

# Sunday Worship

September 5, 2021 ~

Pentecost 15

**Please stand when indicated by \***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: You will find this book in your pew rack.  
The hymn numbers are located near the hymn names, often on the top of the page.

## GATHERING

**Pastor:** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## \*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.*

**People:** *Amen.*

**Pastor:** *Drawn to Christ and seeking God's  
abundance,  
let us confess our sin.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Pastor:** *Gracious God,  
have mercy on us. We confess that we  
have turned from you and given  
ourselves into the power of sin. We are  
truly sorry and humbly repent. In  
your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things we have  
done and things we have failed to do.  
Turn us again to you, and uphold us  
by your Spirit, so that we may live and  
serve you in newness of life through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.*

**Pastor:** *God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when  
we were dead in sin, and made  
us alive together with Christ. By grace you  
have been saved. In the name of ☩  
Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty  
God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in  
your hearts through faith.*

**People:** *Amen.*

**\*GATHERING HYMN ~ \*Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #533**  
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **UNSER HERRSCHER**

## GREETING

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

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

## KYRIE



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

### A reading from Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**Lector:** *The Word of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in**  
**them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food  
to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up**  
**those who | are bowed down;**  
**the LORD | loves the righteous. R**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates  
the way | of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all genera-**  
**tions. | Hallelujah! R**

**A reading from James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

ELW #172



## The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:24-37

**People:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**Pastor:** *This is the gospel of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

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# Kids Time!

## The Apostles' Creed

**Pastor:** *God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
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. Amen.*

## \*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** *Lord, in your mercy,*  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Lector:** *Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**People:** *Amen.*

## \*Sharing of the Peace

**Pastor:** *The peace of Christ be with you always.*  
**People:** *And also with you.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

### Special Music

### \*Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** *Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.*  
**People:** *Amen.*

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**People:** *And also with you.*  
**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**People:** *It is right to give our thanks and praise*

### \*Preface

**Pastor:** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks and praise to you,  
Almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation  
and tongue.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels,  
cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:*

## **Holy! Holy! Holy!** (Sung ~ ELW Setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Thanksgiving At The Table**

**Pastor:** *Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.*

*The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.*

**People:** ***We praise you, O God.***

**Pastor:** *Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into  
the future.*

**People:**

***We bless, O God.***

**Pastor:**

*We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those  
who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with  
us now.*

**People:**

***We thank you, O God.***

**Pastor:**

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave  
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for  
you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave  
thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering his love for us on the way,  
at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**People:**

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

**Pastor:**

*We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy  
God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.*

**People:**

***Amen.***

**Pastor:**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we  
pray as Jesus taught us.*

### **\*The Lord's 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.*

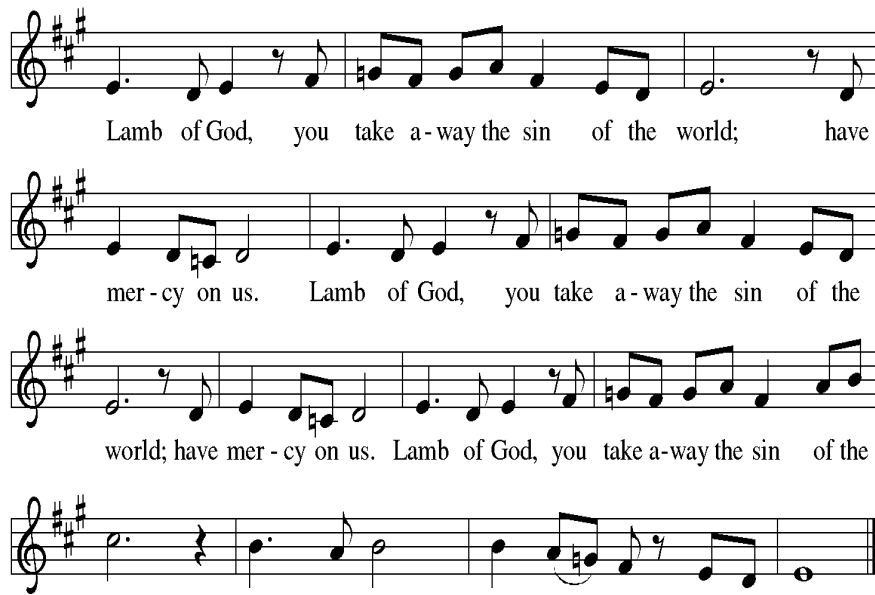
### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:** *All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.*

### **COMMUNION**

*(We have gluten-free wafers; please ask for them when you come up for communion. The darker liquid is wine; the lighter liquid is grape juice.)*

### **Lamb of God ~ ELW Setting Eight**



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### **Communion Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #460**

*"Now the Silence"*

NOW

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** *Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a  
feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of  
joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your  
love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
In your name we pray.*

**People:** **Amen.**

### **\*Blessing**

**Pastor:** *People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, one God,  
bless you now and forever.*

**People:** **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #574**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

HERE I AM, LORD

### **\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. The living Word dwells in  
you.*

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad

Donna Spencer

Sonja Dunn

Gerry Meyer

Mary Neff

Joy Neverman

Hildi Williams

Bob Burke

Pastor Keith Hardy

Gloria Alvillar

The family of Jo Musser-Krauss

Watch over the pastor yet unknown who  
will be with us on the next part of our  
journey in faith.

All those we hold dear in our hearts.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Pentecost 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9,  
James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

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