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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 1 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

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

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men Sound from his

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do If with his love he be - friend you.
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

THE GREETING & KYRIE

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.



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



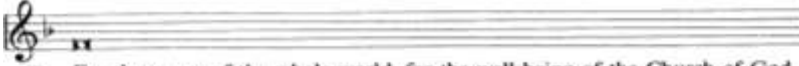
Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

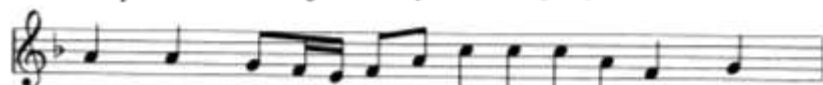


Ⓑ A - - - - - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther;



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



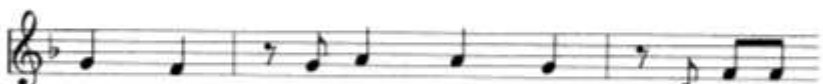
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



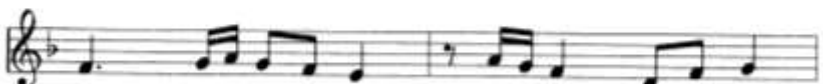
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

THE SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you.



♩ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say 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.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then 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;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

THE PSALM

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

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.

²**Put not your trust in rulers,
nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last,
they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**⁴Happy are they who
have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

⁵who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

**⁶who gives justice to those
who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down;

**⁸the LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

⁹The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-17

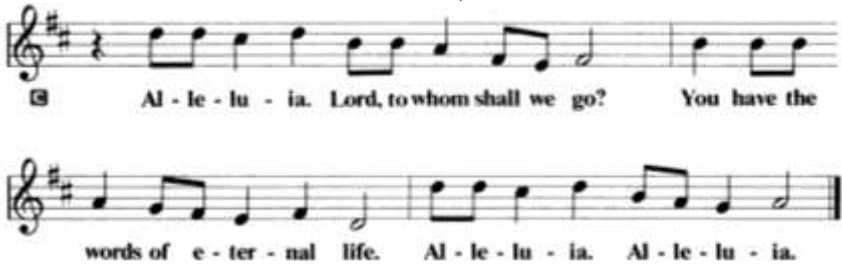
2 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? **2** For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, **3** and if you take notice of the one wearing the 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," **4** have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** 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? **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? **7** Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **9** But if you show partiality,

you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For 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. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and 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? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he 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, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He 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.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and

they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ 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

HYMN: “Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord markings are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first line of each system containing the first line of the lyrics.

System 1: Chords: F, Dm, Bb, F. Lyrics: 1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That / 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And / 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I / 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

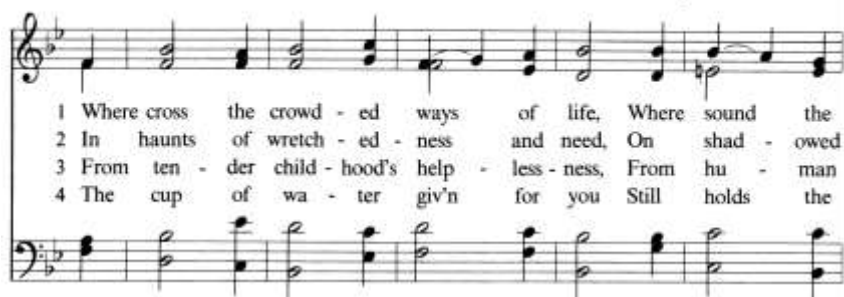
System 2: Chords: Dm, F, Am, F. Lyrics: saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but / grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that / have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me / Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

System 3: Chords: Bb, F, Dm, F, C7, F. Lyrics: now am found; Was blind, but now I see. / grace ap - pear; The hour first be - lieved! / safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. / por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

THE SERMON

HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" vs 1,2,3,6

429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the



cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears,
sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

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;

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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 today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise, The
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim, To
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears And bids our sor-rows cease, Sings
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; He sets the pris-'ner free. His

glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of his grace!
spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of your name.
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love By saints below and saints above,
Be now and ever giv'n The Church in earth and heav'n.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE