

Every 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. James 1:17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Nine

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

William Stevens

Alleluia. God gave us birth by the word of truth
so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Voluntary in E-flat

George Green

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**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.

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

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 824 This Is My Father's World

TERRA PATRIS

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



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



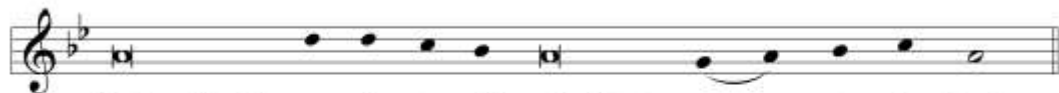
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



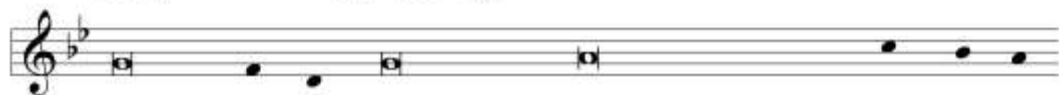
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
God; you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 15



¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the
innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

Every 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. In 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. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore 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. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But 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. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion 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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

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

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.



Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and 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.) So 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?” He 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; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Wollner

SERMON

Pastor Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

EVAN

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

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APOSTLES' CREED (8:30)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) God of Mercy, God of Grace Jerry F. Davidson

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end.
Let thy people praise thee, Lord,
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Savior King;
Let all be below, above,
One in joy, and light, and love.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) Open Thou Mine Eyes John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:
Incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, nought else with thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
According to thy commandments,
In truth of spirit, In reverence of body,
In blessing of lips, In private and public.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



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 un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues with 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff says 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth and final staff concludes with 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'SANCTUS'. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff says 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth and final staff repeats 'san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (*Sung three times*)

TAKE ME AS I AM

HYMN 806 O God, My Faithful God

WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord God, You now have set Your ser - vant free to go in peace
as prom-ised in Your word; my eyes have seen the Sav-ior, Christ the Lord,
pre-pared by You for all the world to see, to shine on na-tions
trapped in dark - est night, the glo - ry of Your peo - ple, and their light.

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN 717 Let Justice Flow like Streams

ST. THOMAS

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

Lauren Key

Acolytes

8:30 David Johnson

11:00 TBD

Crucifers

8:30 Daniel Nolting

11:00 Colleen Crozier

Liturgists

8:30 Bruce Tippet

11:00 Daniele Olsen

Lay Readers

8:30 Elizabeth Chéron

11:00 Lisa Crozier

Communion Assistants

8:30 Dina Almerini and Daniele Olsen

11:00 Clarence and Jean Dixon

Nursery

8:30 Kevin Kooker

11:00 J. K. Curry

Usbers

8:30 Chris Almerini, Rick Brandt,
Paul Meyer and Charlie Schoderbek

11:00 Jim Batts, Lara Carter,
Dave Planitzer and Jack Strandhoy

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 The Reichert Family/Jill Fowler

11:00 Debbie Byorick

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Troutman/Waters/Hartman

Oblation Bearers

8:30

11:00 Gretchen Troutman & Sarah Hartman

Assisting Ministers

8:30 TBD

11:00 TBD

Preaching & Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Providing Service Next Sunday (Single Service)

Bulletin Cover Artist

Abram Richardson

Acolytes

Juliette Levine

Crucifer

Harrison Hickman

Lay Reader

Barbara Caldwell

Communion Assistants

Lisa Crozier and Diane Evans

Nursery

Emily Andrews

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Keith Kooker/Peggy Sturgis

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Kinleys

Oblation Bearer

TBD

Assisting Minister

TBD

Preaching

Vicar Norris

Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of my grandchildren, Adelaide Gray and Casper John Fernbach, by Elisa Fernbach.

We welcome Casper John Fernbach into the Christian Family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Casper is the son of Adam and Jenny Fernbach; and brother to Adelaide Gray. His sponsors are Patrick Fernbach and Kara Noronha.

Flowers on the Altar. Thank you to everyone who contributes the beautiful altar flowers every week. If you are interested in giving flowers as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, call the church office for more information. Available dates are September 9, 30; October 7, 14, 21; November 25; December 16, and 30.

Our Homebound Member is Joyce Kauffman, 3214 Bermuda Village, Advance, NC, 27006. Please send Joyce a note.

J.O.Y. Bus Trip will be leaving promptly at 9:00 A.M. on September 5 from the youth area parking lot on Pilot View Road.

Monday Night Book Study: Please join us on Monday nights from September 10 through November 12 from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. as we review and discuss the book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd floor. For questions or more information, please contact Pastor Lori Carter at the church office (336-722-8144) or at lcarter5158@gmail.com.

Quilt Ministry will be starting the 2018-2019 season beginning September 13 at 10 A.M. You do not need to know how to sew to be a part of this delightful ministry. We meet weekly throughout the school year, with a break for the holidays. Contact Marth Claire Henzler at mcquilt@triad.rr.com or 336-768-4561 with any questions.

The Third Annual Salem Bach Festival will again be coming to Augsburg this year in the form of Vespers on Saturday, September 15, at 7:30 PM. Join us for a festive service of Vespers led by Augsburg choir members and Bach Festival singers and instrumentalists. Music by Bach, Buxtehude, and Mendelssohn will serve as the core of the service. The Festival also offers concerts and services on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Sunday afternoon. See posters around church for more details, or contact Cantor Olsen (cantor.ole@gmail.com).

Lutheran World Relief: It's that time of year where we prepare school and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Bags for the school kits, containing instructions for filling them, will be available outside the Gathering Room, outside the church office, and in the children's Sunday school auditorium. Loose copies of the instruction sheets detailing the items for the personal care kits will also be available at the same locations. Personal care supplies should be rolled up in a bath towel, but not placed in any type of bag. Please return filled bags and personal care kits to drop off boxes at any of the three pick up locations. Collection will continue until mid-October. There are children around the world depending on our generosity.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37.

Worship attendance for services last week: 95 at 8:30; 143 at 11:00; 21 visitors.

Calendar for September 2—September 9

2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship
(Family Life Center)

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

4:00p Crawford/Franklin Wedding

3 Monday

Labor Day Holiday

Office Closed

4 Tuesday

7:00p S.I.S.

1:30p Pastor Paul's Bible Study
(Sid Sowers Classroom)

5 Wednesday

9:00a J.O.Y. Bus Trip

7:15p Adult Choir II
(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)

6 Thursday

7:30a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
(Youth Area)

6:15p Adult Choir I
(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)

8 Saturday

God's Work Our Hands Projects
(Various Locations)

9 Rally Sunday/Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a Rally Sunday
(Gathering Room)

10:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)

12:00p God's Work Our Hands Projects
(Various Locations)

3:45p Music Exploration Class
(Youth Choir Room)

4:15p Jubilate Choir Rehearsal
(Youth Choir Room)

4:45p Lobchor Rehearsal
(Adult Choir Room)

5:45p Youth Group
(Family Life Center)



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