
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2021

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524

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| 1 <i>How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.</i> | 4 <i>O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.</i> |
| 2 <i>It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.</i> | 5 <i>How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.</i> |
| 3 <i>Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.</i> | 6 <i>Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!</i> |

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(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Hymn

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

LSB 946

- 1 *Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.*
- 2 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.*
- △ 3 *Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

(Sit) Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

- 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."

- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand) **Alleluia and Verse** 

LSB 156

C *Alleluia.*

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But

immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit) **Hymn**

Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 *Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.*

2 *Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain*

Refrain **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

3 *I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain*

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Sermon

(Stand) **Nicene Creed**

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for Holy Baptism, by which God has made waters break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert of this world; and that He would open our eyes to new life in Christ and our ears to hear His Word, free us to walk uprightly, and loose our tongues in praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That God would preserve us from judgment with evil thoughts, especially from showing partiality and making distinctions among ourselves; and that He would make us rich in good works as we hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For _____ and all rulers, that God—in whom alone we place all our hope—would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those in any need, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune this day, that they would receive Christ's body and blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sit) **Offering**

(Stand) **Offertory**

LSB 159

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Hymn

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

1 *God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.*

3 *He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain*

Refrain *Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.*

4 *Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain*

2 *I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain*

5 *Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain*

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Benediction

LSB 166

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.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 160

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:*

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C 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.

(Sit) Distribution Hymn

O Christ, Our True And Only Light

LSB 839

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| <p>1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.</p> <p>2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.</p> <p>3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!</p> | <p>Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.</p> <p>4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,</p> <p>5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.</p> |
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Mission Prayer

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:

- Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
- Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.

Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 9/5 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14
Monday, 9/6 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37; Ephesians 5:15-33
Tuesday, 9/7 2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Ephesians 6:1-24
Wednesday, 9/8 2 Kings 5:9-27; Philippians 1:1-20
Thursday, 9/9 2 Kings 6:1-23; Philippians 1:21-2:11
Friday, 9/10 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29; Philippians 2:12-30
Saturday, 9/11 2 Chronicles 29:1-24; Philippians 3:1-21

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday school @ 9:50 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room
Handicapped Accessible Service—September 9 @ 10:00 a.m.
**A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. **

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Mark will be starting classes for 7th & 8th Grade public school students in September. The classes will most likely meet on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the church office (965-3192) to add your student to the list.

New Member / Refresher Class

A class is beginning in September for anyone who would like to join the church or review the Lutheran faith. Time and date will be determined as we know how many participants are joining the class. Contact the church office (965-3192) to sign up for the class.

Sunday School

Good News!! Mrs. Delana Luebke and her group of volunteers are restarting our Sunday School program. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join and learn more about Jesus and God's Word. The first class will be on Sunday, September 12th after the morning service in the church office meeting room.

Attention Adult Choir

It is time to be thinking about our Adult Choir season. Due to the virus spreading so much right now, I will be postponing the start of practice until the beginning of October. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at 965-9283 (home) or 791-8655 (cell). Please leave a message if you don't get an answer. No try outs needed—everyone is welcome!

Ann Luedders

St. Mark's School Notes

Mr. David Ramsey's 5th & 6th Grade classes will lead chapel on Wednesday, September 8th. Weather permitting chapel will be at the church.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 7th.

St. Mark's "Fitness Day" will be Tuesday, September 24, 2021. We are set for the first annual "Fitness Day". We are excited and proud to be hosting a fundraiser that promotes health and fitness, while providing financial support for our school. The students will kick off their fundraising on September 11. There will be class competitions, individual fundraising prizes, and a teacher competition. Here are the opportunities for business and corporate sponsors.

There are three levels of sponsorship in exchange for their support - \$500 or more are Gold Sponsors; \$101-\$499 are Silver Sponsors; Up to \$100 are Bronze Sponsors. All sponsors will be recognized as a "Fitness Day" sponsor on a banner displayed at St. Mark's Lutheran School. Sponsors will be highlighted on "Panther TV" and highlighted on the school's Facebook page.

Your donation is tax deductible and goes to a great cause! Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Lutheran School and mail them to St. Mark's Lutheran School, 504 N. James Street, Steeleville, IL 62288. We greatly appreciate your contribution. If a receipt is needed for your donation, please let us know where to mail it. Feel free to contact me at (618)-965-3838 or 618-615-5795 by email at tlochhead@stmarkspanther.com

St. Mark's/Steeleville Public Coop Sports

Mon., Sept 6 – CC at Lake Sallateeska Invitational @ Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp, Pinckneyville

Leave St. Mark's by 3 pm, run starts at 5 pm

Tues., Sept 7 – BB/SB vs Coulterville – 4:15 pm

Thurs., Sept 9 – BB/SB @ Evansville – 4:15 pm

Upcoming Events

Music in the Park, September 12th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Steeleville City Park. The night will include music provided by Chris Chamness, BBQ provided by the Board of Elders and a Homemade Ice Cream Social provided by the Board of Family & Missions.

St. Mark's Annual Wurstmart, November 7th—The dinner will be a drive-thru dinner again this year.

Red, White and Blue Trivia Night, November 13th—Look for more information to come soon!

Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.
- **New Manger Scenes**—The Christmas Decorating Committee would like to replace the old manger scenes both outside and inside. The outside set needs to be replaced the soonest but the inside set has seen many repairs through the years and is beginning to look worse for the wear. Please consider donating to help with replacing these for our Christmas season.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Cross Country: Our cross country team will be running at the Marissa meet on September 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Friends and Family Dance: COS will be having a “Friends and Family Dance” on September 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person at the door, children 7 and under are free. Please RSVP and make song recommendations via our Facebook Post. If you do not have Facebook, you may call school to RSVP. Proceeds will be used to support technology integration like robot kits and items for our 3-D printer.

Annual Dinner Auction: Plans are being made to hold our annual dinner auction on November 6. If you are interested in helping with the auction in any way, please call the office or contact Edith Laufer, elaufer@coslhs.org.

School Visitors: To comply with new regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

School Hours: Regular office hours have resumed. The office will be open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.