



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 5, 2021, 8:45 am

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James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophoenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Gathering

Prelude

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht, arr. Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
 By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
 Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn

ELW 716

1. Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2. Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3. For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4. Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5. With thine own love may I be filled and by thy
 peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I
 see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, Samotulsky Kancional, 1561

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.

Canticle of Praise

Verse 4 is located on the next page.



1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come be-fore God's pres-ence with thanks-



giv - ing and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.



2 For the Lord is a great God, and a great rul-er o'er all



gods. It is God who holds the cav - erns of the



earth, and the heights of the moun - tains al - so.



3 It is God who rules the seas, whose hands have mold - ed the



dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,



and kneel be - fore the Lord our mak - er.



4 For this great one is our God, who choos-es a peo - ple and
tends them, and whose hand will guide them like sheep.
Oh, that to - day you would hear-ken to God's voice.

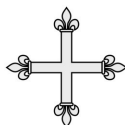
Text: Psalm 95:1-7
Music: Jack Noble White
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.



Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

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.

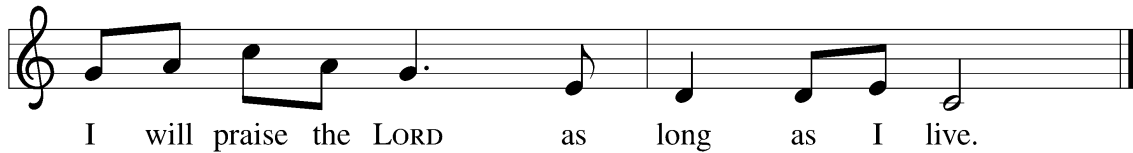
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

*The cantor introduces the refrain; please sing the second time. The verses are sung in alternation; verses sung by the congregation are printed in bold. Subsequent refrains are sung only once by all, at the places indicated by **R**.*



Refrain: Marilyn Comer



¹Hal- lelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

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

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- turn to earth,**
and in that day their thoughts perish. R

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**
who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**
the LORD loves the righteous. R

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

Second Reading

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

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.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Phil. 4:4)

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

[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 Syrophoenician 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.

Sermon

Pastor Platz

Hymn of the Day

ELW 675



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 Intercession—Litany For Labor Day

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

God of all creation, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

By our labor, you enrich the world.

By our labor we enjoy the fruits of creation.

For providing varieties of work and for blessing our labor:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who plow the field, those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands, and those who move the earth:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who work with technology; for those who work toward developing further covid vaccines, especially now for children:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for administrative assistants, for those who support, for IT experts, for those who market products and those who move them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who inspire our minds, and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants, and for those on uniformed services, those who protect, and those who defend, for religious servants, those who help the poor, and those who work with our children:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for custodians and sanitation workers, for laborers who clean and for those who produce cleaning products:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

During these challenging times, give protection to all who flee for safety and refuge. Look kindly on the unemployed, give strength, hope and resources. Bless the retired and those who intercede in prayer for others. Especially, bring healing to all who are ill, with covid-19 or other illnesses, and embrace with your love all who mourn.

Give health to the sick and hope to the bereaved.

The prayers conclude:

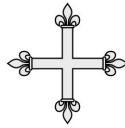
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Thanksgiving

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
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Music at the offering

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| <p>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 oh, what needless pain we bear--
 all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!</p> <p>2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.</p> | <p>3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.</p> |
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Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.**

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos

Santificado sea tu Nombre

Venga a nosotros tu Reino

Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia

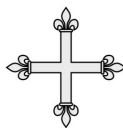
Perdona nuestras ofensas

Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden

Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal

Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria

Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen



Sending

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

Dismissal

Go in peace.

The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (*Lord God, We All Praise You*)

Johann Ludwig Krebs
 (1713-1780)

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at Saint Luke Lutheran

September 5, 2021

05 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEP

8:45 am	Worship, <i>streaming online</i>
10:15 am	Up for Discussion, <i>via Zoom</i>
3:00 pm	San Lucas Gospel Meditation, <i>via Zoom</i>

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SEP

8:45 am	Worship, <i>in-person & streaming online</i>
10:15 am	Up for Discussion, <i>via Zoom</i>
11:15 am	Worship, <i>in-person</i>
5:00 pm	San Lucas Misa, <i>streaming online</i>

HYMN NOTES

Lord Of All Nations

This social-justice themed hymn about the dignity of each human person was written by American Lutheran human rights advocate and women's movement pioneer (ref) Olive Adelaide (née Wise) Spannaus (1916-2018). It was originally written in 1960 for the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America (LHRAA), published in the proceedings "Christians, Awake." It is set to the tune BEATUS VIR, which is attributed as a traditional Slovak tune, dating from 1561.

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

This hymn reminds us that God seeks those who are lost. God is gently seeking those who have strayed, offering his healing to those who will receive it. This may be the earliest missionary hymn we have. Johann Heermann was a Lutheran pastor in the German village of Köben. This town was a the center of conflict during the Thirty Years' War, which pitted Protestants against Catholics throughout central Europe. Historians estimate that half the population of Germany died in the fighting. And there, as the smoke cleared, Heermann was calling for lost souls to come to the Savior.

O God of Mercy, God of Light

This hymn points us to who God is and what God has done to redeem us and every sinner. It was written by Godfrey Thring who was born in the parsonage of Alford, where his father was rector. Educated at Balliol College, Oxford, England, he was

ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1847. It is set to the tune JUST AS I AM Josef Barnby, an English choral director who introduced annual performances of J. S. Bach's St. John Passion in St. Anne's, Soho, and directed the first performance in an English church of the St. Matthew Passion.

Upcoming Commemorations

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

MUSIC NOTES

The **prelude** is a hymn setting of the hymn tune "O Jesu Christe, Warhes Licht" by Paul Manz, an American choral and organ composer who was for a long time Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. This simple setting features a ritornello in the right hand which then accompanies the melody played in the tenor range on the Cromorne.

The **postlude** is a chorale prelude written by German organist and composer Johann Ludwig Krebs on "Lord God We All Praise You" in which the left hand and pedal accompany the melody played on the Cornet sound of the organ. The accompaniment introduces fragments of each phrase of the hymn before the melody proper is played. This hymn is a German version of Philipp Melancthon's 1539 "Dicimus grates tibi". The hymn tune of the Lutheran chorale, known in English as Old 100th (Zahn Nr. 368), comes from the 1551 second edition of the Genevan Psalter.