



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY
SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021
DIVINE SERVICE 1, PG. 151
5:30PM/8:00AM & 10:45AM**

*Prayers for worship are found inside the front cover of the hymnal.
Please place this insert in your hymnal to help guide you through the liturgy.
Today's order of service begins on page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

PRELUDE: "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above", 8am: Adult Choir & Handbell Choir

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME BY PASTOR

HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 732 - "All Depends on Our Possessing"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 152

PSALM 146: ANTIPHON: 9a

- A** The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless.
- A** Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C** **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- A** Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- C** **When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**
- A** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- C** **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**
- A** Who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
- C** **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
- A** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C** **The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- A** The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you. (SUNG)

P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: PSALM 118:8-9

G It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5:25-6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

^{6:1}Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE: PSALM 95:1

A Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Alleluia.

C ALLELUIA (SUNG)

LSB 156

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord. (SUNG)

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:24-34

²⁴[Jesus said:] "No one 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.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ. (SUNG)

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 760 - "What God Ordains Is Always Good", 8am: vs. 2 & 5, Adult Choir

SERMON: "YOUR ONLY TRUE WORRY", 1 KINGS 17:8-16 & MATTHEW 6:24-34

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 159

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (SUNG)

LSB 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 160

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: LSB 754 - "Entrust Your Days and Burdens", 8am: vs. 3 & 4, Adult Choir

HYMN: LSB 709 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE - THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 715 - "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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CONGREGATION AT PRAYER (CAP)

A Daily Devotion and Prayer guide for individuals and families

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY: SEPTEMBER 12-18

(See Daily Prayer in LSB pg. 295-298 or Treasury of Daily Prayer)

INVOCATION- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTROIT - (Bulletin insert)

10 COMMANDMENTS (LSB 264)

APOSTLES' CREED (LSB 264)

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS (pg. 299-304 in LSB):

Sunday: 2 Chron. 31:1-21; Phil. 4:1-23

Monday: 2 Chron. 32:1-22 (Hosea 1:1-14:9); Col. 1:1-23

Tuesday: 2 Chron. 33:1-25 (Jonah 1:1-4:11); Col. 1:24-2:7

Wednesday: 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33 (Nahum 1:1-3:19); Col. 2:8-23

Thursday: 2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25 (Zeph. 1:1-3:20); Col. 3:1-25

Friday: 2 Chron. 36:1-23 (Philemon 1-25); Col. 4:1-18

Saturday: Neh. 1:1-2:10 (Haggai 1:1-2:23); 1 Tim. 1:1-20

DAILY MEDITATIONS (Portals of Prayer, LHM, Higher Things)

COLLECT (Bulletin insert)

LORD'S PRAYER

WE CARE AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER (See prayers in bulletin & LSB pg. 294, 305-318)

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER (LSB pg. 327)

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 760 ~ "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

NEXT WEEK: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1 Kings 17:17-24

Ephesians 3:13-21

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."