

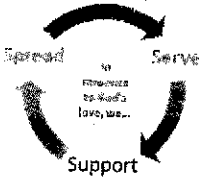
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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## 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 Biersch

## WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

## ♯OPENING HYMN

## *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies      Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord;      E - ter - nal truth at -  
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be,      All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee.      Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung      Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore      Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore      For - ev - er and for -

ev-'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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 forgives 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  $\text{✠}$  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-LAY-ee-sohn): *Lord, have mercy.*]

- P** *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*  
**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

- P** *For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *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.*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *For the hungry, the homeless, the poor, the oppressed, and all who are in need, let us pray to the Lord*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *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.*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *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.*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *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.*
- C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
- P** *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.*
- C** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** *The Lord be with you.*      **C** **And also with you.**
- P** *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**

**Genesis 50:15–21**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

**Romans 14:1–12**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

**Matthew 6:14**

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:21–35**

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*      **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## I Lay My Sins on Jesus



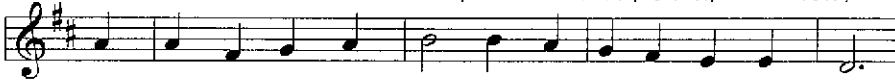
1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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## SERMON

### "AS WE FORGIVE"

Genesis 50:15-21

- 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 CREED

**C** 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, **C** 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, **C** 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, **G** hear our prayer.

**P** 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, **G** hear our prayer.

**P** 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, **G** hear our prayer.

**P** 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, **G** hear our prayer.

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**G** 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

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

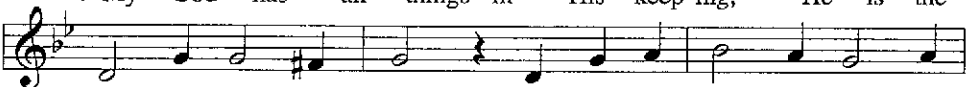
**G** Thanks be to God!

## CLOSING HYMN

### *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me  
2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for  
3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,  
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -  
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -  
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -  
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress  
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be  
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -  
and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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## ♯ 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:

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 Elder on Duty..... Tony Williams  
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss  
 Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object)..... Al Axford  
 Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter  
 Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet  
 Usher..... Phil Vandre

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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)