

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



*“Surely the Lord is in this place,
and I was not aware of it.”*

Genesis 28:16



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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20th & 21st, 2025

The Season

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons cover a great body of doctrine for faith and life.

The Sunday

The life of faith is one of true humility. But it is humility rendered by faith in the promise of God that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted.

Prayer

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dennis Lemke

Organist: Laura Schulz

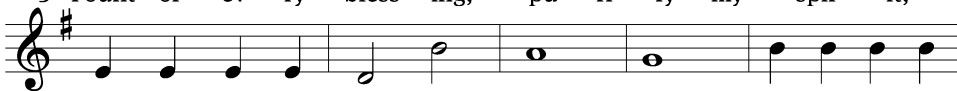
God Himself Is Present

CW 917

Stand for the 3rd stanza



- 1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
- 2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
- 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
 an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise

is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
 rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

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

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria (Brit) - AURELIA

CW 1015

Tune: AURELIA



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6–7

Sinful pride can be one's undoing. Better is humility in the presence of the king than humiliation in his court.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blest Are Those Who Love You

Psalm 128C

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation

Refrain



Tone



Blessed are all who / fear the Lord,
who walk in obedi- / ence to him.
You will eat the fruit of your / labor;
blessings and prosperity / will be yours.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- / in your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your / table. Refrain
Yes, this will be the / blessing
for the man who / fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from / Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days / of your life.
May you live to see your children's / children—
peace be on / Israel.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1–8

Since we have known the mercy of the King, we cannot help but reflect humble service of the King's Son in our daily lives.

¹Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 6:33

Alleluia!

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Humble service to the citizens of his kingdom is a display of humble service to the King.

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

On Eagle’s Wings

CW 821 sts. 1, Ref, 2-3, Final Refrain

Verse

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: “My
ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der his wings your ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

Verse

3 For to his an-gels he's giv - en a com-mand to guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-against a stone.

Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Sermon

Genesis 28:16 Don't Forget God's Loving Presence!

¹⁶When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering: God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



His Mercy Is More

CW 579

1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;

Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.

thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;

our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!

Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our

sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CW 697

1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our
earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.
still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian
chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit wels.net/family-devotions to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at welscongregationalseivices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

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Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed for Painting at the School: On Saturday, **October 4th**, we will be having a painting day **at school beginning at 9 am** and running until the work is done or everyone wants to go home. We would really appreciate having as many people as possible come to help out, as many hands make light the labor. If you have paint brushes, rollers, or any other painting supplies, please bring them with you to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone. It would also be helpful if you have a step stool or small ladder to bring that with you as well. Thank you in advance!

LWMS Rally: Mark your calendars for this year's LWMS Rally on Saturday, October 4th at Crown of Life in Hubertus, 1292 Tally Ho Trail, Hubertus, WI 53033. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the rally running from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Pastor Nathan Schulte who will be presenting on recent missionary work in Latin America. The rally will also serve to support the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend by collecting donations of non-perishable food items.

LWMS Volunteers: Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of their work. A talent survey for interested members is attached to this

edition of Prescription Notes. A basket will be available in the back of church for you to return your completed survey.

Ushers: We are seeking to repopulate the usher teams as we move into the new church. Special emphasis will be having our ushers serve as greeters before and after the services. Couples and family groups are especially invited to participate. You would serve one service per month on average. If you are interested, contact Mike Baumann, our leadership team member focusing on worship. His contact info is, Email: mbaumann@societymortgage.com, Phone: (414) 217-9028

MLC Open Positions: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time **Director of Marketing & Communications** and a part-time **Men's Assistant Basketball Coach**. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Pew Removal: Pews are set to be removed following the 9:30 am service on November 9 (or the last day in the old church if it changes). If anyone is interested in a pew contact Kevin Scheunemann at kewaskumdq@gmail.com. We are asking that you be responsible for arranging your pick up that day. Anyone that would be able to help with removal call or text Curtis Koth (262)305-5591. If you are interested in anything else that will not be moving to the new church call Curtis Koth. Items will be dealt with on a first-come basis.

Banners & Stoles for New Church: To furnish our new church we will need some new banners and stoles. We will be able to reuse some of the banners from the old church, but we need additional new banners so that we have them for every season of the church year. Banner stands will be needed to display the banners. We would like to purchase new stoles for the various seasons of the church year as well. Total cost for these items would be around \$4-5,000. If you would like to donate, place your donation in an envelope labeled "Banners and Stoles" and deposit in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Micah Yttri 9/22
Charles Boegel 9/24
Micah Peck 9/24

Gertrude Backus 9/25
Brett Lauters 9/26
Thomas Olewinski 9/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin & Sandra Kempf 9/21
Harry & Jody Krueger 9/23
Josh & Whitney Maxwell 9/23

Calendar

Readings for Sep. 21st - Sep. 28th 2025

Sunday SEP 21 <i>Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15, 16</i> <i>1 Timothy 4:1-16</i> Worship - 8:00 am Sunday School - 9:15 am NO BIBLE HOUR Worship - 10:30 am	Monday SEP 22 <i>Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18</i> <i>Ezra 1:1-10:19</i> <i>1 Timothy 5:1-16</i>	Tuesday SEP 23 <i>Nehemiah 9:1-21</i> <i>1 Timothy 5:17-6:2</i> Bible Study - 6:30 pm	Wednesday SEP 24 <i>Nehemiah 9:22-38</i> <i>Nehemiah 10:1-13:31</i> <i>1 Timothy 6:3-21</i> Catechism - 3:30 pm
Thursday SEP 25 <i>Malachi 1:1-14</i> <i>Matthew 3:1-17</i> Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am Bible Study - 10:00 am	Friday SEP 26 <i>Malachi 2:1-3:5</i> <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	Saturday SEP 27 <i>Malachi 3:6-4:6</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-25</i> Worship w/ Communion - 6:00 pm	Sunday SEP 28 <i>Deuteronomy 1:1-18</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-20</i> Worship w/ Communion - 8 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Bible Hour - 9:15 am Worship w/ Communion - 10:30 am

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