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St. John's Lutheran Church-Lakeville

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

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KIM KYLLO, PASTOR
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

PRELUDE: *"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"*.....Sherri Hansen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**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.**

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: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake,
God forgives all our sins.

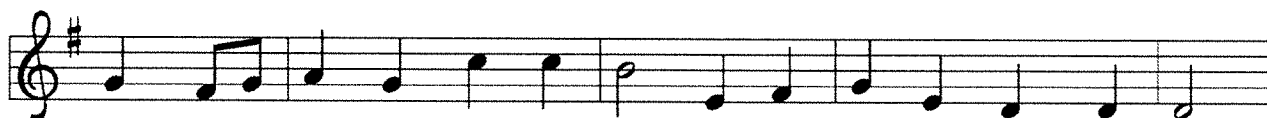
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth"..... ELW 879

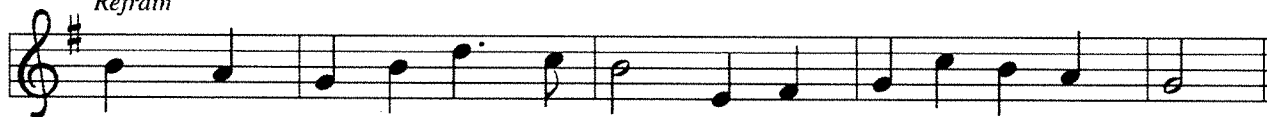


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

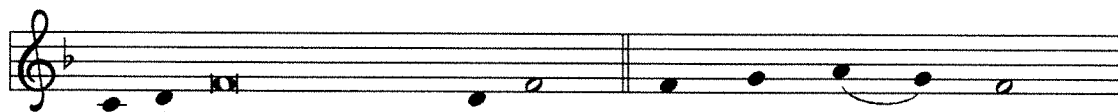
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 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

GREETING:

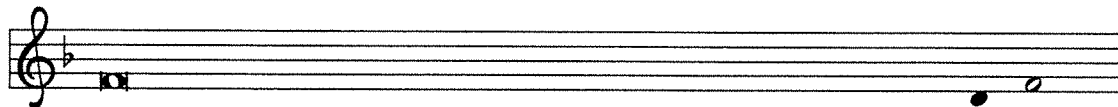
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE: ELW p. 138



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

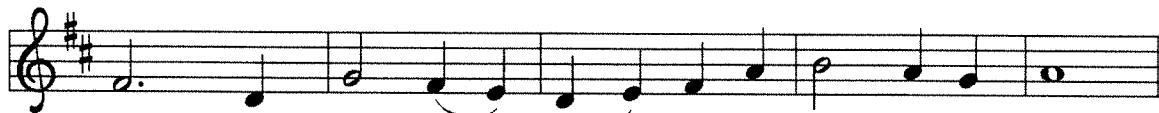
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



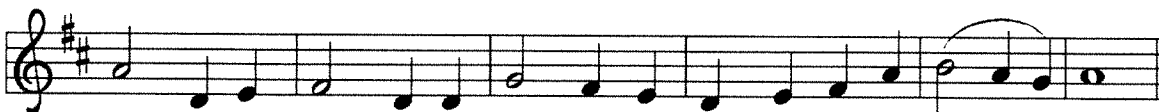
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

P: Let us pray together:

C: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

FIRST READING: James 1:17-27

L: A Reading from James

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and

welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON Amanda Boe

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

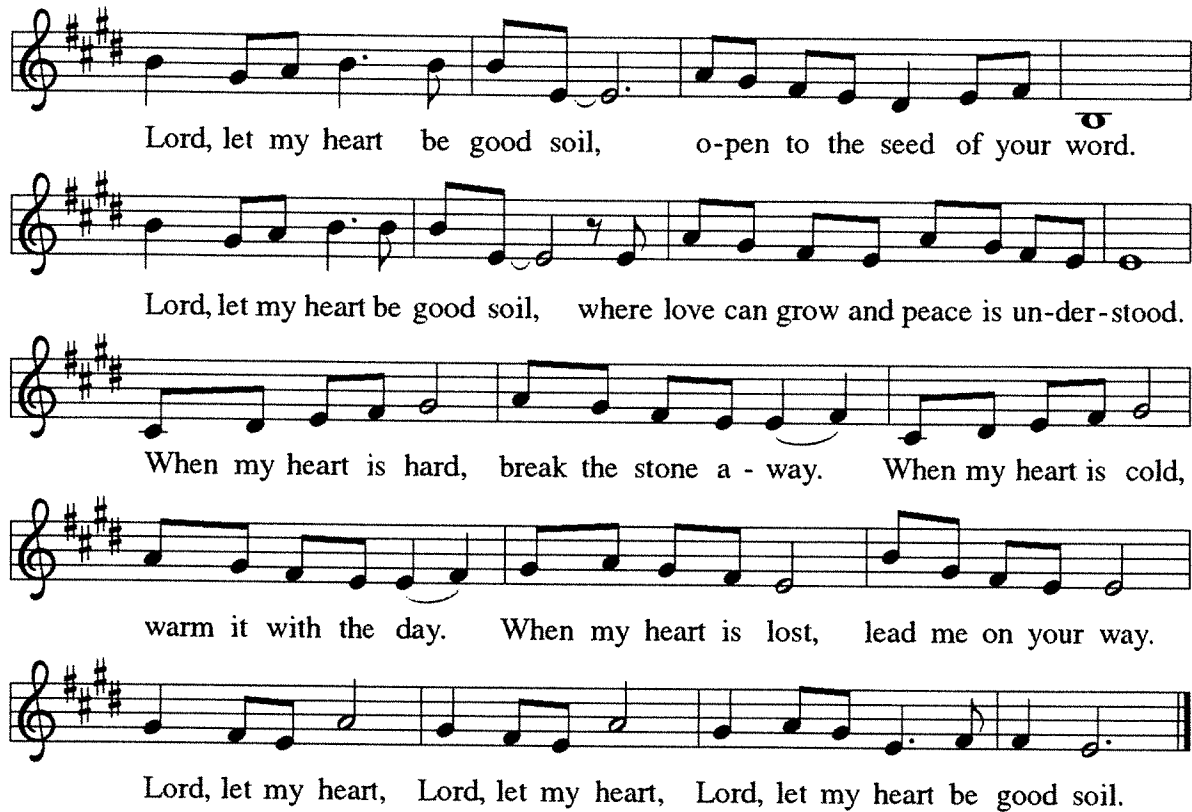
²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil".....ELW 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING MUSIC: "My Heart is Faithful" Kadidlo
 Nikki Walsh**

My heart is steadfast and my life is whole;
 I will sing and make music, Awake, O my soul!
 Have mercy on me, Lord; oh, this is my plea,
 my God who fulfills ev'ry purpose for me.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Awake, harp and lyre! I'll awaken the dawn.
 I will praise you forever, O most holy One.
 I will take shelter, kept under your wing,
 safely protected against everything.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Be exalted, O God, to the heavens above,
 for you send us your faithfulness, mercy and love.
 Show to all nations your marvelous works;
 let your glory be known over all of the earth.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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OFFERTORY: "Create In Me a Clean Heart O God" ELW 186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
 Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION MEDITATION: *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*David Cherwien

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"* ELW 717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
Music: ST. THOMAS. Aaron Williams, 1731-1776
Text © 1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press

DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*Flor Peeters

Announcements:

1. **Congregational Meeting and Vote:**

The Call Committee and Church Council are pleased to announce that a preferred candidate for Associate Pastor has been chosen. We invite all members to attend a Congregational meeting and vote on **September 15th at 11:45 a.m.** to approve the call of an associate pastor to St. John's Lutheran church, Lakeville.

2. **Yoga Class announcement:** due to the Labor Day Holiday class will not be held next week, class will resume on September 11

3. **Altar flowers** today are given by Dave and Lynn Coldren in honor of their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

4. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**

Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am

5. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**

Facilitator: Jackie Knauff

Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next September 3**

Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

6. **Hannah Bible Study Small Group**

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets Wednesday September 4th at 9:00am. Contact Ruth for details.

Where: St. John's

Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

7. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**

Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome! Once/month, 2:00-3:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month, **meets next September 26.**

8. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**

If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.

Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)

Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on September 12.**

Where: Highview Hills

9. During July and August, Pink Envelope designated gifts will support **Global Missions.**

If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering - to support Global Missions, please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Global Missions" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!

10. **More Than Just Lunch** Our trip to the Faribault Woolen Mills in Faribault on the 6th of September will meet at the church at 10:00. The tour is about an hour long. There is no charge for the tour with a discount on any purchases. After the tour we will have lunch at Redemption in Faribault.

October 3rd we will be attending a play at the History Theatre. The production is "Behind the Sun" which is a look back at life in the 50's in Minneapolis. The cost of the tickets is \$30 with payments to be made by the 9th of September. Please make checks payable to Ginger Gustafson. We will meet at the church at 8:45. A restaurant has not been decided yet, suggestions are always welcomed.

11. Looking ahead to the next book club book on **September 11, 1:00pm** where we will be reading "**The Women**" by Kristin Hannah. If anyone is still looking for a book, contact the church office. Sign up here:



12. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next September 16**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

Book Group
Sign-up

13. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's)**. Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

14. Have you downloaded the St. John's app yet? The St. John's App is a great way to access information, give online, access weekly EBC and podcast resources, and more. Download it here:



15. **Children's Choirs Announcement from Malynda Riehle:**
I would like to have a parent/Student meeting on **Wednesday September 11th** at our regular our choir times. This is so we can gather contact information, go over expectations, answer any questions you may have, as well as hand out calendars through January 2025. Please bring your students or anyone interested in singing with us to Mark! I am looking forward to a new year and continuing to learn and grow

and offer our praise!! If you have any questions, please email me at malynda@sjlcl.org.

5:30 for JAM Choir - up to 4th Grade
6:00 for FLY Choir - 5th Grade and up

- 16. **BKB Tanzania Shared Mission Trip Informational Meeting**
St. John's members who are interested in visiting our partner congregation in Muhanga Tanzania are invited to participate in a shared mission trip with Gustavus Adolphus, St. Paul and Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood. The trip is planned for June of 2025 and will be around \$4,000 a person. Fundraising will be planned to help make this opportunity possible for those interested. There will be an informational meeting at Gustavus Adolphus (1669 Arcade St. N, St. Paul) on Sunday September 22 at 12:30pm led by Pastor Ruthie Mhanga. Please talk with people on our global missions committee if you are interested or have any questions.

- 17. **Worship helpers needed**
We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. Some of the more pressing needs are for readers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship.

A **reader** is someone who reads the lesson from the lectern during worship. You can sign up for one of the upcoming openings. We also have paper sign up sheets on the welcome station for these and many more opportunities to serve.

Readers:



A **worship coordinator** works from the welcome desk before worship to be sure all of the volunteers are in place and all of the roles are covered on a Sunday. You might need to step up in case of an opening or, you might need to ask someone to fill a spot.

Worship Coordinators



A **clicker** is someone who uses the remote to advance slides in worship so people can easily follow along with the service. You would need to check in at the sound booth and can sit anywhere in the Sanctuary to advance slides.

Clickers:



Livestream members get the livestream going and keep it functioning in worship. If we get enough helpers, the schedule could rotate between members.

Sound team members run the sound during worship. They work on a rotating schedule so your commitment would be once every 4 to 5 weeks at one of the Sunday services. Stop by the AV booth to ask more details.

If you have additional questions about any of these roles, please contact Candy in the church office or stop by the welcome station to see where you can sign up to help.

Worship Schedule changes NEXT SUNDAY, September 8th!

Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Church Directory Time! SEPTEMBER DATES!

We need **YOU** to make our directory complete! Please help by having your picture taken! Plus, you receive a free directory & a free 8 x 10 portrait just for being photographed!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button.



Enter **mn462** in the "Church Code" field and
Enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field

Online scheduling is **not available Saturday or Sunday** so we can have paper sign-ups at church. *Appointments fill up quickly, so sign up as soon as possible to get the best date and time for you.*

Sign up on the table in the Narthex today!

Please note:

If you are unable to attend in person, there is an option to submit a photo for the directory. There is a fee for submitted photos. If you need this option contact the church office.

