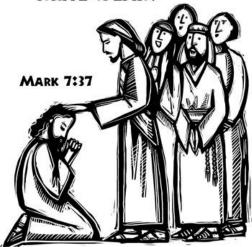
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service

"HE HAS DONE
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"HE EVEN MAKES THE
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MUTE SPEAK."



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

* Please turn off cellphones*

Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire

to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service – Setting One September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ♣
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

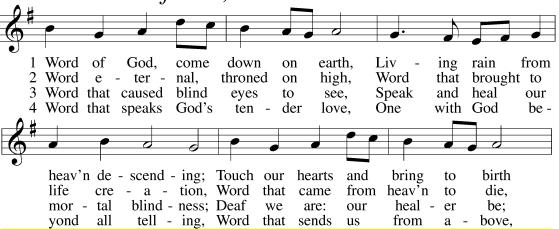
Matthew 28:19b

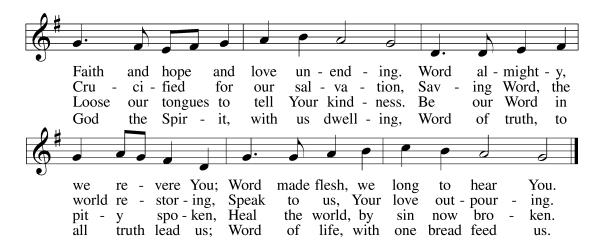
C Amen.

Opening Hymn

LSB 545 sts. 1-4

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"





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Stand

- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 151
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *John 1:8-9*

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

 John 20:19-23
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

 LSB 292
- C Amen.
- **P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
- C Yes. LSB 293
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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.

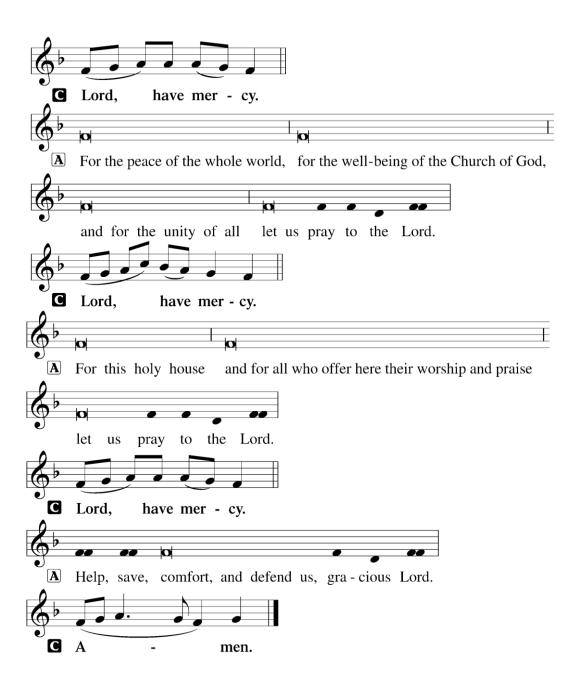
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 152 Introit Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon Ps. 28:8

- P 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.
- P 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.

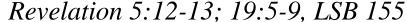
- C Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.





Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"





Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 156

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

- 4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."
- 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
- 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

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

Gradual *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

A C Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good

seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it...

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68, LSB 156



Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

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



24 Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. 25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. 26 The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

- 27 "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."
- 28 "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
- 29 Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."
- 30 She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
- 31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. 32 There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.
- 33 After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!").

35 At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

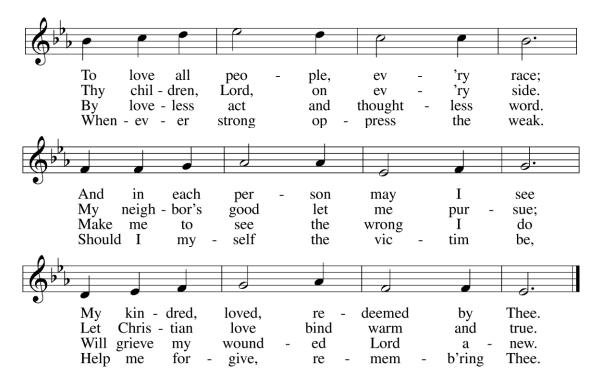


Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 844 sts. 1-5

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"





5 With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed, That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "Unstopped & Unstoppable"

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Nicene Creed LSB 158

P C 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.

LSB 159

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all believers, that the Spirit would constantly open our ears to hear Jesus' Word and set our tongues free to glorify Him who does all things well, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all the servants of the Word, that through our preaching and teaching, the Gospel may grow and be heard through the wilderness of this world, and that the unstoppable gift of faith granted by the Spirit would increase, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P On this Labor Day weekend, we praise You, O God, especially for Your gift of work in our many callings. Help us to welcome our labors with joy as an opportunity to be a

blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- **P** For freedom from all prejudice that judges with evil thoughts and makes distinctions that dishonor the poor, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For our Congress, our president, our justices and all in authority in our land, that God would grant them wisdom, courage, civility and honor as they carry out their difficult responsibilities, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who suffer oppression from the evil one, for all who struggle under sickness or loneliness or grief, for all on our prayer list and

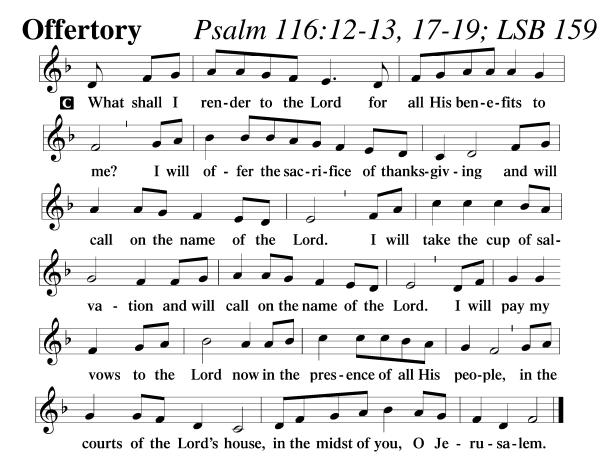
cards, that Christ would grant them deliverance and healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the faithful departed, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving, and ask for grace to join them in glorifying Christ forever, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship

today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

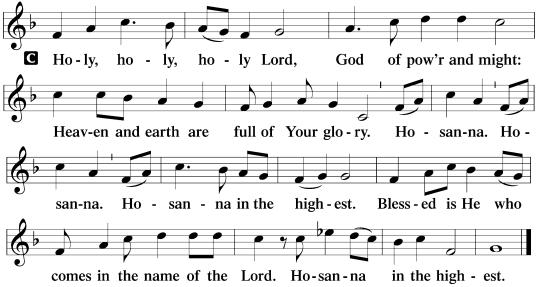


+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 160 **Preface**

- **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.
- 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9, LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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

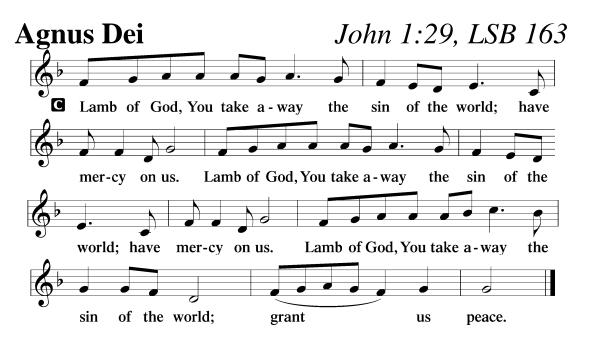
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ≯ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P 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

John 20:19, LSB 163

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



Sit

Distribution

LSB 528 sts. 1-7 Distribution Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 1 Oh, My for thou sand tongues to sing a 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God. As -3 Je sus! The name that charms our fears. That 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He 5 Look un to Him, na tions; Your ye own great The ries Re - deem - er's praise, glo of my spread through sist me claim, To all the to pro bids sor - rows 'Tis mu sic in the our cease; pris - 'ner His blood make the sets the free. can God. fall - en Look and be saved through ve race. God The and King, tri - umphs of His grace! The Thy earth hon - ors of a broad, name. ner's 'Tis sin life and health ears, and peace. foul -His blood vails for est clean; a me. jus faith Be ti fied a - lone, by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;The Lamb of God was slain.His soul was once an off'ring madeFor 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.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164

Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

P 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 Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 166

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.

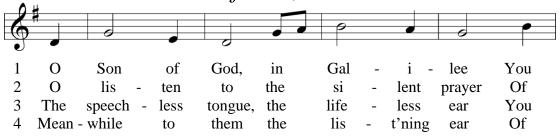
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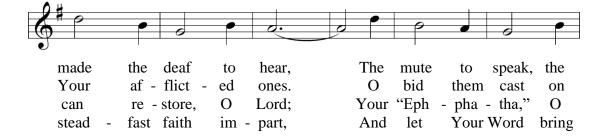
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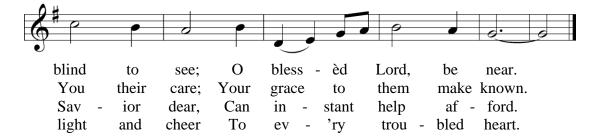
Closing Hymn

LSB 841 sts. 1-4 (to the tune of LSB 437)

"O Son of God, in Galilee"







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