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## SCRIPTURE

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

Matthew 6:34 ESV

## The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

08 September A✠D 2024

*Divine Service, Setting IV*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we rejoice in God's promise to care perfectly for all our needs. As we know, our tendency as sinful human beings are to worry. We worry about our health. We worry about our finances. We worry about our family. But our Lord Jesus makes a promise to us, by virtue of His cross: If we seek first His Kingdom, He will care for us perfectly and we never need to worry.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**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.

Stand

## Hymn of Invocation: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## Service of the Word

### Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*

**P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

**C** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.

**P** Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

**C** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.

**P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;  
turn to me and be gracious to me;

**C** give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.

**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.

**P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

**C** Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So 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.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And 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.” <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>For 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.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The 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.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 118:8–9*

**P** It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in man.

**C It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 5:25—6:10*

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

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of

doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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


**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:24–34*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[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.

<sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>Look 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? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But 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? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“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.

## Nicene Creed

**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.



Sit

## Hymn of the Day: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



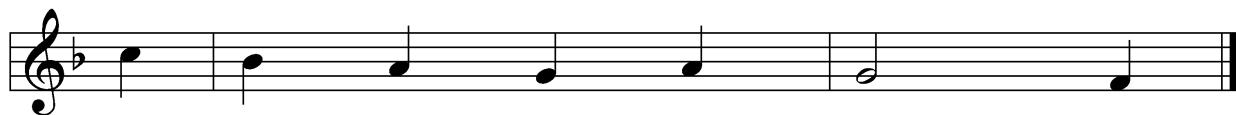
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief  
God gives relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be  
mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm,  
For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant us the peace that comes from above and faith to trust in You for all things needful for this body and life, that we might have joy in Your grace now and in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, You have set Your reign and Your righteousness before us in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us always look to Him who has saved us from our sins, constantly seeking Him above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Divine Master, Your Son warns that we cannot truly serve You and pursue security in worldly wealth. Grant us firm faith in Your provision and the peace that this world cannot give. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our nation, and give us leaders who govern wisely. Protect all in our armed forces, and grant that they may serve honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You have called us to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ. Comfort and console the sick and suffering, as well as those who long to be with us but cannot [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. According to Your good pleasure, heal and restore them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Increase our faith, O Lord, and grant that all who come to Your Supper may come in repentance, seeking Your forgiveness, and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

# **Service of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

## **Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**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."

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

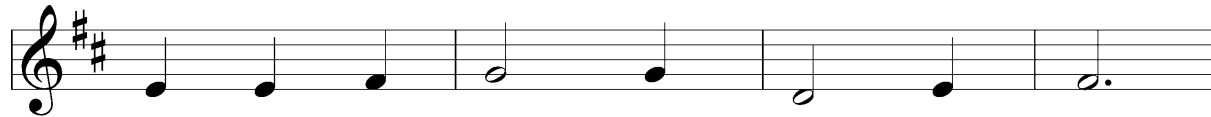
John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see the note on the front inside cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.*

## Distribution Hymn: 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

## Distribution Hymn: 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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*Stand*



# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**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.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

## Closing Hymn: 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 9/8**     **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
  - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

**Thurs. 9/12**   **Quilting Bee**, 10 a.m.

- Sun. 9/15**     **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
  - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL MISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP** –On **Saturday, September 28**, The Council and Boards will be holding our annual Mission Planning Workshop. Anyone from the congregation is invited. On this day, we will gather to pray, give thanks to God, hear His holy Word, and make plans for our congregation for the upcoming year. This workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 2. Lunch will be provided.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – All are invited to attend **this morning's** Adult Bible Class with Pastor starting **at 10:45 a.m.** in the basement Fellowship Hall.

**QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS** –Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room. The quilters work pretty much year 'round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you'd like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

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### QUILTS:

**DISPLAY:** The quilts made by our Quilting Bee will be September 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**BLESSING:** The blessing of the quilts will be September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**DOOR OFFERING COLLECTION:** September 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> for:

**LWR QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND** – When you make and support Quilts, you join countless other servants of Christ who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. Together, L.W.L. distributed an incredible \$18 million worth of quilts in 2023! LWR currently spends about \$1.9 million annually to operate this program. They do their best to steward funds efficiently, but the behind-the-scenes operating costs have increased in recent years. (This is largely due to the significant rise in shipping costs since 2020.) You can ensure LWR has the financial resources they need to distribute quilts where they're needed most by donating to the Quilt & Kit Shipping fund. This is a way for the congregation to support the quilt ministry. The Cost to ship just one quilt is \$2.80. St. Mark's Missionary League is accepting Donations to defray

the cost of shipping our quilts. Donations can be made by cash or Check. If you are writing a **check**, please make it out to the **St. Mark's Missionary League**. Please place either type of payment in an envelope found in your pew and have it designated for the Quilt Shipping Fund-Missionary League. Thank you.

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**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER** – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET here at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. We served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of our supplies. We are in urgent need for the following items:

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| Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes     | Soups                  |
| Plain pasta - macaroni                     | Rice                   |
| Spaghetti Noodles                          | Baked beans            |
| Spaghetti Sauce                            | Protein bars           |
| Non-starchy canned vegetables              | Instant Potatoes       |
| Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables             | Canned Tuna or Chicken |
| Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer, |                        |
| Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)    |                        |

**For Larger families we need:**

- Family sized shampoo & conditioner
- Large cans of baked beans
- Large can of fruit
- large can of vegetables
- Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles
- large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing soap
- Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:  
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES (LSEM) is having **their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024** and you're invited! Play a round of golf and raise funds for children who have learning needs in Christian schools here in SW Michigan and across the country. Golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in your ticket price. There will be plenty of fun games to play as we fundraise for these kids. Register your team today or sponsor the event. Together we can help these children grow in learning and love of God. [https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing – LSEM \(luthsped.org\)](https://2024LSEM.org)

OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER PRESENTS OUR 29TH ANNUAL JULIE RUN/WALK 5K & 1K TO END HUNGER! We are pleased to announce our **29th Annual Julie Run/Walk 5K & 1K on Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus Saturday, September 21st 2024!** Check in 8:00AM at the Physical Education building off of Cooley Lake Rd. enjoy warm up exercises, photo booth FUN compliments of Witty Grin, race starts 9:00AM. Awards and announcements will be made after race completes. Sign up link below, **T-shirt guaranteed with registration by end of day September 8, 2024. Register and form your own team today. This year we are encouraging participants to ask for cash donations from friends and family to impact our community even more!** <https://runsignup.com/julieruntoendhunger>

Saturday September 21, 2024  
OCC Highland Lakes Campus  
7350 Cooley Lake Rd  
Waterford, MI 48327  
*Check in 8:00AM*  
*Race starts 9:00AM*

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**OPEN DOOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GIVING TREE**

Once more this year, we will be collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas for those families in need. This year's date will be December 6 from 9-1 or 4-6 with family pick up December 12<sup>th</sup>. We need people to assist in this very important outreach. Those who can help through donations and those who can help with the collection and distribution of the gifts here at St. Mark's. Sign – Up sheet will be posted soon.

# The **Body** of **Christ** and the **Public Square** October 5, 2024

A Religious Liberty Conference Featuring:

Dr. Ben Carson,

Kyle Mann,

Father Calvin Robinson,

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Thoma,**

Major (Ret.) Jonathan Turnbull,

Timothy Goeglein

General Admission: \$75

VIP Admission: \$145

Clergy, Teacher, Student,

& Law Enforcement: \$40

Register **ONLINE ONLY** by visiting:

<https://www.bodyofchristandthepublicsquare.org/>

Morning Refreshments and Lunch will be provided.

## **Location:**

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School (LCMS)

13667 W. Highland Rd.

Hartland, MI 48353

248-887-4300

## **Registration closes**

**Monday, September 30, 2024**

or when seating capacity is met.

Doors open at 8:00 AM for general seating.

Program begins promptly at 9:00 AM.

# Sermon Notes

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**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Frank Pies, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Trent Johnson
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman

**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Tom LoCascio
Greeter(s)	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Trent Johnson