

# *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *September 4/5, 2021*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR**

1    Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
      And through Your Word to me draw near;  
      Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
      Let me Your child and heir remain.

2    Your Word inspires my heart within;  
      Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
      Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
      Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ 3    To God the Father, God the Son,  
      And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
      Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
      Now and throughout eternity.

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**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.    *John 10:10-11*

**INVOCATION**

**P**    In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G**    Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Based on Psalm 146*

**P**    Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**G**    **I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

**P**    Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

**G**    **the LORD sets the prisoners free.**

**P**    The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**G**    **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**P**    The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

**G**    **The LORD will reign forever!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P**    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.*

**P**    Heavenly Father,

**G**    **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.**

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**

## + WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

- C** **The LORD is the strength of His people;  
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

- P** 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.  
Blessèd 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.

- 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.  
The LORD is the strength of His people;  
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

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### 528 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

### SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

<sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>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; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>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.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:24–37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] 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. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd

privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 524 HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart’s unrest;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I’ll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev’ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

**SERMON** “What is Your Anxiety?” Isaiah 35:4-7a

**CREED** Saturday Service – Nicene Creed Sunday Service – Apostles’ Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

# ***Sunday service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

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

### **PROPER PREFACE**

- P** 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. 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**

*LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

## **+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

## 637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

## 851 LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## 832 JESUS SHALL REIGN

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

## POSTLUDE

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***Thank you, Deb Kinney, for serving as our organist this weekend.***



## Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

### ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14  
Monday: 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33  
Tuesday: 2 Kings 4:38-5:6; Ephesians 6:1-24  
Wednesday: 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Kings 6:1-23; Philippians 1:21-2:11  
Friday: 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29; Philippians 2:12-30  
Saturday: 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21

### ***In Our Prayers This Week*** (as of Thursday morning)

Dana, health issues	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Steve, hospitalized with Covid	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Voss, infant recovering from an accident
Jack, ongoing health issues	Elgart, health issues
Chris, ongoing health issues	Lauren's mother
Mehria in the Middle East, safety	Shirley, health issues
Blake	The children in the sledding accident
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Tony, hospice	Ken, health
Jerry, health issues	Kim, health issues
June, health issues	Nancy, health issues
Wes, health issues	Flood victims
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.  
For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.  
Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

**Our Savior Families:** John & Bonnie, Bill & Julie, Joyce, David & Family

**Hymn of the Week** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" LSB 524

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**