

Welcome!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →



We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Nicene Creed	Pastor Joel and Vicar Fritz	Rooms 1-4
Prayer	Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5 & 6
Reading the Bible Together	Marie Schlosser	Library
The Hymn of the Day	Tom Schroeder	Sanctuary Balcony
Bethel: The Intertestamental Period	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
Habits of the Household	Lindsay Miller and Josh Kittleman	Gym

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be "the people of God" amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God's Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God's mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who "loved the world" so much "that He gave His only Son" to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Joann Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LSB 793

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

continued

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 113:7

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P The LORD raises the poor from the dust
C and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

EXHORTATION

LSB 167

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

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

ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

- P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- 
- C** And al - so with you.
- P** Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

(The coming day of bitter mourning)

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

EPISTLE

(Pray for all people.)

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a

preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(The parable of the dishonest manager)

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they

may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant 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." ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON HYMN

"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

LSB 769

1. **Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life, And only You can teach me how to pray.**
2. **Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; Help me to see Your purpose and Your will
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss; Held in forgiving love, let me be still.**
3. **Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured, My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.**

Text: © 1974 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002622

SERMON

"Pray for Everyone"

1 Timothy 2:1–15

CREED

"We All Believe in One True God"

LSB 953

1. **We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.**
2. **We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.**
3. **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 119:160

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, "The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever." With hearts renewed by Your gift of true repentance in the light of our sins and true faith in the redemption given through the sacrifice of Your own beloved Son for the life of the world, we give You thanks for Your Word and work of Law and Gospel. Help us to keep Your Word and bring forth its fruit in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray You so to rule and guide Your whole church, blessing all pastors with the spirit of unity in faith and confession. Grant Your blessing also of all here present whose faith is known to You, accepting their prayers and praises as from thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for the health and good will of all who serve in the authority of government in our nation that they may serve according to Your will that we may live in quietness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comfort and attend to all who are in trouble; those suffering sickness, injury, or fear of death; and especially those who have requested our prayers. Grant them patience and healing of both mind and body. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering Your holy ones of old, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, as well as our loved ones of most recent memory, we ask You to include us in their company not on account of any merit on our part but solely because of Your great mercy. Grant all who have died in faith a place of peace and rest. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen**

OFFERTORY

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Tom Fettke

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al-so 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 for our salvation 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS*Holy, Holy, Holy**LSB 178*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** 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.

G **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 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."

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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 180

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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

LSB 180

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

CHORAL ANTHEM

"When We Eat This Bread"

Thomas Keesecker

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Fruit from the vine and grain from the field: God, fill us with Your blessing and grant us Your grace. You have sent Your Son to free us from all sin. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good, and happy are the people who delight in God's love. Oh, bless the Lord, let your mouth be full of praise. God has blessed us and saved us and called us by name. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table. Reveal Yourself in this breaking of bread. Raise us up! Make us the body of Christ for the world. Into us breathe life! Send us forth with hearts aflame. Let justice and mercy find freedom to reign. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus. Oh, come to us in this holy meal, as we gather 'round this table.

Copyright © 2008 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Published by Augsburg Fortress. Printed in U.S.A.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563

- 1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2. Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**
- 4. Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**
- 5. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
- 6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
jice 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 THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. With renewed hearts, gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have not forgotten us but have cleansed us and established us to be the people of Your own possession by the pledge of Your own Son's sacred body and blood, now strengthening our hope, our love, and our desire to reflect Your grace to all; 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

- 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 A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**
2. **With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

Text: © 1964 World Library Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002622

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Jim and Kathy Matusicky, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

By John and Deb Koch, in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.

By Gudi French, in loving memory of Bob French.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Preaching: Pastor Davenport

Liturgy: Vicar Fritz Quitmeyer

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Musicians: COS Festival Choir

Elder: Matt Fremder

Communion Assistants: Pastor Joel, Mark Anders, Josh Kittleman,

Acolyte: Emma Arnold

Lector: Hollee Milz

Altar Guild: Elisabeth Schluckebier and Amy Milz

Greeters: Steve and Hollee Milz

Media Team: Joe Young, Liesl Young, Mike Coreschi

Ushers: Team 1, Jim Robbins, Captain

Nathan Bronsted, Mark Hrushka, Gary Luoma, Gunther Ruck, Shirley Speirs

Welcome Desk: Heidi Nance

Copyright Acknowledgements

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 4.

Copyright © 2025 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.