

I am praying for  
them. I am not  
praying for the  
world but for  
those whom you  
have given me,  
for they are yours.  
John 17:9

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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*Setting Three*

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P.** Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW 855

## Greeting

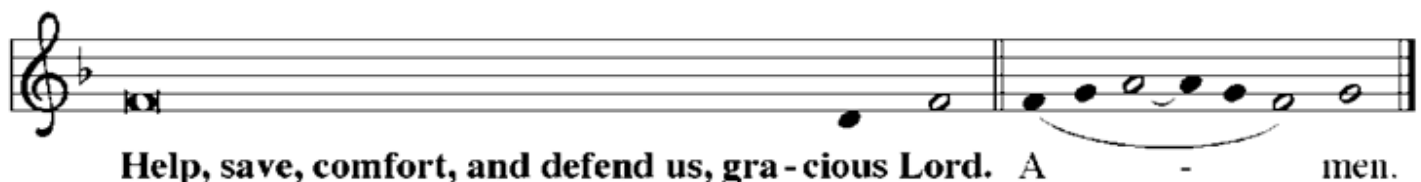
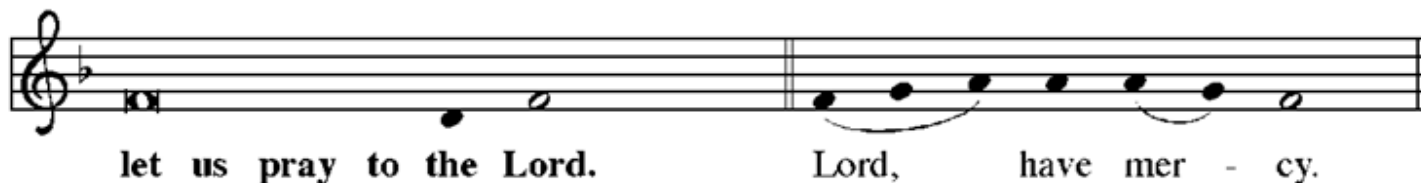
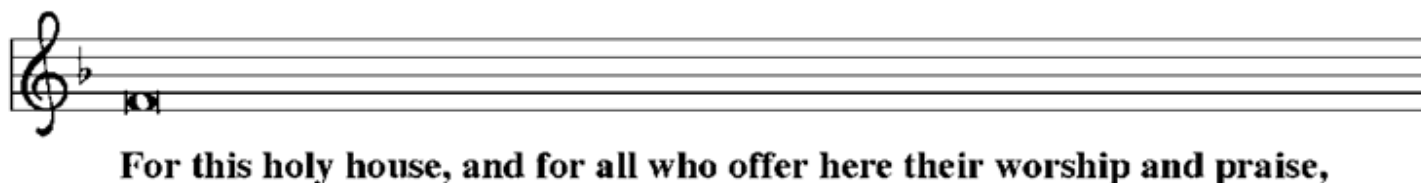
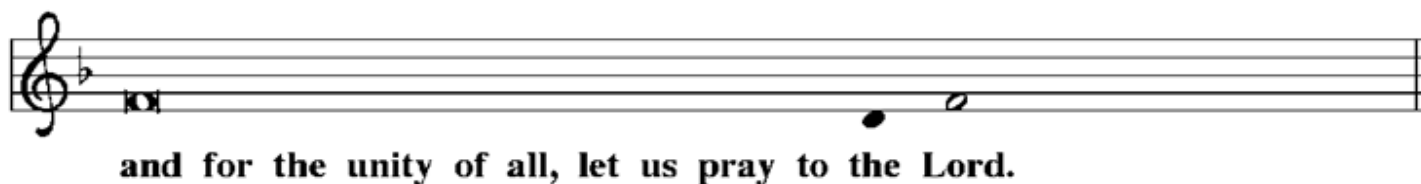
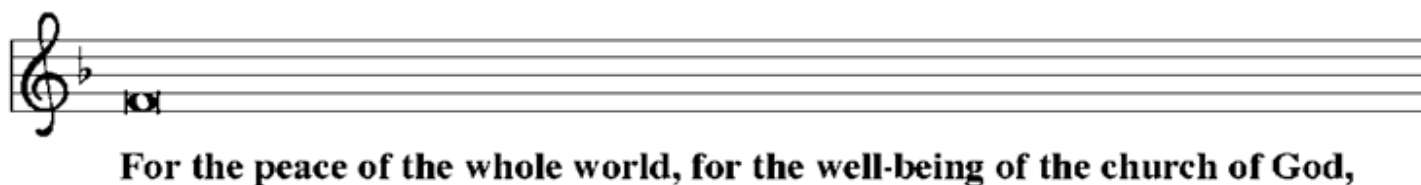
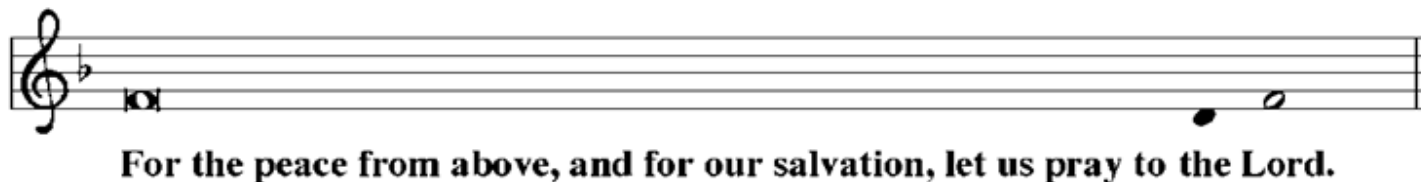
**P.** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

# Kyrie



**Women vs. 1, 3; Men vs. 2, 4**

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

**Women:**



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

**Men:**



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

**Women:**



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

## ***This is the feast . . .***

*Refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
Men



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**A.** Let us pray

**C.** O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **First Reading**

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,

suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

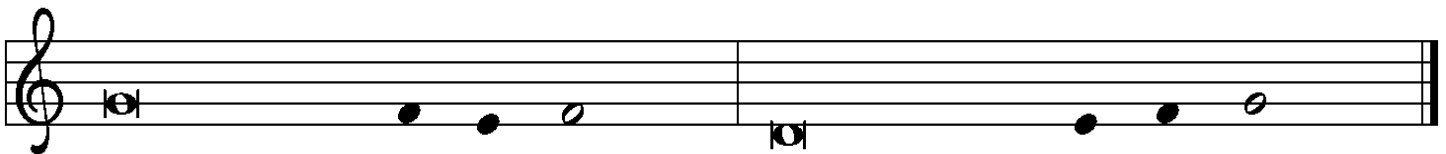


Psalmody

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

(tone 6)

chanted responsively



Let God arise, and let God's ene-<sup>1</sup> mies be scattered;  
let those who<sup>1</sup> hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive<sup>1</sup> them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres-<sup>1</sup> ence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice<sup>1</sup> before God;  
let them also be mer-<sup>1</sup> ry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who<sup>1</sup> rides the clouds;  
"I Am" is that name, rejoice<sup>1</sup> before God!**

In your holy habita-<sup>1</sup> tion, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defend-<sup>1</sup> er of widows;

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners<sup>1</sup> into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in<sup>1</sup> desert places.**



O God, when you went forth be-<sup>l</sup> fore your people,  
when you marched<sup>l</sup> through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,  
the<sup>l</sup> God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the<sup>l</sup> God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful<sup>l</sup> rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance<sup>l</sup> when it languished.

**Your people found their<sup>l</sup> home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision<sup>l</sup> for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms<sup>l</sup> of the earth;  
sing praises<sup>l</sup> to the Lord.

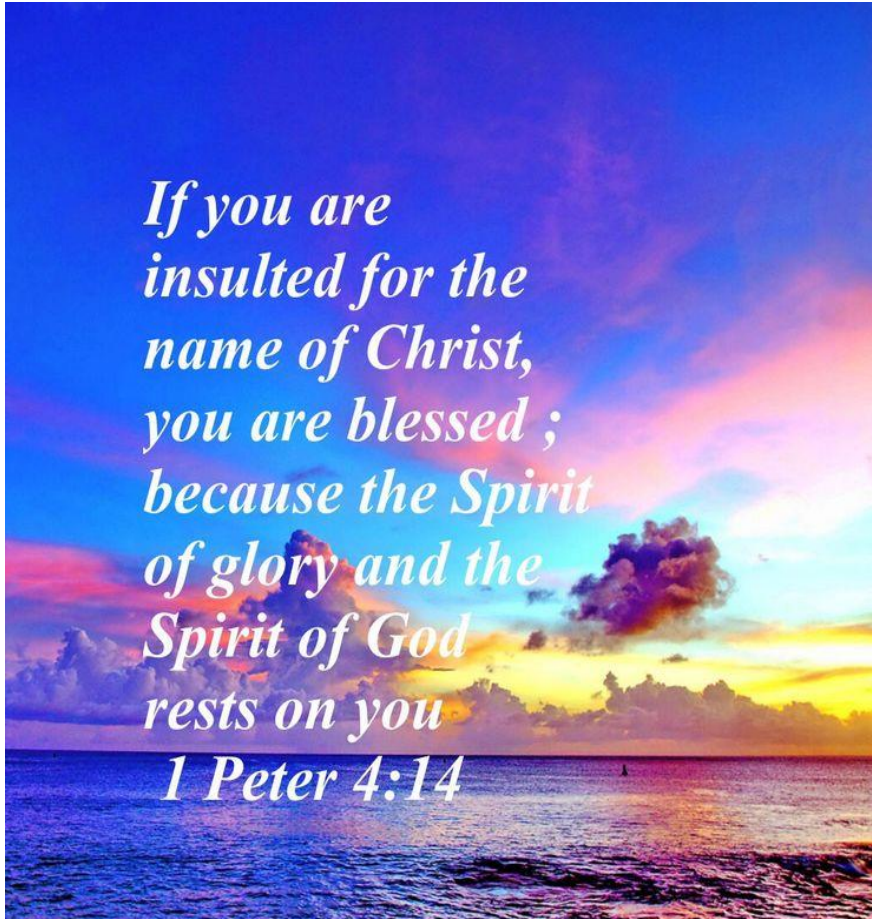
**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the<sup>l</sup> ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your<sup>l</sup> mighty voice.**

Ascribe pow-<sup>l</sup> er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is<sup>l</sup> in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O<sup>l</sup> God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people!<sup>l</sup> Blessed be God!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11



*If you are  
insulted for the  
name of Christ,  
you are blessed ;  
because the Spirit  
of glory and the  
Spirit of God  
rests on you  
1 Peter 4:14*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your

adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**L.** Word of God. Word of life.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation



**P.** The holy gospel according to John, chapter seventeen.

**C.** Glory to you, O God.





Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**P.** The gospel of the Lord.

**C.** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

John Petry, Interim Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ELW 579

## *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.



For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**A.** United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P.** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**P.** Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

## The Offering

Anthem

*Kyrie eleison ("Lord, Have Mercy")*

~ S. Poorman

Choir

*God, Who is Rich in Mercy*

~ Erfurt, 1541

(congregation sings bold type)

ch. C.

God, who is rich, is rich in mer - cy, **through**

**His** great love with which He loved us,

ch. C.

We who through our tres - pass - es were dead, God has raised us

up and with Christ Jesus made a - live, **thru' His great love with**

ch. C.

**which He loved us.** All cre - a - tion shall see the im-

meas - ura - ble rich - ness of His Grace thru' Je - sus Christ, **thru'**

**His Great Love with which He loved us.**

## Offertory Prayer

A. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

**GIVE YOUR**  
**TO**  
**JESUS!**

Preface: It is truly right . . .

## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer



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

## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**C.** Amen.

## *Jesus, Lamb of God*

☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are aligned under the corresponding notes. A bracket is placed under the word 'grant' on the fourth staff, spanning two measures.

## Communion Hymns

<i>Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather</i>	ELW 530
<i>Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed</i>	ELW 463
<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	ELW 403



### Post Communion Blessing

**P.** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

**C.** Amen.

### Post Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in in Jesus' name.

**C.** Amen

### Benediction

**A.** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C.** Amen.

## Dismissal

- A. Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P. Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C. Thanks be to God.



## Postlude

### Servers for Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Kyles  
Greeters/Counters ..... Steve Brantley/Neil Brennecke



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers** this week are given by Tess Andrews in honor of her father's Birthday.

**Candles** this month given by Clyde & Rena Bogle to the Glory of God!

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.

*After worship fellowship today  
provided by Rena Bogle & Rita Clark.*

# UPcoming EVENTS

Next Weekend



June 4<sup>th</sup>

