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Genesis 15:5

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

William Stevens

Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Cromorne sur la Taille

François Couperin

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand. 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 418 Rejoice in God's Saints

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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



✠ WORD ✠

ANTHEM Come, All You People

Alexander Gondo

Summer Youth Choir

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

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 O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Carson P. Cooman

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my tired soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller, be.

O Light that follows me all my way, I give my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be!

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord and fill to the brim our cup of
bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

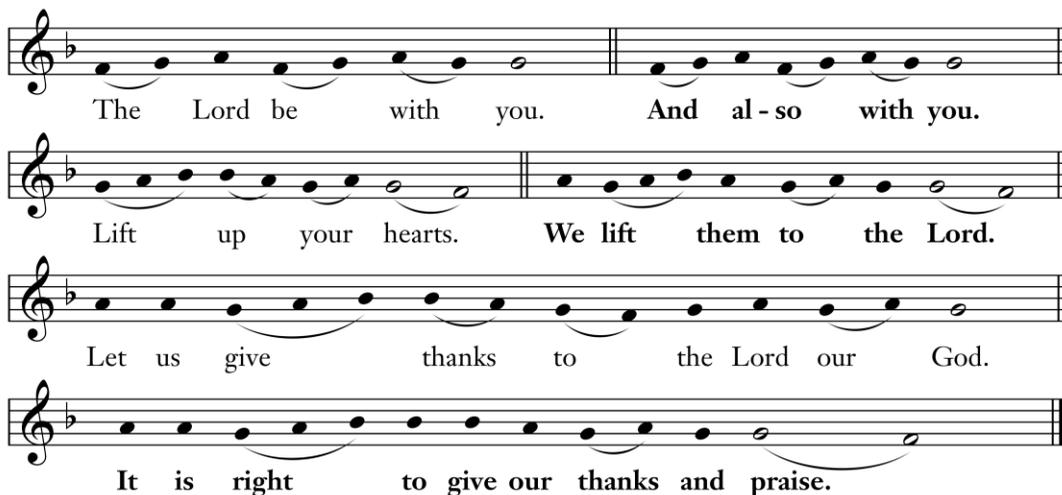
Let us pray.

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.

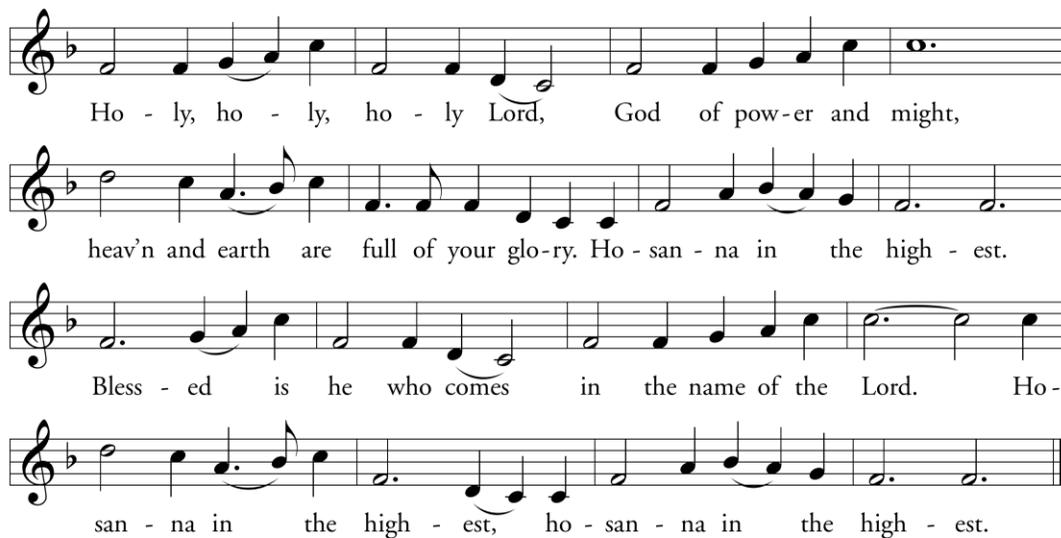
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. 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 771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

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



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy,
strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

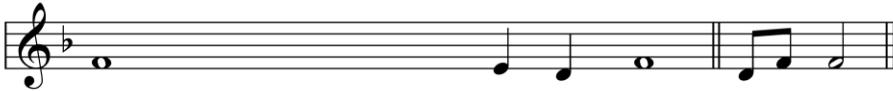
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

(11:00)

GODSPEED to Collins Pritchett as he begins his Youth Adults in Global Mission year.

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. A - men.

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.

SENDING HYMN 436 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fantasy on WACHET AUF

Emma Lou Diemer

Soli Deo Gloria

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Acolytes

8:30 Mia Safrit

11:00 Lucas Bradley

Crucifers

8:30 Juliette Levine

11:00 Mary Rooker

Offering Bearer

Grant Wollner

Lay Readers

8:30 Claire Wynnemer

11:00 Lee McKusick

Communion Assistants

8:30 Shari Dominguez and Mary Jane Hefner

11:00 Linda and Phil Martin

Nursery

8:30 Dana Mulhearn

11:00 Elizabeth Tippet

Usbers

8:30 Chris Almerini and TBD

11:00 Don Eppert, Mark Galchutt,
Pat Holland and Phil Martin

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Sheila Oppel/Voigt Children

11:00 Kathy Carr

Fellowship Breakfast

TBD

Oblation Bearers

8:30 Dave and Deb Grossnickle

11:00 Bruce Griffin and Beth Hickman

Assisting Minister

8:30 John Collins

11:00 Anna Rubino-Schneider

Altar Guild for August

Martha Claire Henzler and Jan Wiles

Preaching & Presiding

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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 and celebration of Randy Rooker's birthday on August 14 by Mary Rooker.

Today we bid Godspeed to Augsburg Disciple Collins Pritchett as he prepares for a year in Senegal as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission. Collins is the son of Mike and Beth Pritchett and the grandson of Clarence and Jean Dixon. We will keep Collins in prayer throughout the year and look forward to hearing his stories when he returns!

Augsburg celebrates and encourages children to worship with their families. Many children engage during worship using Little Lutheran Bags and Children's Bulletins. However, we understand that sometimes children may need a break during the service. For this reason, a nursery is available throughout Sunday mornings. If you are unsure of the location of the nursery, an usher will be happy to show you.

Have a memory like an elephant? Join us TONIGHT for Trivia Night at Augsburg! All ages welcome. Potluck Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Fried chicken, beverages, and desserts will be provided. Please bring side dishes to share.

This week we keep in prayer Mr. Charles White, Vienna Village W-23, 6601 Yadkinville Road, Pfafftown, NC 27040. Please send Charles a note.

Now and continuing through the Fall, Arts at Augsburg will be showing art in the Gathering Room. To start off the series, we will have bulletin covers by Augsburg members and quilts by Martha Claire Henzler and Cathie Cartwright. Over the years our members, from children to professionals, have created hundreds of works of art for the bulletin. The exhibit in August will show just a small selection of covers, with another show possible in the New Year.

It is time for the fall session (September, October, November) of Dinner for Six. Please contact Margee Nolting at margeen@twc.com or 336-940-3404 for more information or to sign up. The deadline to sign up is August 18 in order for groups to be assigned. Dinner for Six is a great way to meet folks from church that you may not know and to get to know your church family better. You share meals at participants' homes or at a local restaurant (going "Dutch"). The hosts contact those in their assigned group and decide a time and place to meet. When meeting in homes the host provides the main course and drinks while the guests bring the appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. The dinners are filled with fine fellowship and food.

S.I.S. will meet for their yearly organizational meeting on 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 3 at the home of Ann Smithwick, 115 Lee Smith Lane, Kernersville, NC. For those wishing to carpool, we will depart from T.J.'s Deli on Country Club Road at 6:30 P.M.

The Quilting Ministry will start back on September 12 at 10:00 A.M. New helpers are needed. Experience is a plus, but not required. This ministry meets every Thursday morning in the youth area from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Claire Henzler at 336-768-4561 or mcquilt@triad.rr.com.

Join Augsburg's JOY Group on September 18 for a day trip to the Booker T. Washington Memorial and lunch cruise on Smith Mountain Lake. We will travel via motor coach and begin boarding the bus at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 18 and return at 6:15 P.M. We'll enjoy a private guided tour with park rangers at the Booker T. Washington Park followed by a private lunch cruise leaving the Virginia Dare Marina on Smith Mountain Lake. Cost is \$50 per person, please make checks payable to Augsburg, reservation list being maintained in the church office. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Linda Maynard-Stephens at 336-978-2801 or lmaynard4637@gmail.com.

The Women's Ministry Team will be hosting a Fall Book Read discussion on Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 P.M. in the Gathering Room. The book will be *Love Without Limits* by Jacqueline Bussie. Please bring refreshments to share.

Are your emails from Augsburg getting lost in cyberspace? To help ensure that you are receiving Augsburg emails sent from Flocknote or Realm, please add the following addresses to your contacts or address book: mail@flocknote.com and notifications@onrealmmail.org. If you are still not receiving email after adding these addresses, please contact Michaelene. She will contact technical support.

Lutheran World Relief: Children locally and around the world use lots of school supplies during the year and oftentimes families are not able to provide them. Schools, teachers, families and children depend on the generosity of others for needed supplies. For the past 20 years, we have been preparing school and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief to distribute to schools around the world and we will do it again this year. With school supplies already hitting the shelves, now is a great time to do some shopping. The bags and instructions for filling with school supplies can be found in 3 locations around our church and once they are filled, this is also where you will drop off your bag of school supplies and personal care kits: inside the Gathering Room, outside the Church Office on the bookshelf and in the children's Sunday School auditorium. The personal care supplies are to be rolled up in a bath towel, but not placed in any type of bag. Our collection will continue through mid-September.

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

Worship attendance for services last week: 79 at 8:30; **135** at 11:00; **11** visitors.

Calendar for August 11–August 18

11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship
(Family Life Center)
10:00a **Meeting with Principal Manning
of Lowrance School
(Family Life Center)**
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Summer Youth Choir
(Sunday School Area)
11:00a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
6:00p Trivia Night at Augsburg
(Family Life Center)

12 Monday

- 6:00p Continue in My Word
(Youth Area)

13 Tuesday

- 10:30a Mary's Ministries
(Lounge)
2:00p Pastor Paul's Bible Study
(Sid Sower's Classroom)
6:30p Stephen Ministries
(Youth Area)
7:00p Wingz

15 Thursday

- 6:00p Finance Team Meeting
(Covenant Classroom)
7:30p Council Meeting
(Youth Area)

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