

**Chorus**

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

**Verse**

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

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Tempe, AZ**

**HEALING:**

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.

Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

Grant comfort to those who suffer,

that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

God of peace and reconciliation,

bring an end to the sickness of the world,

especially COVID-19, violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.

Loving God,

mend broken relationships and bring peace

to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world.

O God, we bring these intercessions before you,

knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,

and will answer according to the mercy

shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to receive  
a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*(You are invited to receive the words of healing, say them to each other, lay hands on each person's head, and to anoint foreheads with olive oil or water with the sign of the cross.)*

*Name,*

in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
be strengthened and filled with God's grace,  
that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

Response: Amen.

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**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Siciliano" - 2nd movement from Sonata no.2 in E-flat major – Bach  
Pam Brown (Flute) and Joni Van Rossum (Piano)

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Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing,  
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

Give them courage, patience, and hope;

and assure them of the support of your holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"**

### **Verse 1:**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

### **Verse 2:**

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

### **Pre-Chorus:**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

### **Chorus:**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### **Verse 3:**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

### **Verse 4:**

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### **Pre-Chorus:**

### **Chorus:**

### **Bridge:**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name **(Repeat)**

### **Sing Chorus Twice**

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### **BENEDICTION:** *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ +  
and God our Father, who loved us  
and through grace  
gave us eternal comfort and good hope,  
comfort your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good work and word. Amen.

**Musicians:** *Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist),  
Pam Brown (Flute) and Joni Van Rossum (Piano)*