



September 1, 2024 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

The Holy Gospel for today is about why the dietary laws never saved anyone and is a warning about what we think or say. The Old Testament Reading provides a warning against not passing on the teachings to the next generation. The Good News of the Gospel is most clearly found in the Epistle, which clearly tells us to rely on the armor God provides, not ourselves, so that we can stand up in this evil age. That is what we will do in worship today, asking God's help as we get ready for battle in the coming week.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 500 "Creator Spirit by Whose Aid" vs. 1, 2, & 3

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

All: **We confess, O Lord, that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Our own attempts at change will leave the stain of our previous sins. Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone. We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" vs 4

Immortal honor, endless fame Attend the almighty Father's name; The Savior Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died; To You, O Paraclete, we raise Unending songs of thanks and praise.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us, and help us know Your gracious forgiveness.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy on us, and calm the hearts of those oppressed by sin.**
 Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy on us and on all who call out to You in faith.**
 Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy on us, and grant that Your peace permeate the lives of all who hear the Gospel in this place.**
 Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast (*Words and music in hymnal LSB page 155*)

Refrain (*Song begins with the refrain.*)

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

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo -ple of God.**
(*Refrain*)
2. **Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.**
(*Refrain*)
3. **Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a - tion:** (*Stanza 4*)
4. **Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for – ev - er. A - men.**
(*Refrain*)
5. **For the Lamb who was slain has be – gun His reign. Al – le –lu – ia.** (*Refrain*)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you**
 Pastor: Let us pray.
 O God, the source of all that is just and good,
People: **nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works;**
 Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6-9 (*Through Moses, God calls the Israelites to hear, follow, and teach His Word to their chkdren.*)

¹Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? ⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 (*Paul urges us to put on the full armor of God.*)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-23 (*Having been challenged because his disciples were eating with unwashed hands, Jesus talks about what defiles a person.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." ¹⁶ ¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

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

Hymn: LSB 664 "Fight the Good Fight"

Sermon: Ephesians 6:10-20 "Ready for Battle"

Nicene Creed:

All: 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.

Prayers

Offerings

Communion confession

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess: (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-32)

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (*Augsburg Confession-Article X*)

Communion Liturgy

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.

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: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*Words and music in hymnal LSB page 161*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have given us Your only-begotten Son. With joy we received the salvation accomplished for us by His cross-borne sacrifice on our behalf. By His death He paid for all our sins, and by His rising has assured us of a place with You for eternity. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood according to His own testament.

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.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God" (*Words and music in the hymnal LSB page 163*)

All: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
LSB 662 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Thank the Lord (*Words and music in hymnal LSB page 164*)

All: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgivings.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

All: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. And we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.
Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 660 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families
Good Shepherd, Carthage - Rev. Silas Mehl

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

The family of Bob Hess on his passing August 28th. Arrangements have not been made as yet.

Prayers for Health and Healing:

Complete Prayer List:

Temporary

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)
 Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
 Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)
 Kathy Browne – (Friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)
 Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)
 Lois Gaddy - (Friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
 Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)
 Wendy Koenig – (Friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)
 Gary Lampe– (Pastor's brother - health and healing)
 Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Tabatha Packwood - (health & healing)
 Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – recovery from surgery)
 Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)
 Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)
 Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
 Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)
 Bill Thompson – (health and healing)
 Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)
 Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)
 Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

Long Term

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health and healing, cancer)
 Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health and healing)
 Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health and healing)
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
 Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health and healing from cancer)
 Jane Goodman – (Health and healing)
 Ben Schumacher – (Peace and comfort from Parkinson's disease)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)
 Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
 Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)
 Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health and healing)
 Ruth Stoddard – (health and healing)
 Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing, cancer)
 Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health & healing)
 Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health and healing, cancer)
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Sept. 1st	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service with Communion
Monday	Sept. 2nd	Labor Day NO Braille
Wednesday	Sept. 4th	Pastor in Office NO Bible Study
Thursday	Sept. 5th	Pastor in Office
Saturday	Sept. 7th	Trinity Lutheran Church 150 yr. Celebrations
Sunday	Sept. 8th	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service with Brett Arrasmith 11:30 am – Freistatt Lunch

Monday

Sept. 9th

NO Braille

Ladies LWML in Freistatt - 1:30

Birthdays: Emily Ernest-Sept. 6; Faith Wright-Sept. 7; Byron Martin-Sept. 8
Anniversaries: Robert & Beverly Hess-Sept. 3

September

GREETERS:

01-Stan & Sharon Crandall
08-Bill & Diane Thompson
15-Bill & Cathy Munden
22-Charlie & Edee Chambers
29-Bill & Joanne Michel

USHERS:

01-David Lampe
08-Charlie Chambers
15-Rob Springer
22-Bill Michel
29-Matt Miller



September Newsletter & Calendar are now in your mail box.

Elders & Council Meetings are changed from Sept. 19th to Sept. 12th (same time).

Thank you note from Family of Sally Lynn on bulletin board.

Our Mid-Week Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. The title for the course is: *The Case for Heaven (and Hell)*. One of the goals from our Planning Session this spring was to help or equip people to defend our faith in today's culture. This five session course can help us in this regard. Each lesson will begin with a video introduction by Lee Strobel. The course will seek to help us get beyond misconceptions about heaven and hell and into what the Bible really says about the afterlife that awaits us. Everyone is invited to attend whether you are new to Bible Study or a long-time student of the Scriptures.



News & Updates: The SLHS Launch Team is hard at work behind-the-scenes! In August, we: Had great conversations with Trinity's Council about the possibility of leasing space at Trinity for Springfield Lutheran High School. We are so grateful to be able to discuss this request with their congregation at a special voter's meeting on September 15th!

Launched our social media presence; be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @SpringfieldLutheranHighSchool!

Made great progress on drafting our formation documents to obtain our 501(c)(3) status.

Developed marketing materials and are preparing for our upcoming September 19 event.

Began drafting preliminary budget projections and determining initial fundraising needs.

How You Can Help:

Continue spreading the word about our upcoming event! On Thursday, September 19, at 6 PM you're invited to join us in the SLS gym (2852 S. Dayton Ave., Springfield) for in-person updates about the high school. This event is open to all who are curious and eager to learn more about Springfield Lutheran High School. Based on enrollment interest generated at this meeting, we'll set our launch date for either Fall 2025 or Fall 2026.

Prayer Requests:

For God to continue to go before us as we seek to secure a facility for the high school.

For all the details to come together for the September 19th event, including getting the word out to as many people as possible.

For the subcommittee members working on developing our governance structure.

For volunteers, donors, and staff to help launch the high school. Many have prayed for years to have a Lutheran high school in Southwest Missouri, and we believe the time is now! We look forward to continuing to share regular updates moving forward. If you have any questions, comments, recommendations, or ideas, please send them our way at info@springfieldlutheranhs.org. Thanks again for your support! SLHS Planning Team