FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER — We live in a world filled with uncertainty, and much of this uncertainty is so personal. Who we are and what it is that gives our lives identity, meaning, and purpose go to the very heart of the questions for our times. Today, Paul reminds us that we belong to the Lord. Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Being the Lord’s own is what shapes our self-understanding and defines how we relate to one another. All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preference or desire are overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free. This love makes it possible for us to see others are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Cre- a-tor’s praise a-rise; Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
2 E- ter-nal are Thy mer-cies, Lord; E- ter-nal truth at- tend Thy Word. Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
3 All praise to God the Fa- ther be, All praise, e- ter-nal Son, to Thee. All praise, e- ter-nal

Let the Re-deem-er’s name be sung Through ev-’ry land by Whom with the Spir-it we a-dore For- ev-er and for-
INVOCATION
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[Silence for self-examination.]

P Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.
C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgive you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

INTROIT
Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9
P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
C I have fled to you for refuge!
P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C for no one living is righteous before you.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
C I have fled to you for refuge!

KYRIE
[Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LEY-ee-son): Lord, have mercy.]
P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

For the peace in the health and well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

For the hungry, the homeless, the poor, the oppressed, and all who are in need, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

For the richness of God’s peace in our hearts, for peace within our homes and congregations, and that we may live in peace with all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

For the guidance of the Spirit, for the strengthening of our faith, and for the courage to give hold witness to the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

For the Lord to nourish our souls with the blessed for of His Word and for grace that what we here receive we may keep in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, God of mercy. Remembering the faithful, who have loved and served the Lord and now rest from their labors, let us commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

All: Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.
HYMN OF THE DAY

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.

I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;

Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
He from them all releaseth; He all my sorrows shares.
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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SERMON

"AS WE FORGIVE"

I. It can be difficult to forgive others, as Joseph forgave his brothers.
II. As we have been forgiven much, then we can forgive others much.

APOSTLE'S CRED

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come 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 CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy, G hear our prayer.

P Lord, grant to Your Church Your Spirit and power, that we be supplied with faithful pastors and church workers to serve us in Your name, and that we hear and heed the voice of Your Word and walk in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy, G hear our prayer.

P Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve
the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, [names], and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, grant to us grateful hearts that with our voices we offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and with our tithes and offerings show forth our confidence in Your loving care and our desire to support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

I Leave All Things to God’s Direction

1 I leave all things to God’s direction; He loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
3 My God desires the soul’s salvation; My soul He,
4 My God has all things in His keeping; He is the

both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af-
me will never cease. Upon His hands He did en-
too, desires to save. There fore with Christian res ig-
ever faithful friend. He gives me laughter after


ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE  "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"  by Paul Manz

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild ............................................................... Karen Batt & Marcella Marshall
Counter ................................................................. Carl Kurth
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Organist / Music Director ................................................ Beth Buss
Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object) .................................. Al Axford
Service Web Recorder .................................................. Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming ................................................... Stuart Ruwet
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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

September 20: "I Stand at the Door"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker
Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him. New Series: "Household of Faith." (Luke 24:13-35)