

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Praise the Almighty" *LSB 797 vs 1 & 4*

Praise the Almighty my soul adore Him

Yes I will laud Him until death

With songs and anthems I come before Him

As long as He allows me breath

From Him my life and all things came

Bless O my soul His holy name

Alleluia Alleluia

**Penitent sinners for mercy crying
Pardon and peace from Him obtain
Ever the wants of the poor supplying
Their faithful God He will remain
He helps His children in distress
The widows and the fatherless
Alleluia Alleluia**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Proverbs 3:3–6*

Pastor: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**People: You shall love the LORD your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your
might.**

Pastor: Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake
you; bind them around your neck; write them on
the tablet of your heart.

**People: So you will find favor and good success in the
sight of God and man.**

Pastor: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not
lean on your own understanding.

**People: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will
make straight your paths.**

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and
absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been devoted to the Lord and have not fully cherished the sacred writings of our faith. We have failed in ways of keeping our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. At times we have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have broken the law of God by coveting that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and spoken the best of all people. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM *Psalm 113*

**People: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!**

*Women: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time
forth and forevermore!*

*Men: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name
of the LORD is to be praised!*

**People: The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory
above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high, who looks far down on
the heavens and the earth?**

*Women: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the
needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with
princes, with the princes of His people.*

*Men: He gives the barren woman a home, making her
the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!*

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You call us to be faithful in very little in order to be trusted with much. Preserve us by Your perpetual mercy, and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 8:4–7 ESV*

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Make me a Servant”
Sung by Jim Bumgarner

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1–15 ESV*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness with good works. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing

if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE *1 Timothy 2:5–6a*

Pastor: Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:1–15 ESV*

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management,

people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Great Thou Art” *LSB* 801 vs 1 & 4

**O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art**

**Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
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How great Thou art
How great Thou art**

++ SERMON ++

You Can Read and Understand Joel

Text: Joel 2:11–12

Joel’s Prophecy Is a Call to Repentance in the Midst of a Crisis.

- I. In dramatic poetry, Joel describes devastation calling for repentance, followed by promise after promise God gives to his people.
- II. All of this is associated with the Day of the Lord, calling us also to turn to Christ for forgiveness and life and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We pray together:

Almighty God,

pour out your Holy Spirit on me,

my family, my church, and my countrymen.

**Give all of us repentant hearts that turn from
our sin to your Christ so that we bring forth the
fruits of repentance.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Please stand)

CATECHISM *The Second Article*

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He
rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty. From thence He
will come to judge the living and the dead.
What does this mean?**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB 215*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer**

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the Servant of all, You have shown Your saving love and rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Grant that, in response to our salvation, we may live to Your glory, awaiting that time when Jesus, who is our Host at this Holy Meal, prepares for us and all the faithful the eternal heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may rejoice in the gifts

before us and thank You with songs of praise and hearts filled with love.

SANCTUS (*sing*) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord eternal, and blessed be Your name. In Your great love, You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness, we bless You for all that He has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray, all Your people who now join at Your holy Table. By Your presence in this Sacrament nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in Your holy Church, forever and ever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Beautiful Saviour” LSB 537 vs 1,2,4

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord,
which You have given us to eat and to drink, may
abide in us, and let no stain of sin remain in us,
whom this pure and holy Sacrament has
refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen**

(Please be seated)

Announcements (Let us bless one another together)

**Bless our going out, we pray,
Bless our entrance in like measure;
Bless our bread, O Lord, each day,
Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure;
Bless us when we reach death’s portal,
Bless us then with life immortal.**

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THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Brown, Elder & Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO!

September 21st

Quilting

September 29th
All Thursday's

Church Offerings

Now collecting in PEWS like we did before COVID

Newsletter for Oct. Nov. Dec

Due Thursday September 28th by 12pm

Attendance

Sunday September 11th 9:30 am 39

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Family of Laraine Maynard, friend of Pam Benford, who was called to glory

Kathy Carley & Family, friend of Pam Benford, Brother 3 was called to glory

Linda Mesea, Pat Bates sister, ill;

Susan McPherson, friend of the Utcai's, hospitalized;

All grieving the death of Queen Elizabeth, especially her family;

Nena Mullins, Friend of Pam Benford, in hospital with pneumonia

Nancy Dajos, Allergic Reaction to medication, was at Oakwood Main

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, testing-- back pain

Jacob Shane, Glenn and Sandy Cairns' son, testing

Jack Marchio, Friend of the Cairns Family, heart and blood pressure problems, with unsteadiness

Kristen Morrison, Glenn and Sandy Cairns', sister-in-law, ill

Pat Bates, giving her doctors the wisdom to discover the cause of her illness and then then prescribing the treatment.

Family of Shaquindra Smith, Friend of Glenn Cairns, who was called to glory

Sandy Cairns, COVID

Cecelia 'sis' Hamilton, for patience in the healing process

Kimberly Armstrong, for patience in the healing process

Lynn Mayfield, Daughter of Mack Mayfield, for patience in the healing process

Rachel Holt, successful surgery, now Cancer Free!
Golf Outing on October 1, 2022.

Pray for the commitments of all participants by
next Sunday, the 11th of September;
pray for members to give of their time to help
with a portion of the program they are
comfortable with, knowing that they do not
have to golf;
pray for the opportunity to share our love for
Christ our Saviour, who has sacrificed life so
that all may choose life!