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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*  
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

Karen Niemeier

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**



**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**\* Prayer of the Day**

**P:** O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9***

**L:** A reading from Deuteronomy.

**4** “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.” [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: 15**

**L:** Let us read responsively Psalm 15.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
and speaks truth in his heart;**

<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

<sup>4</sup> **in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honors those who fear the LORD;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

<sup>5</sup> who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved. [ESV]

## **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

**L:** A reading from the letter of James.

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

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**C:** Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us,

**speaking until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**\* Gospel: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-23***

**P:** The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**7** Now when the Pharisees gathered around [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

<sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they purify themselves. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”

<sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” [ESV]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

\* Hymn

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW # 685

\* Nicene Creed

*ELW page 104*

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C:** 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 whom 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,  
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.



## Prayers of Intercession

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*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** ... Merciful God,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

**P:** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

**C:** **Amen.**

### *We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Frietag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Madilyn Yeager, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier and Susan Anderson. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Jeannine Raders.

# MEAL

## Peace

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**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## Setting the Table

### 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.**

## Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

*ELW page 207*

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

**P:** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ...

be all honor and glory now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Lamb of God

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**C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.**

## Communion

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood  
or you may come to receive a blessing.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

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**P:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

*ELW page 209*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,  
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

**C: Amen.**

### \* Hymn

*This Is My Father's World*

**ELW # 824**

### \* Dismissal

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**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Karen Niemeier

*Attendance August 18<sup>th</sup>  
In-person 26, Online 55*