

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5 and 6, 2026



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† The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost †
Divine Service I with Communion – LSB page 151

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ Although the attention of many is distracted on this Labor Day weekend, the focus of the Readings is clear. We have a Savior who has come to find the lost and restore them through forgiveness, and we have a purpose in speaking this Gospel to the whole world. This is not an easy calling. The lost often do not want to be found, and the wicked are content in their ways. We act not as self-appointed guardians of the truth but as instruments of God, through whom He speaks His Word of love to the lost and erring and by whom they are saved. The most difficult application is always to those who have fallen from the faith into error or sin. Our greatest temptation is to surrender them to their error or sin. Our greatest calling is to address them with the voice of God's Word through whom the Spirit works to restore the lost. Today we pray that we will not be distracted from this goal and purpose.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *When Morning Gilds the Skies* *LSB 807*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

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**Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"**

**Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

INVOCATION - Page 151 ↑

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

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION - Page 151 ↑

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly
deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that
we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your
holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by
His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and
of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

♪ INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

(Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5)

Pastor: How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
People; For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

All: 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.

Pastor: How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

♪ KYRIE - Page 152 ↑
Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy. (Luke 17:13, Luke 18:38-39, Psalm 123:2, 3)
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: Amen.

♪ HYMN OF PRAISE - Page 155 ↑ (Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑
Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)
People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds,
grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration,
that we may set our minds on the things that are right
and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ **Ezekiel 33:7-9 (ESV)**
⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓ **Romans 13:1-10 (ESV)**
¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ **VERSE – Page 156 ↑**

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑

Matthew 18:1-20 (ESV)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he

refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY ↓**

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820

**My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless and saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless but rights the wronged at last.**

**He offers all His treasure of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress,
Nor treats us as we merit but sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us, as dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.**

**For as a tender father has pity on His children here,
God in His arms will gather all who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers, who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers, and even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes, and all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses; our place knows us no more.**

**His grace remains forever, and children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, with praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, all you who hear His Word--
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!**

SERMON ↓

A Love That Drives Us to Repentance and Heals Us

NICENE CREED - Page 158 ↑**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 will 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 worshiped 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.****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑**

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

♪ PREFACE - Page 160 ↑**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 Him thanks and praise.****Pastor:** It is truly good, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:**♪ SANCTUS - Page 161 ↑**

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

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.****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 161 ↑**

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 into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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 His 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 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: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER ~ Page 162 ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD - Page 162 ↑

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; do this 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.”

♪ PAX DOMINI - Page 163 ↑

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

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” - Page 163 ↑

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.

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

LSB 579

The Law of God is good and wise and sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, and dooms to death when we transgress.

Its light of holiness imparts the knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate and turn from sin before too late.

To those who help in Christ have found and would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight and should be done as good and right.

But those who scornfully disdain God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds and keeps their wickedness in bounds.

The Law is good; but since the fall its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die and has no pow'r to justify.

To Jesus we for refuge flee, who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, saved by His grace through faith alone.

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared this feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, and at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although You did to Heav’n ascend, where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning.

Yet, Savior, You are not confined to any habitation;
But You are present even now here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true, all things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces;
 Your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what You have said; help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.
 Your Supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your Supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving o'er our sins, may prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace and day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

For Your consoling supper, Lord, be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be a blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

BLESSING – Page 164 ↑

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

People: Amen.

♪ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE - Page 164 ↑

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT - Page 166 ↑

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

♪ BENEDICTION - Page 166 ↑

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: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* *LSB 707*

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
 Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
 Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
 And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands-- 'tis a delightful road--
 Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

POSTLUDE