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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 21, 2025
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by the Kinsella family in loving memory of Joy Stegall, Brigitte's mother who went to be with Our Lord in 2021.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN *“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” LSB #844*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 113:7*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: The Lord raises the poor from the dust

People: **and lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins in the light of God’s holy Commandments.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

People: **Lord God, we confess to You that we often forget Your Word by allowing other concerns of daily living and our own desires take priority over Your ways of mercy and love. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: “You shall not murder.”

People: **Lord God, we confess to You that we have hurt and harmed our neighbors, especially by our neglect of the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

People: **Lord God, we confess to You our rash words, harsh judgments, and false accusations against our neighbor, but even more our failure to defend**

**and help those who have been wrongfully shamed, abused, or accused.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: God, our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For the sake of the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I proclaim to you His Word: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*

Pastor: Your testimonies are righteous forever;

People: give me understanding that I may live.

Pastor: Righteous are you, O Lord,

People: and right are your just decrees.

Pastor: You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness

People: and in all faithfulness.

Pastor: My zeal consumes me,

People: because my foes forget your words.

Pastor: Your promise is well tried,

People: and your servant loves it.

Pastor: Your righteousness is righteous forever,

People: and your law is true.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Your testimonies are righteous forever;

People: give me understanding that I may live.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to You and Adoration" LSB #692

**Praise to You and adoration, blessed Jesus Son of God.
Who, to serve Your own creation, came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may from your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding follow where Your steps are leading.**

**Hold me ever in Your keeping; comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, and my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, in Your death and resurrection.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 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. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4–7

⁴*Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,*

⁵*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,*

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.”

Lector: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2:1–15

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; ¹⁴and 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.

Lector: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

VERSE 1 Timothy 2:5–6a

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

People: ***For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia, alleluia!***

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:1–15*

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

People: ***Glory to You, O Lord.***

(The Gospel is read.)

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 you 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. ¹¹If 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. ¹⁵And 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.”

**You justify yourselves
before men, but God
knows your hearts.**

LUKE 16:15 ESV

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: **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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Seek Where You May to Find a Way" LSB #557*

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me" LSB #956*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;

**And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 *“Father Most Holy” LSB #504, verses 1 & 4*

**Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
Light never waning.**

**Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
Now and forever.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: ***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

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *"Lamb of God" LSB #550 verse 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.
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.***

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LSB #851

“O God of Mercy, God of Might” LSB #852

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” LSB #740

Stand



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Let us be thoughtful and reverent.

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN*“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSAB #806*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say “I am strong.”
Let the poor say “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong.”
Let the poor say “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
With renewed hearts, gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have not forgotten us but have cleansed us and established us to be the people of Your own possession by the pledge of Your own Son’s sacred body and blood, now strengthening our hope, our love, and our desire to reflect Your grace to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *“May God Bestow on Us His Grace” LSB #824*

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Church Prayer List

It is the duty and privilege of Christ's church to offer prayers and supplications to God. For this reason we keep the church prayer list and publish it. For good order, non-members are removed from the prayer list quarterly so that names do not remain on the list long after the particular need for prayer has passed. A simple note or email to the church office will keep a name on the list for the next quarter. Please do not assume that if you mention the name of a person in need of our prayers to Pastor in passing or during a Bible study that he will remember to place it on the prayer list. Please send a note or email as well. On behalf of everyone who benefits from your prayers, thank you.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	Pipeliners Newsletter Articles Due	

For the week September 21-27, 2025

Birthday

09/27 Kaeden Shroyer

Baptismal Anniversary

09/21 Shelby Giroir

Gage Romano

09/23 Ezra Bourg

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Arthur Dean Parfait, Charlene Shroyer and Charles Calloway.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Kim Cape, Richard Reaves and Roy Labat.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & Ezekiel Long, Karoline and baby Cormier, Krista & Braxton Moore, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur, and Toni and Linnen Randolph.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

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Grace's Mission

*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service,
Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure *all* doors are locked *and* closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.