

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word and through receiving the Lord's Supper. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

Large print worship folders are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

Connection cards are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.**

Restrooms are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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OPENING HYMN

IN ADAM WE HAVE ALL BEEN ONE

**In Adam we have all been one, One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice that sought us as we ran.**

**We fled our God, and losing him, we lost our brother too.
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.**

**But your strong love, it sought us still and sent your only Son
That we might hear his shepherd-voice and, hearing him, be one.**

**O Savior, when we loved you not, you loved and saved us all;
O great good Shepherd of mankind, Oh, hear us when we call.**

**Send us your Spirit; teach us truth to purge our vanity.
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.**

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather for worship today in the name of the Father,

C: **Who created us and keeps us in his care;**

(Psalm 139)

M: In the name of the Son,

C: **Who lived, died, and rose again to wipe away all our sins;**

(1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

M: And in the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who keeps and sustains us in the one, true faith.**

(2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14)

M: May the holy, merciful, and triune God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins has two parts: admitting our sinfulness and receiving the assurance of God's forgiveness.

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

C: **O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.**

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you. (Psalm 143:1-2, 7-9)

A quiet moment for personal reflection

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” (John 20:23)
His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. (John 20:22-23)

The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORY BE TO JESUS

**Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages be the precious stream
which from endless torment did the world redeem.**

**Abel’s blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood!**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve your church with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful. Guide us with your truth. Keep us in the Truth. We ask this in your name, recognizing you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

7 But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. **8** When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. **9** But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. **10** So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” **11** Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 32

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,

C: whose sins are covered.

M: Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them

C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.

M: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: through my groaning all day long.

M: For day and night your hand was heavy on me;

C: my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

M: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

C: and did not cover up my iniquity.

M: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

M: You are my hiding place;

C: You will protect me from trouble.

M: Many are the words of the wicked,

C: But the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

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.

Please stand for the words of our Savior-King

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 18:15-20

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. **16** But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. **18** Amen, I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I HEAR THE SAVIOR CALLING

I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness, are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless to live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!

I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, one needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven - my Savior calls for me!

**I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings; my Savior calls for me!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

GALATIANS 2:11-16

11 When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **12** For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. **13** The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. **14** When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? **15** We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles **16** know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
Alleluia.

Please stand

THE NICENE CREED

After hearing God's Word, we give expression with our lips to the faith which lives in our heart. The confession of faith also serves as a regular review of the teachings of how we are saved.

M: In a world that can only guess it was created somehow and by something, what do you believe?

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: In a world that often teaches Jesus was just a great human teacher, a wise prophet or just another way to God, what do you believe?

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

M: In a world that still believes salvation is through the good and helpful things we do, what do you believe?

C: For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

M: In a world that loosely holds on to every word that sounds spiritual or religious, what do you believe?

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING *Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*



PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Exhortation to those receiving The Lord's Supper

M: Dear friends in Christ! Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood together with the bread and the wine as a truly life-giving food and drink.

By means of this sacrament, Jesus forgives your sins, strengthens your faith, gives you strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants you a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Together, then, with your fellow believers, remember and proclaim the Lord's death, celebrate the gift of his redemption, and express the unity of faith which we share!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

A note to our visitors: *Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper and through your Word. We pray that through these you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN 746 v. 1 and 7

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Schedule

TODAY	Game & snacks gathering (Euchre)	following worship
TUES	Women's gathering / study	10am
WED	Youth Confirmation Class	6:30pm
THURS	NEW What's the Bible Got to Say? <i>Lesson 1: How certain - and how important - is Jesus' Resurrection?</i>	7pm
SAT	CHURCH WORK DAY NO Men's Gathering / Study	9am & following resume Sept 19
Next Sunday	Bible hour startup Worship	9am 10am

Upcoming events:

- NEXT SUNDAY - Fall Bible hour startup 9am - Bible classes for all ages
NEW Adult Bible Study Topic... *see back cover of worship folder for more info.*
PreK - 5th Bible Lessons... *Creation, The Fall & Promise, then moving to the Exodus*
6th-8th Bible study... *two studies are planned, including Paul's Mission Journeys in Acts*
- New Bible Foundations Classes startup This Week: Thursdays at 7pm
See next page for more information
- Youth Confirmation startup This week: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

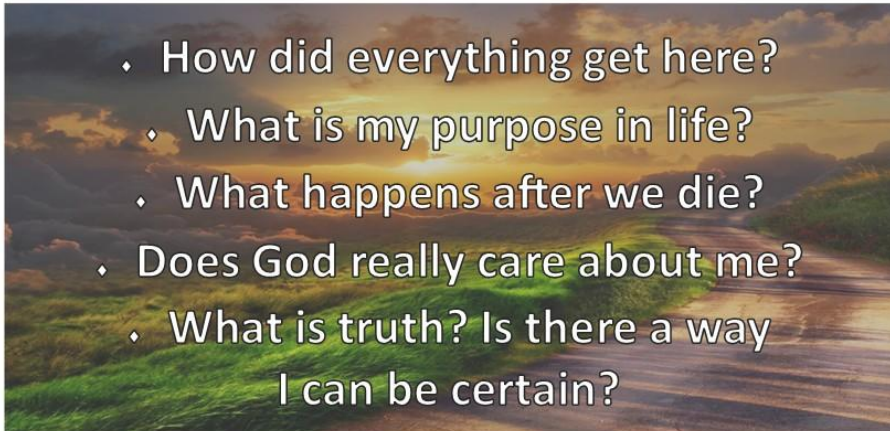
Ongoing Volunteer opportunities

- Weekly Cleaning - Please share your name if you're willing to take a turn in the rotation that has been set up. Right now it would be taking a turn approximately once every two months. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to take on coordinating the repeating schedule and be a contact point for new volunteers, please let Pastor Glende know.

Jason Allan	week of Sept 7-12
Smith family	week of Sept 14-19
Iseminger / Gen	week of Sept 21-26
Jacqueline/Zac	week of Sept 28-Oct 3
- Property care - please talk with Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to get involved in helping with lawn / yard care and other property tasks for upkeep.
- Weekly snacks – you're welcome to bring something for refreshments and/or snacks on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who does!

What's the Bible got to say?

Thursday evenings 7pm — starting Sept 10



A class structured to ask the important questions of life. Find the answers God provides in His Book, the Bible.

Be assured, you can ask questions. As many as you'd like. They'll all be taken seriously.

If your interest is peaked, please call or message if have any questions.

Starting topic... What proof is there of Jesus' resurrection?
And how much difference does Jesus' Resurrection make?

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Sunday mornings - starting Sept. 13th

IDOLS WE NEVER KNEW WE HAD



A wood-carved figure, chiseled stone statue, golden image
fashioned as a god.

“I don’t bow down to such things!”

Idol worship comes in other forms.

Idols sometimes hide themselves in our homes and
hearts. Through God’s guidance and power we’ll get help
to avoid worshipping these false gods.