

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

He Cares for Me

Lee Ellis

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Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858 (vv. 1, 4)

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| 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration! | 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! |
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(Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; t., Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: Erneuerien Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there,"

or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech;

and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope
beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. ***Refrain***

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. ***Refrain***

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. ***Refrain***

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. ***Refrain***

(Text and music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC
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God Will Take Care of You

Ross Anderson

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the
gift may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

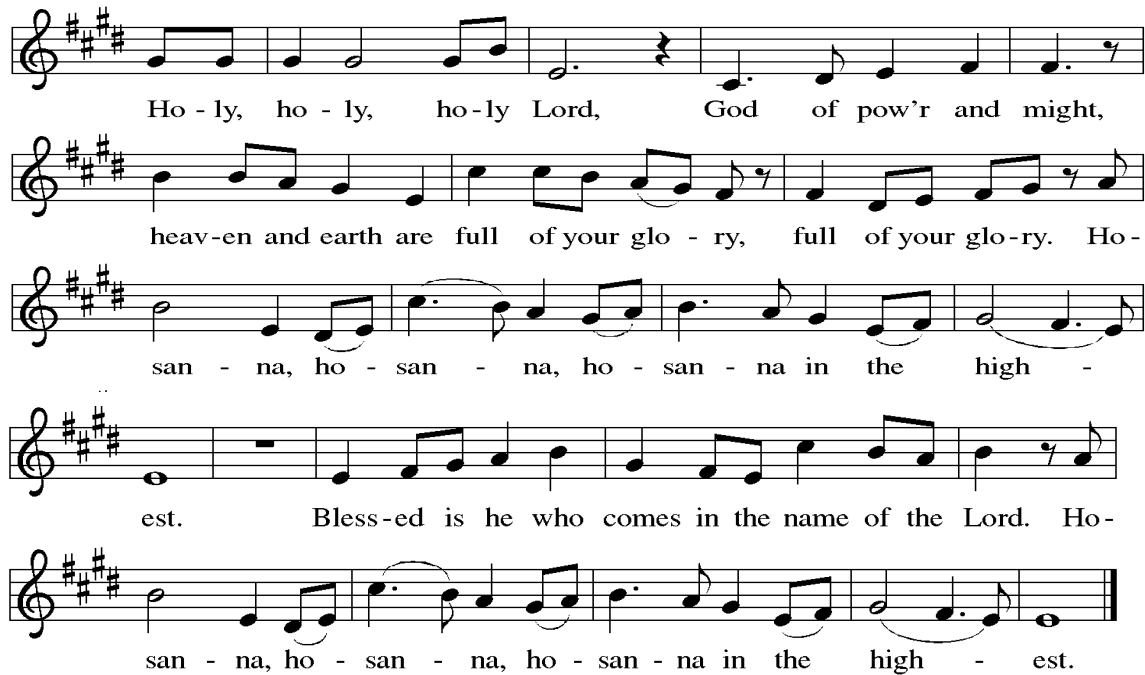
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

We Come to You For Healing, Lord

ELW 617

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| 1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole. | 2 As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again. |
| 3 You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer. | 4 When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know. |
| 5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain. | |

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Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

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| <p>1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.</p> <p>5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again.</p> | <p>2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.</p> <p>6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.</p> |
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(Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.: Music: W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815)

Announcements

September Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

- ❖ Today, we welcome Rev. Richard Goodlin as our Supply Pastor. It is good to have him back at St. John's!
- ❖ Sunday, September 12th, we welcome all of the children back to Sunday School. A letter with a registration form was mailed to all families with information regarding the updated program. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the church office.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Marion McDonough's 90th birthday, by her family.

The remaining dates available for altar flowers are: October 10th, November 7th and December 24th.



God's work. Our Hands" Sunday is September 12th. We're excited for you to join St. John's and its ministry teams for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, an annual day of service united in celebration with other ELCA church communities. Join us after worship for some volunteer opportunities and some refreshments. There are some flyers available with more details regarding this event in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office to sign up or go to the link on the website. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothes. There is also a donation board in the hallway with needed items for the projects to be completed that day. Please return your donations today!

The Busy Bees are in need of "filler" for our quilts. Flannel sheets are a great filler and make our quilts nice and warm for those in need. Usually we have all year to work on the quilts and our go al is to make 100! This year we couldn't get started until June so we are working hard to get as many done as possible. If you have any large cotton or cotton blend pieces for the quilt backing, we would appreciate having them. Check your closet for any material you bought but just never got around to using. Many thanks! Your support continues to make St. John's a vital part of the community.





We are excited to announce the tentative return of our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months. If you would like to have a spot in the Crafter’s Room, spaces are \$15 each or \$25 for a space with a table rental. Tables are limited, so please respond early. Past participants can expect a mailing the 1st week of September. If interested in a space contact Bonnie Spellman through the church office by phone at 410-665-1234 or email office@stjohnsparkville.

Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.



Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John’s when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc

Don’t forget to support Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John’s. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and instant mashed potatoes.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We, Your People, Praise You

Dan Edwards

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This week's schedule		
Today	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		Labor Day (office closed)
Tues.		
Wed.	9 am	Busy Bee’s (Smith Building
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Those Serving Today	11 am
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Emily Rash
Acolyte (s)	Gabby Gray
Lector	Lee Smith
Communion Assistants	Lee Smith



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Laurie Krieger, Kim Townsley, Cam Houston, Chris Cappucci, Donna McDonough, Marion McDonough, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Janet Hedgespeth, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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