

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: We focus today on the words of James, which call us to an active faith that loves our neighbors. We are forced to ask ourselves: What good is a faith that bears no fruit of love and service to others? Such a question might make us worry about our salvation. Friends in Christ: do not fear; your living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with His good works. Christ powerfully works in us as we live out our daily vocations. Serve the Lord with gladness.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Lord of All Nations, Grand Me Grace” *LSB 844*

(Sung to the tune of LSB 461)

Lord of all Nations, Grand me grace

To love all people, ev’ry race

And in each person may I see

My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee

Break down the wall that would divide

Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side

My neighbor’s good let me pursue

Let Christian love bind warm and true

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew**

**Give me Thy courage Lord to speak
Whenever strong oppress the weak
Should I myself the victim be
Help me forgive rememb'ring thee**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 146*

(Spoken responsively)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

People: the LORD sets the prisoners free.

Pastor: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

Pastor: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

People: The LORD will reign forever!

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. Therefore, 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. We are forgiven in Christ. We set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.

(Please Stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed. To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary. Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

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**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” LSB 822 verses 1 & 2

Alleluia
Let praises ring
To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship honor pow'r and praise
Whose hand sustains creation
Singing ringing
Holy holy
God is holy
Spread the story
Of our God the Lord of glory

Alleluia
Let praises ring
Unto the Lamb of God we sing
In whom we are elected
He bought His Church with His own blood
He cleansed her in that blessed flood
And as His bride selected
Holy holy
Is our union
And communion
His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (Sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:4-7 ESV*

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

EPISTLE *James 2:1-10, 14-18 ESV*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone

will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37 ESV*

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they

brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at

the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“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

+ SERMON+

“What Good Is It”

Text: James 2:1-10, 14-18

Theme: Your living, saving faith in Christ will inevitably overflow with His good works.

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY *LSB pages 192-193*

ALL: (sing) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB 708:3*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all the nations of the world, their leaders and
residents, that peace may reign and that the
Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love
and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant
us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who work in the service of others,
that their work might be blessed by God and
appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us
grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved
ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief,
especially . . . Grant that all those who mourn find
hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus.
Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who have abandoned the faith,
Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word
and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations,
grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all Christians throughout the world, that
their faith and good works would overflow as a
blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant
us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might
treat them with more thoughtfulness and care,
serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all
nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, *especially* . . . , that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the Word made flesh who has brought wisdom and light into our world of darkness and ignorance. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His perfect, faithful work of death and resurrection.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful from every nation, language, and people the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O

Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

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: (spoken) **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*)

**All: 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: 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.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured
Offered was He for greatest and for least
Himself the victim and Himself the priest**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here
O Lord our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE 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.**

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

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 with-out end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
have renewed us by the body and blood of Christ.
Empower and energize us to serve our neighbors
in faith toward You and fervent love toward all
people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” *LSB 555 vs. 1, 9 & 10*

**Salvation unto us has come
By God’s free grace and favor
Good works cannot avert our doom**

**They help and save us never
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone
Who did for all the world atone
He is our one Redeemer**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing
And by its fruits true faith is known
With love and hope increasing
For faith alone can justify
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living**

**All blessing honor thanks and praise
To Father Son and Spirit
The God who saved us by His grace
All glory to His merit
O triune God in heav'n above
You have revealed Your saving love
Your blessed name we hallow**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park

35667 W. 8 mile Rd Livonia, MI
Cemetery plots for sale \$1,000 each
Garden of Hope Block 16 Section 519
Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 (will split apart)
Call Carl or Connie @ 734-282-4332

Bible Studies are returning

Sunday Bible Study starts Sept. 19th
Wednesday Bible Study starts Sept. 15th @10:30 am
Studying the Book of Ruth. If you want an advance copy, see Ken today.

Everyone, Please

Fill out a yellow attendance card & place it in the offering plate at the back of the church.

Quilting for September

4th & 11th

Attendance

Sunday August 29th 9:30 am 36

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

Gary & Michelle Yowler – September 9th

Birthdays

Dave Hamilton – September 6th

Morgan Stamp – September 8th

Elsie Brophy – September 11th

Beverly Kero – September 11th

For the Shut-Ins

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Family of Marianne Switter, Bill Switter's Nephew wife,
Called to eternal home

John Switter, Bill Switter's Nephew, Home with COVID

Margie Taylor, Val Mason's Cousin, in hospital on
ventilator for Covid. Her other cousins have come
down with Covid but are improving.

Daniel Brown, father of Dave Brown, recovering from a
fall.

Linda Grant, recovering from her hip replacement.

Diane Brown, Sandy Cairns' sister, hospitalized with
appendicitis and back issues.

Barbara Parise, Frank Pignanelli's sister, undergoing
more cancer treatments.

Pastor Tony Sikora, in the hospital with Covid and on
ventilator.

Shirley Griffin, recovery from surgery and cancer
treatment

Pastor Marvin, the patience to endure and exercise or
therapy to gain more and more strength and
movement.

Phyllis Dasher, upcoming Surgery on her eye

Kim Armstrong, upcoming surgery