



## September 21, 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### AS WE GATHER

If you read through all three of our readings this morning, you may notice a theme: They are all challenging. But of the three, the epistle takes the cake. In 1 Timothy 2:9-15, Paul talks specifically to and about women. But he speaks in ways we in 21<sup>st</sup> century America are not used to. These verses raise lots of questions: “What’s wrong with jewelry?” “What does Paul mean by ‘remain quiet’?” “What does it mean for her to be ‘submissive’?” “Why does he mention Adam and Eve?” and perhaps you can think of even more questions or concerns. We cannot possibly address **all** of these questions and concerns in our sermon this morning. But if you want to discuss them more today, feel free to find Pastor Heitshusen after service this morning. We also just began going through Colossians in Sunday morning Bible class. When we reach Colossians 3:18-19, we will pause to discuss the overarching topic of men and women more in depth, which will include this passage in 1 Timothy and will address many of these questions. For our sermon this morning, we will focus specifically on the question of Adam and Eve and how that relates to us. As we sort it out, we remember the simple truth: Jesus Christ has redeemed men and women – has redeemed you and me – and purchased and won us from all sins, death, and the power of the devil (see *Luther’s Small Catechism*, 2<sup>nd</sup> article of the Creed). To God be the glory.

**HYMN**            *LSB 869, “With the Lord Begin Your Task”*

### INVOCATION

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

**People:**        **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION    *Gen. 1:27; Eph. 5:22-33.*

**Pastor:**        In the beginning, God established the Order of Creation.

**People:**        **“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”**

**Pastor:**        God created man and woman with different roles and responsibilities.

**People:**        **Adam was the head, Eve the helper.**

**Pastor:**        This does not mean that one is lesser than the other, nor does it mean that one can lord it over the other.

**People:**        **Rather, both are valuable and bring their own unique gifts to their specific roles and responsibilities. They complement each other.**

**Pastor:**        Husbands are told to love their wives,

**People:**        **just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.**

**Pastor:**        Wives are told to submit to their husbands,

**People:**        **just as the church submits to Christ.**

**Pastor:**        This morning, we confess before God that we do not always live within His ordering of creation.

**People:**        **We confess that we ignore it or live as if it does not matter.**

**Pastor:**        We confess that, rather than take on our role and responsibility as a man or a woman,

**People:**        **we instead shrink back from our roles and responsibilities.**

**Pastor:**        Along with these sins, we also confess all other sins which may burden our consciences at this time. We take a moment of silence to make these and any other confessions before our gracious Father.

Pastor: We confess together:  
**All: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God desires all people to be saved. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for *you*, and for His sake God 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. Go in peace and joy!

**People: Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This is the Feast" (Music and words in hymnal, LSB 155)*

**All: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
*Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation; Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.** *Final Refrain*

#### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we 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.

**People: Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Amos 8:4–7 (The Lord does not forget dishonesty toward the poor.)*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" <sup>7</sup> The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE** *1 Timothy 2:1–15 (God desires all people to be saved.)*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For 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. <sup>8</sup> I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup> likewise 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, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a

transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

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

**VERSE** 1 Timothy 2:5–6a

**All:** **Alleluia. 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.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 16:1–15 (The parable of the dishonest manager.)

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

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

<sup>1</sup> He 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. <sup>2</sup> And 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.’ <sup>3</sup> And 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. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then 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.’ <sup>8</sup> The 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. <sup>9</sup> And 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. <sup>10</sup> “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. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No 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.” <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LSB 563, “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

**SERMON** “God Created them Man and Woman”

**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.

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### THE 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:

People: **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is truly 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)*

### PREFACE

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 208)*

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His

cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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."

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD** *(Music and words in hymnal, LSB 210)*

**All: 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*LSB 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

*LSB 637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*

*LSB 861, "Christ Be My Leader"*

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICAL** *LSB 632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"*

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Service of the Sacrament taken from Divine Service Setting 4.



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**Family for the Week:**      **Glenda Enlow**  
**St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell**

**Jacquelyn Zimmer - (friend of Charlie & Edee Chambers – health and healing from cancer)**

**Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing from pneumonia)**

**Jason Ernest – (Emily Ernest's father - health and healing from surgery)**

### Complete Prayer List:

Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)  
 Pat Brizzo – (friend of Grace – health and healing)  
 Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)  
 Mary Ann Campbell – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
 Shane Cantrell – (Edith Chambers’ nephew – health and healing)  
 Bonny Gray – (Sister of Cunthia Swoyer[Wolf]–health and healing)  
 Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)

Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)  
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Mitzie Lorenz – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Jeepier Meyer – health and healing from cancer)  
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Life – health and healing)  
Tim Tucek – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
 Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
 Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)  
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)  
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)  
 Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)  
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service with Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study - 5:30 pm</b>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Elders - 10:00 am</b> <b>Council - 11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am – Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille – 9:00 am and 1:00 pm</b>

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**Birthdays:** Vaughn Bowling-Sept. 24  
**Anniversaries:** None

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<b>September</b>	
<b>21-Bill &amp; Joanne Michel</b>	<b>21-Bill Michel</b>
28-Charlie & Edee Chambers	28-Harold Lampe

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**Synod Convention:** The convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be held in Phoenix, AZ, from July 18-23, 2026. We need to nominate a lay person to be put into the running to be a lay delegate to the convention. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please see Pastor Heitshusen.

**Circuit Forum:** Related to the convention, on September 28, 2025, the Southwest Circuit will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Carthage, MO, at 4:00 pm for a worship service and to vote on pastoral and lay delegates for the Synod convention. If you would like to join Pastor Heitshusen for this service and to vote, please let Pastor Heitshusen know as soon as possible. All are welcome to come.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Our Wednesday evening Bible class began on Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 pm. We welcome any feedback you may have about the timing, and in our first session we will discuss whether that time will work moving forward.

**LWML will meet October 6, 2025,** at 1:30 in Trinity Chapel. Our program will be in two parts. Part One will include a report on the youth trip to New Orleans. Part Two will be a reflection on the life of Martin Luther. Please join us.

**Authentic German Meal - presented by Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistatt – Saturday, October 18,** with pre-purchased tickets only. The meal and take-out service is from the Fellowship Hall. Adults \$18 and Kids \$9. Call 417-235-5931 to purchase by October 6. Tickets will be very limited on the day of the event.