

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, September 5, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 656
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 184

The Introit

Psalm 51:7, 10-12; antiphon: v. 2

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

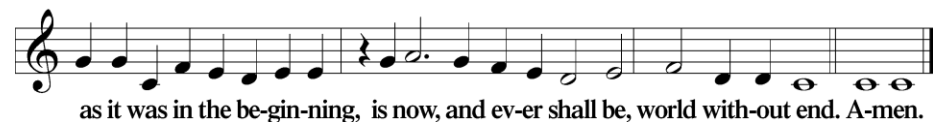
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from Your | presence,*
and take not Your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.



Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which

is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

The Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, “Hear He, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸And He said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus He declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And He said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

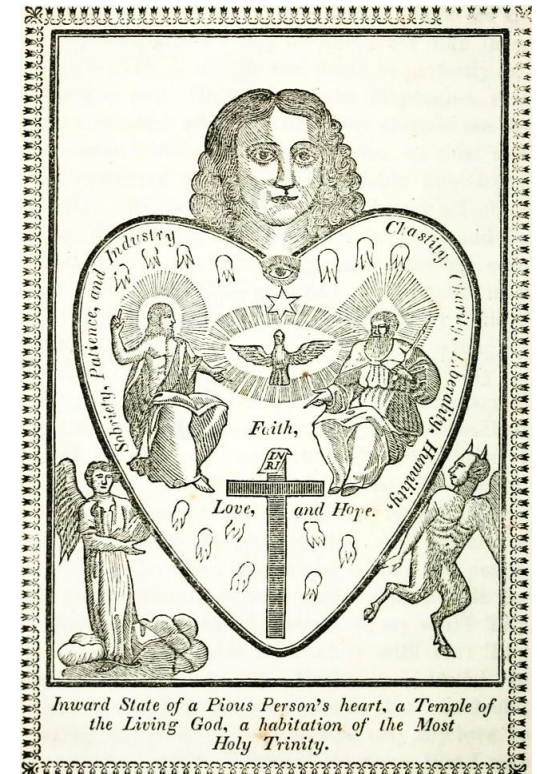
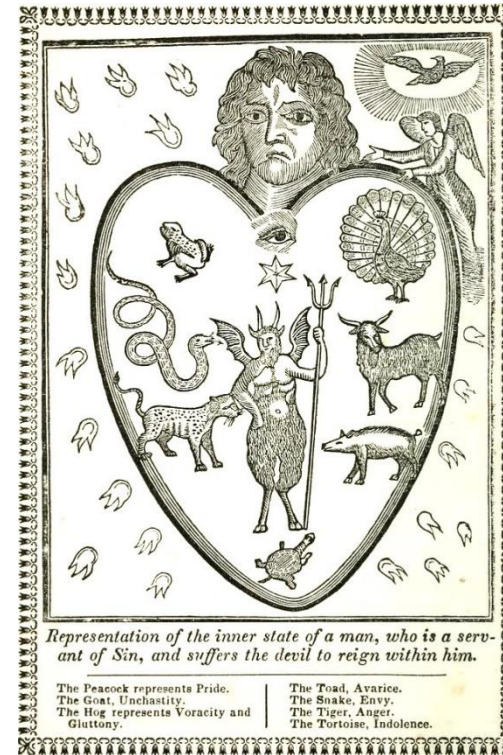
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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By Grace I'm Saved

The Sermon

Text:

“The Heart of Man”

Mark 7:14-23

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Closing Hymn

LSB 665

Be Strong in the Lord

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	8/22/24	6:30 p.m.	26
Sunday	8/25/24	9:00 a.m.	98

FLOWERS are given in celebration of Jan and Phyllis Walker’s 54th anniversary.

WE PRAY for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Richard Hanson, Elaine Jensen and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

REMINDER Church services return to 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. next Sunday, September 8. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School also resume on this day at 9:30 a.m..

ANNUAL PICNIC for Our Father’s Lutheran Church, School, and Childcare is NEXT Sunday, September 8 following the 10:45 a.m. service. Burgers and hot dogs will be supplied, and asking attendees to bring a dish to pass. See the flyer in the narthex for more information. Please join us for fellowship and fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2024-2025 begins next Sunday, September 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and office, and may be returned to either the box (same location) or church office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Christina Janetzke at (414) 975-4826 or email cwingy10@yahoo.com.

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, **September 8**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADULT HANDBELLS will be starting on Tuesday, September 17, beginning at 5:45 p.m. No previous bell ringing experience is required - although the ability to read music is very helpful. If you are interested - please reach out to Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org) for more details.

INVITE PASTOR FOR DINNER The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, if you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on Thursdays before church. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

CALL COMMITTEE The Call Committee will provide the congregation regular updates on its activities. In accord with our Bylaws, the call committee comprises the following persons: Dave Felber (Head Elder and Chair of committee); Mike Lagerman, Ken Christian, Richard Feller, and Dan Lesniewski (Elders); Steve Saunders (Church President); Dennis Hanley (Vice President); Dave Burgess (Chairman, Board of Christian Education); and Bob Cahill (Principal). Pastor Aaron Koch is the Circuit Visitor and is helping us in the process. The Call Committee met last week with Pastor Koch to begin the process. In brief, the process entails seeking candidates from the District and others. After a list of candidates is compiled, the committee will evaluate candidates for potential fit with Our Fathers Evangelical Lutheran Church. Ultimately, the Call Committee will present a short list of candidates to the congregation for consideration and a final determination of the call. Please note that any member of the congregation can submit names to any member of the Call Committee for consideration. We likewise welcome any questions or suggestions.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK Fall sports practices started up this week as students in grades K-8 took to the athletic field to begin their conditioning for Cross Country. Meanwhile, volleyball is just around the corner for our girls in grades 5-8 as they look forward to another competitive season. Schedules will be published in the near future. Go Trojans!

OFLS ALUMNI If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org for more details.

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHILDCARE is now enrolling preschoolers ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father's is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

COACHES NEEDED! Our Father's Lutheran School's Athletic Department is looking for volunteer coaches for the 2024-25 school year. Head Coach and Assistant positions are available. Sports include Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track and Field. Coaching experience is not required. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email Ben Janetzke at bjanetzke@ourfatherslutheran.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on October 12 for the first Lutheran Classical Academy Cornhole Tournament and Hog Roast! This event, hosted by St John's Lutheran in Port Washington (217 N Freeman Drive), will include a delicious hog roast, sides, and beverages available for purchase; a fun 50/50 raffle; prizes for the top three teams! Please sign up to play via the QR code on the poster. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church – Lutheran Classical Academy. We invite you to join us for a fun time to help support the good cause of Lutheran Education!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE The church directory is in print right now. We anxiously await its arrival. When we receive it, please check your church mailbox for your copy. Reminder, if you had your picture taken, you will receive a free copy. If you did not, we will have a small amount available to purchase for \$15, first come, first serve.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	9/1	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.
Monday	9/2	No School	
Tuesday- Thursday	9/3- 9/5	Outdoor Education (Gr. 5 & 6)	
Wednesday	9/4	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	9/5	Elders Meeting DIVINE SERVICE	9:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	9/8	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Church Picnic Scrip Due	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“The Heart of Man”
September 1 through September 7, 2024

The week begins with the call of Isaiah the prophet. The words of the angels have become part of the communion liturgy. "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth (Hosts or armies). Heaven and earth are full of Your glory." Indeed, it is there that we enter the presence of God like Isaiah. God summons you into His presence and touches Your lips with the blazing coal, the body and blood of Christ, that your iniquity, your sin, might be taken away. It is God who invites you and God who cleanses you that you might show forth His praise. He has touched you that you would keep on hearing in faith. In joining the song of the angels, you confess that in the Lord's Supper heaven and earth meet. Here the angels, the archangels, and all the company of heaven partake of the feast with you. Saints above and saints below meet at the Lord's table to be fed by Him and join in praising His holy name. In the ancient church communicants would often gather in a semi-circle around the altar to remind them that those who had departed in the faith were present in the remainder of the circle, constituting the church in earth and heaven.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **Romans 5:19**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 30

PSALMODY PRAYER: Turn the mourning of Your saints into dancing, O Lord, and be merciful to all Your faithful people. Be merciful to me, restore me to life, and dress me in the robes of gladness as Your baptized child. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	1 Samuel 24:1-25:1
Wednesday	1 Samuel 25:2-44
Thursday	1 Samuel 26:1-25
Friday	1 Samuel 28:3-25
Saturday	Mark 7:24-37

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Luther, Large Catechism, Sixth Commandment: In short, everyone is required both to live chastely himself and to help his neighbor do the same. Thus God by his commandment wants every husband or wife guarded and protected from any trespass. Inasmuch as this commandment is concerned, specifically with the estate of marriage and gives occasion to speak of it, let us carefully note, first, how highly God honors and glorifies the married life, sanctioning and protecting it by his commandment. He sanctioned it above in the fourth commandment, "You shall honor father and mother"; but here, as I said, he has secured it and protected it. Therefore, he also wishes us to honor, maintain, and cherish it as a divine and blessed estate. Significantly he established it as the first of all institutions, and he created man and woman differently (as is evident) not for lewdness but to be true to each other, be fruitful, beget children, and support and bring them up to the glory of God. God has, therefore, most richly blessed this estate above all others and, in addition, has supplied and endowed it with everything in the world in order that this estate might be provided for richly and adequately. Married life is no matter for jest or idle curiosity, but it is a glorious institution and an object of God's serious concern. For it is of the highest importance to him that persons be brought up to serve the world, promote knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, and fight against wickedness and the devil. Therefore, I have always taught that we should not despise or disdain marriage, as the blind world and the false clergy do, but view it in the light of God's Word, by which it is adorned and sanctified. It is not an estate to be placed on a level with the others; it precedes and surpasses them all, whether those of emperor, princes, bishops, or anyone else. Important as the spiritual and civil estates are, these

must humble themselves and allow all people to enter the estate of marriage, as we shall hear. It is not an exceptional estate, but the most universal and the noblest, pervading all Christendom and even extending throughout all the world. In the second place, remember that it is not only an honorable estate but also a necessary one, and it is solemnly commanded by God that in general men and women in all conditions, who have been created for it, shall be found in this estate. (*LC*, 6th Commandment, 205-211, Philadelphia: Mühlenberg Press, 1959, p. 393)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (stanza 1)*

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK OF THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"He's Done All Things Well"

September 8, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 768, 797, 551, 666, 841, 839

READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Mark 7:24-37

The Decapolis or Ten Towns is the location of this miracle and serves of a reminder of the bondage men have under the Decalogue or Ten Words which we commonly call the Ten Commandments. The death of sin holds us as deaf mutes unable to hear or speak except by the grace of God. Convicted of sin, not only externally but also in the heart, by the Ten Commandments, you cry out for the mercy of God. In His love the Lord pulls you aside from the multitude. The way Christ heals is particularly instructive. He puts His fingers in the ears and then spits and touches the tongue. So in your baptism Christ touched you with His Word upon your eardrum and the water of life which flowed from His side. Your ears were opened to hear His works of salvation with the hearing of faith and your mouth was opened to speak His praise. Those words upon the ears of the deaf man were life-giving words for they came from the One who is Life. His Word created the heavens and the earth. His Word opened the ears of the deaf. His Word continues to give life when it is spoken at Holy Baptism. The words of Isaiah speak of that wonderful bursting forth of the life-giving water of baptism in the desert of this sinful world. James reminds us that every good and perfect gift, surely baptism too, comes from the Father of Lights. Our Lord brought us forth by His Word and we are to continue to receive the Word which He implants in us. Such hearing produces doing for the Word which flows into you also will flow out in works of love which the Spirit produces through hearing.



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