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September 1, 2024 – 10:00 AM *15th Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME VISITORS! We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord’s Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God’s forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

***Invites the congregation to stand.**

HOLY COMMUNION – *Setting 10*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

[C] Amen.

[P] Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Gracious God,

[C] have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[P] God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

[C] Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” ELW #879
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

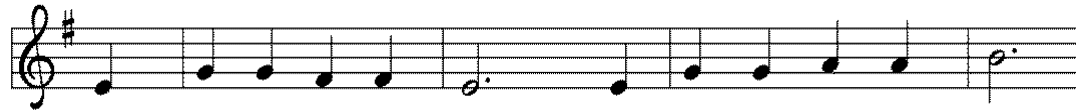
***Greeting**

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

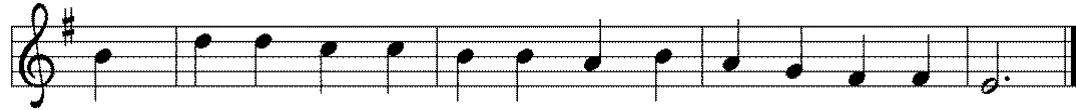
[C] **And also with you.**

***The Kyrie**

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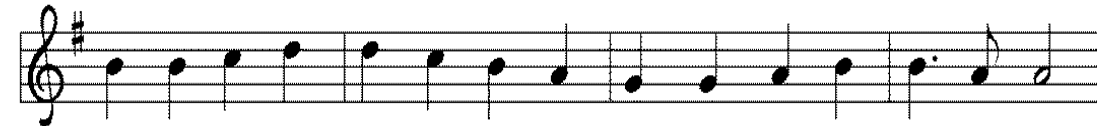
- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol- emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



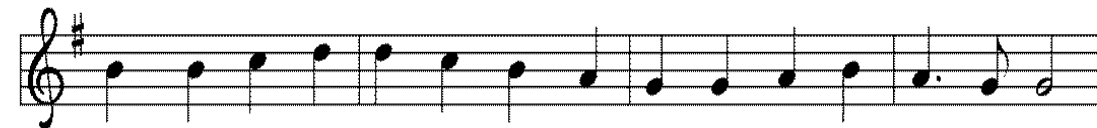
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***Hymn of Praise**

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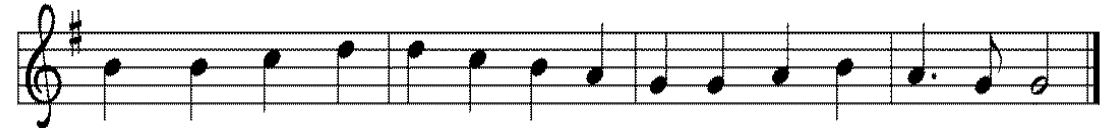
- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***The Prayer of the Day**

- [P] The Lord be with you.
- [C] **And also with you.**
- [P] Let us pray...
- [C] **Amen**

Insert

Children's Message

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

Children's Church (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

The First Lesson: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

Insert

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: *15; refrain, Ps. 15:1*

Insert

(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

The Second Lesson: *James 1:17-27*
[L] The Word of the Lord.
[C] Thanks be to God.


Insert

***The Verse:**

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Insert

Sermon

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***Hymn of the Day:** *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

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***The Apostle’s Creed**

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**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.**

***The Prayers**

Insert

After each portion of the prayers:

[A] Merciful God,
[C] **receive our prayer.**

***The Peace** is shared by all.

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The Offering

Offertory Special:

"I'll Walk With God"

Webster-Brodzky -- solo performed by Michael Thompson

*The Offertory Hymn

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

[A] Let us pray together.

[C] **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.**

By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

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[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

[P] 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.

[C] 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.

The Communion *(Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.)*

“Lamb of God”

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn: *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* ELW #719
“Let Justice Flow Like Streams” ELW #717

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Post-Communion Prayer

[A] Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen.

*Benediction (Blessing)

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

*Recessional Hymn: *“Take My Life, That I May Be”* ELW #583

*As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,
the congregation turns to face the cross.*

*Dismissal

[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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