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# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

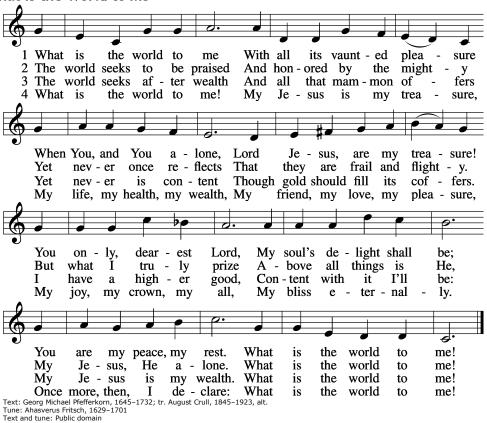
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## **Divine Service, Setting One**

#### As We Gather

How do God's people respond to His grace-filled kindness to them? After listing the many blessings that God freely gives His people, Martin Luther writes in his response to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him." Praising God is a sacred duty for His people. It is also a joyous duty. The Psalms are filled with exhortations to join in extensive and exuberant praise. Psalm 150 begins, "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary." That is what we do individually and together as both a duty and as a delight!

#### 730 What Is the World to Me



### Confession and Absolution

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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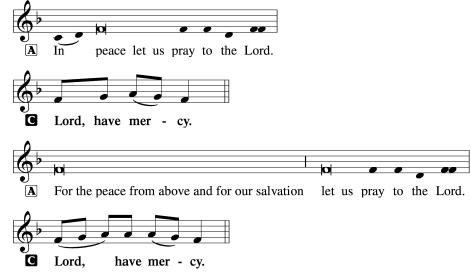
Psalm 119:137-140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

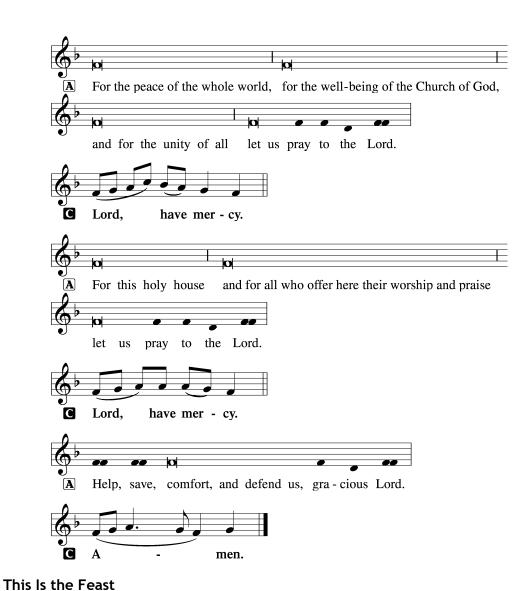
- Your testimonies are righteous for- | ever;\* give me understanding that | I may live.
- Righteous are you, | O LORD,\* and right are your | just decrees.
- You have appointed your testimonies in | righteousness\* and in all | faithfulness.
- My zeal con- | sumes me,\*
  because my foes for- | get your words.
- P Your promise is | well tried,\* and your servant | loves it.
- Your righteousness is righteous for- | ever,\* and your | law is true.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

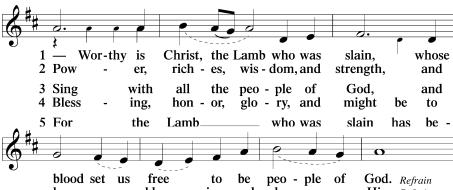
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Kyrie LSB 152



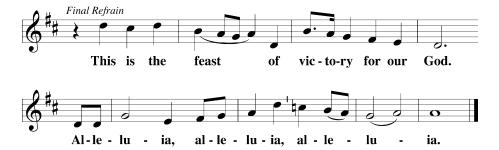






bless hon - or, ing, and glo - ry His. Refrain are join in the hymn of all cre - a tion: Stanza 4 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. men. Refrain Α His reign. Al - le - lu Final Refrain gun

LSB 155



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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**

Amos 8:4–7

- **R** The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 8.
  - <sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,
  - <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals

and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1–15

**R** The Epistle is from 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess

godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



P <sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Sermon What's in your wallet?

Stand

## **Nicene Creed**

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

The apostle Paul instructs us: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." Rejoicing in Christ's salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- God, our Savior, uphold Joseph, our president; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory around Your throne; 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

Offering 786

Stand



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

#### Welcome to our Visitors

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29;

1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.  $\mathbf{C}$
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

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."

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peace.

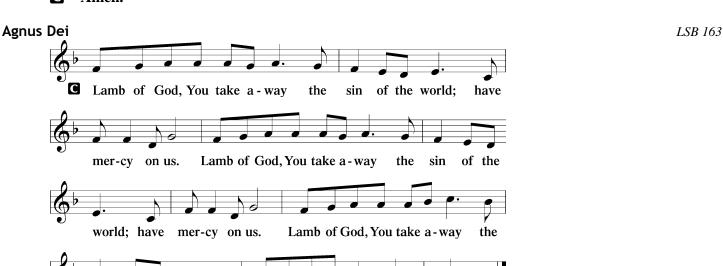
Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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C Amen.



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#### Distribution

## 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



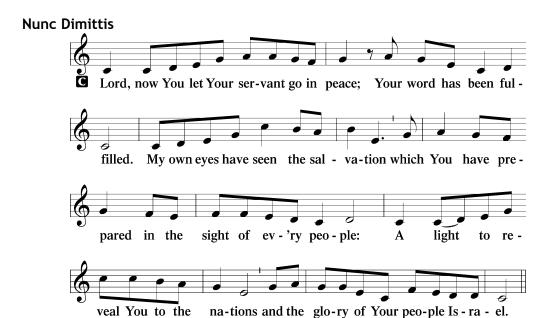
- Well He knows what best to grant me;
  All the longing hopes that haunt me,
  Joy and sorrow, have their day.
  I shall doubt His wisdom never;
  As God wills, so be it ever;
  I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
  God my weary soul will strengthen;
  All my trust in Him I place.
  Earthly wealth is not abiding,
  Like a stream away is gliding;
  Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

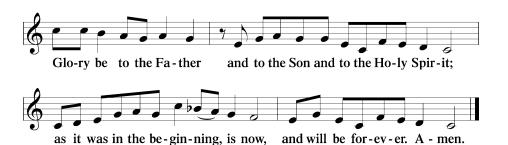
# 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



Stand



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# **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

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.

#### 567 Not What These Hands Have Done



- Thy grace alone, O God,To me can pardon speak;Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,Can this sore bondage break.
- I bless the Christ of God,
   I rest on love divine,

   And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
   I call this Savior mine.

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#### **Announcements**

Adult Sunday School has begun studying "How we got the Bible" at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for George and Jenny Hernandez's birthdays.

The Ladies Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10am. They are studying the Book of Deuteronomy.

Church Council next meeting is Oct 9 at 8am.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Lutheran Hymn Festival Sept 18** at the Myerson Symphony Center. Kantor Hildebrand from the Fort Wayne seminary, is this years' organist. More info at lutheranhymnfestival.org.

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