

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025 - 10:00am Lakeside Community Lutheran Church Webster, Wisconsin

GATHERING

* Please Stand if you are able

PRELUDE The Trumpets Sound The Angels Sing Barnett

WELCOME

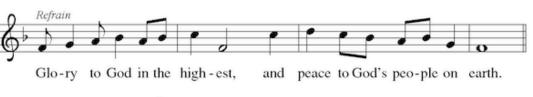
*HYMN: The Trumpets Sound The Angels Sing ELW 531

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God





1 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray,

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM All Things Are Yours, My God Carl Schalk

WORD

We hear God's word

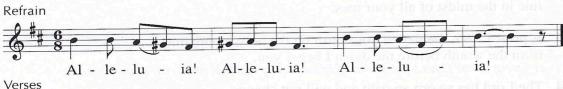
First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113: Praise His Name



- 1. You servants of the Lord, bless the Lord: Blessed be the name for ever! From east to west, praised be the name of the Lord our God!
- 2. High above the nations the Lord is God; high above the heavens God's glory! Who is like God, enthroned on the stars above earth and sky?
- 3. Raising up the lowly and the poor from the dust, God gives them a home among rulers: blessing the barren, giving them children singing for joy!
- 4. Glory to the Father and glory to the Son; glory to the Holy Spirit: glory and honor, wisdom and power for evermore!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much

do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

Pastor Peter Johnson

HYMN Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

*THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Response

God of grace,

(sung) Send us love, send us power, send us grace

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Dawn Meditation

Eugene Butler

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let The Vineyards



OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

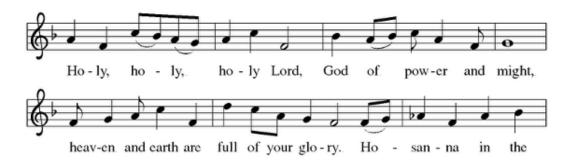
Lift up your hearts.

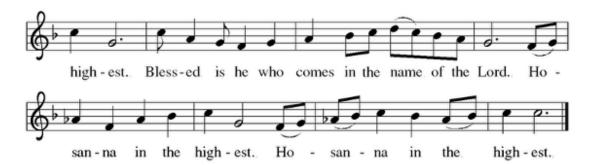
We lift them to the Lord.

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... ...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

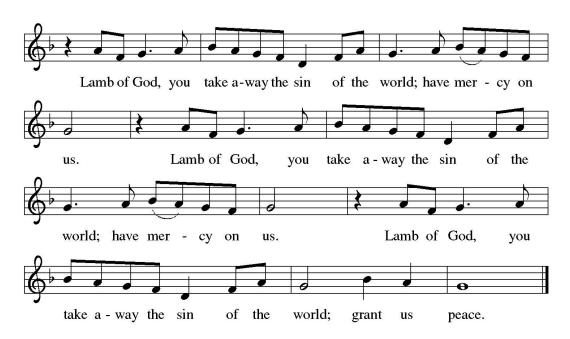
Give us this day our daily bread;

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome at God's Table

COMMUNION Lamb of God



COMMUNION SONG We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you until everlasting life.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDING SONG Build Us Up Lord

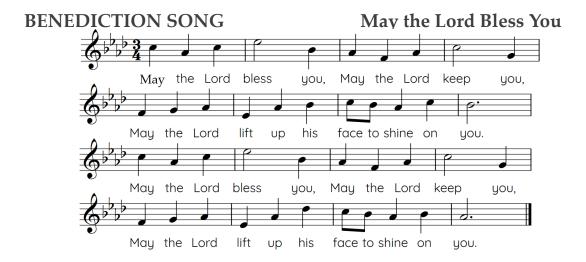
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BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,

+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional

Alfred Fedak

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Prayer Concerns: Elaine Davis, Marilyne Gallman, Anne Gelein, Mary & Tom Heenan, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Barb Umholtz, Dorothy VanPykeren and Danny Wheeler. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

Thank you to today's participants: Pastor Peter Johnson; Music Director Pat Barnett; Lakeside Community Lutheran Church Choir; Producer Marshall Hoff; Counters Ken & Norma Olson; Shepherding Conveners Bob & Maracia Proehl; and Shepherds Carol Aakhus, Joyce Bailey, Donna Devic, Sue Oslund, Jolyne & Charley Peterson, Mick Peterson, Deb Studley, Sandy Swanson, and Anna Treague.

WELCA's Annual Fall Retreat will be on Monday, October 6th from 8:30 to 2:00 at Luther Park Bible Camp. All women are welcome!

September Mission of the Month will go towards Lutheran World Relief Quilt Shipping costs. Thank you for your support!

Lakeside Youth Ministry: Sunday School Registration is open! Lakeside is partnering with Luther Park to provide the Sunday School Program for 2025-26 which will begin on October 5th. Registration forms are located in the Narthex. All are welcome!

Lakeside's Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 12th, after the worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Adult Forum led by Mary Albing TODAY after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be "How Lutherans Read and Interpret the Scriptures". Please join us today and again next Sunday for the topic of "What the Bible Says and Doesn't Say About Sexuality."

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 31st for the Lakeside Trunk or Treat event, 4pm - 6pm. There will be sign-up sheets for those who want to decorate their trunks and give out treats. There will also be "trunks" or tables for those who would rather not be outside. Food and beverages will be offered to all who come to the event. Watch for more details in the near future. Start planning your costumes now!

Higher Vision returns to Lakeside's worship service on September 28th. Founded in 2013, Higher Vision features talented members from Barron and Polk Counties. Their signature Southern Gospel sound, blended with a variety of musical styles and rich harmonies, will uplift your soul and ignite your spirit. Join us!

Dear Beloved's,

Have you ever thought about *sharing* as a means of showing affection? Have you ever considered the notion that your acts of kindness and generosity are not only pleasing to God but have the ability to touch the heart of God?

These are only a couple of the questions that will be the backdrop of our preaching series: **SHARE.**

S-sinner/saint September 7th
H-hospitality September 14th
A-assets September 21st

R-resources E-evangelism

Last year at about this time our church publicly made a pledge to fulfill a financial commitment that would leverage us into a new season of worship and mission life filled with hope and resolve. God heard the prayers of the people and honored our steps. We're moving forward!

In response to God's faithfulness and provision, we are going to approach this year's stewardship focus with a curiosity of how God continues to call us to *SHARE* ourselves as sinners/saints, and our assets and resources as gifts entrusted to us by the Spirit for the lifting up of others and the sustainability of our church for the sake of the gospel.

Please continue to join me on this journey. You never know, we just might entertain an angel or two along the way!

Jesus loves you!

Pastor Peter