

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 1, 2024



There are three main things that keep us from following Jesus in our lives: the world and its forces, the flesh, and the devil. Dwelling in God's holy Word builds a shield around us. It fortifies our hearts against the powers and principalities that seek to destroy us, or at the very least keep us from a loving relationship with Christ. When we put on the armor of God, the Lord protects us from attacks.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE TWO

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Warnell

## ▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

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.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him.

**Amen**

## ▲ HYMN - "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE" LBW #526

▲ LITANY Adapted from Psalm 42 (ESV)

Deep calls to deep **at the roar of Your waterfalls;**

all Your breakers and Your waves **have gone over me.**

By day the Lord commands His steadfast love, **and at night His song is with me,**  
a prayer to the God of my life.

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

▼ BAPTISM

▲ GREETING

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

▲ SHARE THE PEACE

▲ READINGS **PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

Jonah 4:1-11 (p. 921 in pew Bible)

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ GOSPEL VERSE (Sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from the 20th Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 980 in pew Bible)

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

▼ MESSAGE - **KINGDOM OF MERCY**

▲ HYMN - "O GOD, OUR HOPE IN AGES PAST" LBW #320 (vs. 1,2,3,6)

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

▼ OFFERING HYMN (Sung)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams**

**of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

▼ GREAT THANKSGIVING (Spoken)

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord....

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▼ SANCTUS (Sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▲ LORD'S PRAYER

**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 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**

▲ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN (Sung)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG - "LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE" LBW #423

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE