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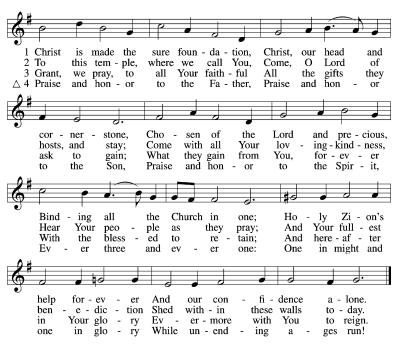
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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022

Divine Service 5

+Invocation, Confession, and Absolution+

The Hymn of Invocation: 909 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"



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- In the name of the Father and of the

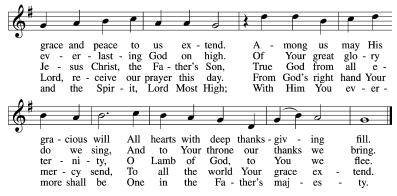
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+Service of the Word+

The Gloria in Excelsis: 948 "All Glory Be to God Alone"





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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

The Old Testament Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

A The Old Testament Lesson is from Amos, chapter 8.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "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, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3



¹Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants | of the LORD,* praise the name | of the LORD!

²Blessèd be the name | of the LORD* from this time forth and for- | evermore! ³From the rising of the sun to its | setting,* the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

⁴The LORD is high above all | nations,* and his glory above the | heavens!

⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,* who is seated | on high,

⁶who looks | far down* on the heavens | and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor | from the dust* and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with | princes,* with the princes of his | people.

⁹He gives the barren wom- | an a home,* making her the joyous mother of children. | Praise the LORD!

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1–15

A The Epistle Lesson is 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to

the knowledge of the truth. 5For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For 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. 8I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9likewise 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, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. 11Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather. she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve: 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1–15

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[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. ²And 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.' ³And 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. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed

from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one. he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said. 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then 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.' 8The 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. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive vou into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰"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. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No 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." ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. 15 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

The Hymn of the Day: 557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"





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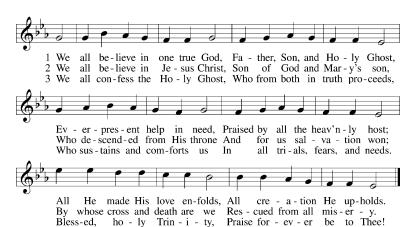
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The Sermon

The Creed: 953 "We All Believe in One True God"



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The Offering

The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life" (Talbot)

Chorus

I am the Bread of Life All who eat this Bread will never die I am God's love revealed I am broken that you might be healed

Verse 1

All who eat of this heavenly Bread All who drink this cup of the covenant You will live forever For I will raise you up *(Chorus)*

Verse 2

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come to Me And I will give them rest (Chorus)

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Announcements and Blessing

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface LSB 216

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary ... 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.
- In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

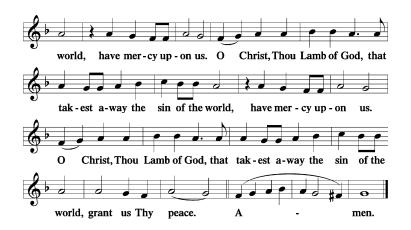
The Pax Domini

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

The Agnus Dei

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The Distribution

A Distribution Hymn: "Lord, I Need You" (Maher)

Verse 1

Lord, I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus 1)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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A Distribution Hymn: 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"



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The Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Benedicamus

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- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

- C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: "Free Amen"

Intro

Amen amen amen Amen amen amen

Verse 1

Hope falling down like rain Love that I can't explain Peace that stills my soul Light in the darkest place Life even in the pain It feels like coming home

Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is There is freedom I am free amen Where the Spirit of the Lord is There is freedom I am free amen

Verse 2

Here I'm alive again
Gone is the weight of sin
Oh sweet liberty
Praise God
Who saved my life
I'm bought with the blood of Christ
I have been redeemed (Chorus 2 Xs)

Bridge (Sung 3 Xs)
Free at last
Free at last
Thank God almighty
I am free at last
All my chains
Are in the past
Thank God Almighty
I am free at last (Chorus)

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Events of the Week: September 18-25, 2022

Today Pastor leaves for Circuit Visitor

conference (Returns Tuesday evening)

6:30 p.m. Vesper's service Monday

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible study (Darrell)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir

Pastor's Day off **Friday**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB

> 9:30 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Bible study 11:00 a.m. Crochet/Knitting

2:00 p.m. GR Northeast Circuit Forum

(Messiah Lutheran Church)

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: September 11/12, 2022

General Fund 7402.00 ISJ Academy 500.00 TOTAL 7902.00

Announcements

Nursery Available: Parents, we have a nursery room that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

Bring in those diapers!! We are collecting diapers during September. They will be given to the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Care Center. All diapers are needed but especially sizes 5 and 6. Please place the diapers in the container in the coatroom. Thank you!

Our choirs begin Thursday, September 22nd. If you have a love of singing or are interested in ringing, we would love to have you join us! Our adult bell choir meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and our singing choir meets immediately afterwards at 7:15 pm. No experience is necessary! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Beth McKay at 616-304-5536.

The "Four Ps of Christian discipleship: Praise, Ponder, Pray, and Proclaim" will be the focus of our All-Member Bible study that begins the week of October 16th. Led by laypeople, there are several groups so please join a group that suits your schedule. If it has been a few years since you last attended a Bible study, be assured that this study will be a pleasant reintroduction to the study of God's Word. There will be a sign-up sheet next Sunday. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see 100% of our regular Sunday/Monday worshippers in this Bible study?

Calling for Nominations for St. James' Governing Board: According to Bylaw 5, "Election of the Governing Board", "the Governing Board shall consist of no more than three to five voting members, plus Pastor, who shall be the only staff person on the Board. It is desirable to have one of the board members be an accountant or bookkeeper. The board members, male or female, shall be active voting participants selected for one-year terms by the following process:

- Nominations for the Board shall be submitted in writing to the Pastor by any voting member of the congregation.
- b. Potential members of the Board must sign a covenant to uphold the highest standards of participation, service, supportiveness, and tithing regarding St. James Lutheran Church.
- c. The Pastor shall present to the Voters' Assembly the names of the candidates who have been nominated to stand for election as Governing Board members at the November Voter's meeting.
- d. Governing Board members shall be elected to oneyear terms indefinitely.

Please submit a nomination to Pastor in writing. As you do so, please state why you think the person you are nominating is a good member to serve on the governing Board.

Note: According to Bylaw 2D "Voting Privileges", "Those members who have voting privileges are the Communicant members who are at least 18 years of age and who have read the Constitution and Bylaws of St. James Lutheran Church."

For those of us who are retired, it is sometimes difficult to find something to spend our spare time on. May I suggest that if you find yourself with this dilemma on Wednesday mornings, we would love to have you join us at our Bible study class. We meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the church. We are currently discussing the conflict between science and religion in our society. A very interesting and timely topic. We hope you will be able to join us. And, of course, non-retirees are invited to join us too! \bigcirc — Darrell Pfannkuch

SECOND BEST SALE (October 6-8) – The next DROP-OFF date will be Saturday, October 1 at church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All large items are to be brought that day due our inability to store them. No mattresses, box springs, analog (tube type TVs), nursery furniture, medical items or any items that are not usable and saleable are accepted. Members of Friends in Faith will be here to unload your car and take everything into church for you! How great is that!?! We ask that clothing be clean and gently used. Volunteers are needed to set up on Sunday, October 2 after worship and are needed throughout the week to sort, to assist customers, and to clean up on Saturday. A sign-up sheet is by the office. If you have any questions, please contact Walt Kryzanowski or Dale Rosema.

Please Attend the Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop: Sunday, October 9th at St. James.

What is the Lifetime Plan for Giving? Many people want to provide for the people and ministries they care about but don't know how to get started. Lifetime Plan for Giving is a process offered by the LCMS Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

How does the process work?

Julie Burgess, gift planning counselor in Michigan, will be at St. James Lutheran Church on **Sunday**, **October 9**. **Starting at 1:00 pm (to around 2:30 p.m.)**, Julie will share information about planned giving for your estate plan. Going through the Lifetime Plan for Giving is a four-step process that will assist you in either reviewing your current plan or starting your estate planning. Julie will walk you through these steps and there is no charge for her services. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this informational presentation. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to schedule a private and confidential meeting with Julie to review your current plan.

There will also be a pizza lunch served from noon to 12:45 p.m. Please sign up for the lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room along with an information sheet about the "Lifetime Plan for Giving."

Take a Stand for the Life of the Unborn Child. The Life Chain will be Sunday, October 2 from 2:00-2:3:30 p.m. Participants will stand along 44th Street between Breton Road and Ivanrest Ave. More information about the Life Chain can be found on the information sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

The Lector: Cherie Hood Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: John Weiss and Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema and the Urbanski Family **Video/Sound/Recording**: John and Margie Weiss and

Nathan Urbanski

July Altar Guild: Marjie Weiss and Melissa Ensing



Vote NO on Proposal 3

The following information is from the Grand Rapids Right to Life website. To read the particulars, please visit: https://www.grrtl.org/2022-vote/.

The Reproductive Freedom for All coalition has placed a proposal on the November ballot that will change the Michigan Constitution to make abortion a right and legal during all nine months of pregnancy.

This proposal is a deceptive attempt to smuggle a radical amendment into the state constitution that would repeal or drastically alter dozens of state laws. The amendment would fundamentally change the relationships between parents and children, as well as between women and their doctors.

Proposal 3

This ballot proposal, which will add an amendment to the Michigan Constitution, will have serious consequences to any issue related to pregnancy.

- The abortion amendment will <u>usurp your parental</u> rights.
- The abortion amendment will lead to the <u>repeal of</u> laws protecting viable babies.
- The abortion amendment will likely <u>require taxpayer</u> funding of abortion.
- The abortion amendment will <u>invalidate laws</u> <u>protecting women</u>.

- The abortion amendment will <u>invalidate licensing</u>, <u>health</u>, <u>and safety regulations</u> regarding anything related to pregnancy.
- The abortion amendment will <u>allow anyone to</u> <u>perform an abortion</u>.

Summary of the Proposed Amendment

"Constitutional Amendment to: establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility; allow state to prohibit abortion after fetal viability unless needed to protect a patient's life or physical or mental health; forbid state discrimination in enforcement of this right; prohibit prosecution of an individual, or a person helping a pregnant individual, for exercising rights established by this amendment; and invalidate all state laws that conflict with this amendment."

Proposal 3 Will Affect or Repeal Current Laws

The following laws are currently on the books in Michigan but would be significantly altered or completely repealed if Proposal 3 is passed in November.

- Parental consent for a child's pregnancy treatment
- Ban on school employees helping children have abortions
- Parental consent for children seeking abortions
- Statutory rape and incest laws
- Screening for women being coerced to have abortions
- Partial-Birth Abortion Ban
- Born-Alive Infant Protection Act
- Penalties for abortions after viability
- Requirement that only doctors perform abortions
- Health and safety requirements for abortion facilities
- Ban on tax-funded abortions
- Preventing health insurance from covering abortions
- Informed consent for women seeking abortions
- 24-hour waiting period for abortion
- Ultrasound Viewing law
- Conscience protections for doctors and nurses
- Reporting requirements on abortion statistics and complications
- Michigan's original abortion bans from 1846 and 1931
- Michigan Surrogate Parenting Act
- Ban on commercialized surrogacy
- Ban on human cloning

Copies have been printed that provide an in-depth analysis of each section of the amendment. These copies are available on the table in the church foyer.

If you can care about the life of the unborn child and the well-being of a woman seeking an abortion, please VOTE NO on Proposal 3.

