# FIFTEENTH Sunday After Pentecost

# JUSTIFICATION by faith Alone

So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:16

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#### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### The Season

In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ—his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ.

#### The Sunday

God wants the people of his church to be willing to say hard things to people when that is what is necessary to save them. Warning against sin is not easy. It upsets people, even offends them. But saying hard things is the loving thing to do when it is a matter of eternal life and death.

#### The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

#### **Prayer before Worship**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

#### Serving in Worship

| Presiding Minister: | Pastor Timothy Henning        | Organist: | Coralee Henning |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Ushers:             | Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)    |           |                 |
|                     | Henry Schacht (8 am Sunday)   |           |                 |
|                     | Doug Strack (10:30 am Sunday) |           |                 |

#### Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 



#### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

#### Silence for meditation and reflection

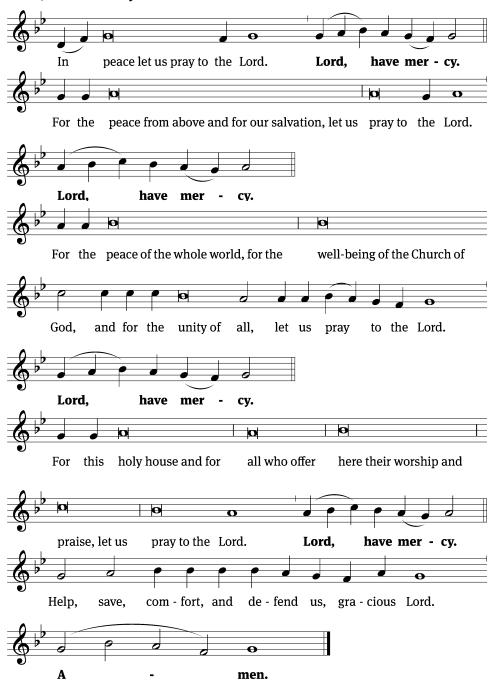
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



#### Lord, Have Mercy

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Glory to God in the Highest

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## The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Be seated

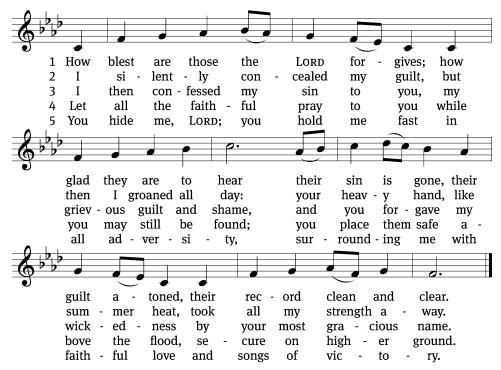
#### **First Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7–11

<sup>7"</sup>Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>"Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  **How Blest Are Those** 



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#### Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

<sup>11</sup>When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

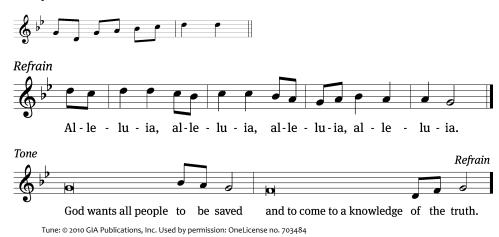
<sup>14</sup>When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?

<sup>15</sup>"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup>know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Timothy 2:4



#### Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup>But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

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

Be seated

#### **Children's Sermon**

**Jesus Sinners Does Receive** 



- Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression, it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion, for these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.
- Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted.
  Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted.
  Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven. And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

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#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

#### Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

#### Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

#### Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

#### Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

#### Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

#### Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

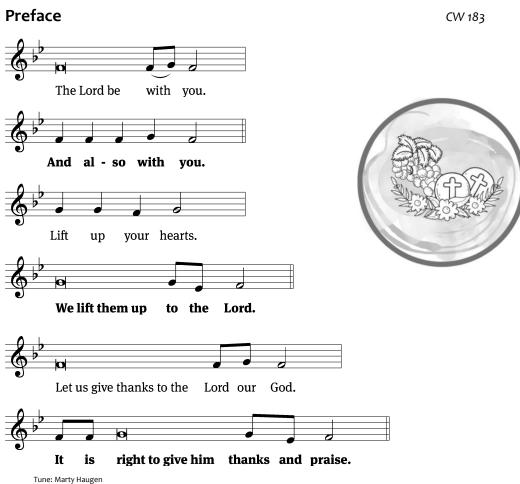
#### Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. **In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

# The Sacrament

Stand



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy CW 184 Ho - ly, God of ho - ly, ho Lord, ly pow - er, of your God of might. Heav-en and earth full are glo - ry. Ho - san na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who the of the comes in name 0 Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho d 0 in the high est! san na

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.



#### Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 



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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.** 

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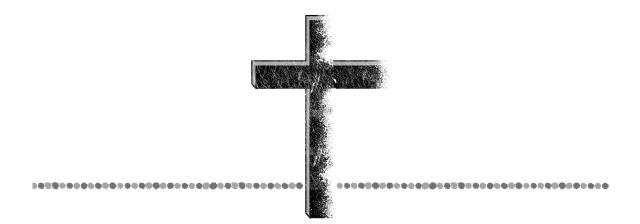
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.** 

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.** 

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.** 



### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



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#### Announcements

#### A Big Thank You from Mrs. Deb Burt:

Members of St. Lucas,

Rich and I would like to thank you for the meal you provided for my installation. That was very thoughtful of you. Also, thank you for making us feel welcome as we join your St. Lucas family.

Sincerely, Deb and Rich Burt

**LWMS Circuit Rally:** St. Lucas will be hosting a Circuit Rally on October 7<sup>th</sup> for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Rallies are semi-annual gatherings in which mission-minded women come together to encourage one another in spiritual growth and mission awareness. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and join with sisters (and brothers) in Christ for worship, fellowship, and to learn about missions at home and around the world.

The rally will aim to focus support on the home, joint, and world missions projects represented in the Home & World Missions Projects booklet. This allows our time, treasures, and talents to directly support WELS Missions in reaching lost souls with the precious gospel message.

During next week's services, the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, There will be a **donation box** located at the back of church to collect donations for these missions. Please consider making a donation for this beautiful cause. Checks can be made out to Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

The rally committee would also like to reach out for help with supplying some of the food items for the rally. There will be a signup sheet at the back of church next week where you may signup to donate needed food items if you would like to help.

**Usher Schedules & Altar Guild:** The updated usher and altar guild schedules are now available and will be at the back of church for you to pick up at your convenience.

**Volleyball Coach Needed:** St. Lucas school is still looking to fill the position of volleyball coach. The season can start after Aug. 23 and goes for about 6 weeks into the first week of October. Games are on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00. Practices are on Tuesdays, typically after school but can be changed if needed. If interested in the position, please contact Mrs. Trimmer as soon as

possible. jtrimmer@stlucaswels.org

Bible Study: Beginning this weekend we will resume our regular Bible studies as follows:

• <u>SUNDAYS</u> (beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>) <u>at 9:15 am</u> – we will resume the study of the Letter of James:

Often we are tempted to say that it is not really important what we believe but that we do good for others. Others try to pull us in the opposite direction: it is not what we do that counts but only that we believe the right things. James in his epistle sets the record straight.

• <u>TUESDAYS at 6:30 pm</u> (beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>) and <u>THURSDAYS at 10 am</u> (beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>) we will begin a study of Isaiah:

Isaiah's prophecy has been called "The Fifth Gospel." Many of his passages sound familiar to us. But do we understand them in their context or the prophet who recorded them? This study will not only help you understand Isaiah's greatest one-liners, but also his greater message.

• THURSDAYS at 7:45 am: Fuel for Moms

Come when you can, stay as you are able, for a casual discussion of Biblical topics. Bring your children along.

**Catechism Instruction:** Catechism for 6th-8th grade will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

**Keys Run:** We e are happy to support our local community by partnering with the KEYS Run, from the KEYS Scholarship organization. The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Keys Scholarship fun run/walk will be

held at Kewaskum High School on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11 am. KEYS, Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 1985 to accept contributions to provide scholarships for Kewaskum High School graduates. For more information, or to register for the run/walk, please visit us at us at <u>Keys-Scholarships.org</u> or scan the QR code to register and secure your spot.



#### **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Devon Berndt – 9/10 Jana Baumann – 9/10 Emily Huiras – 9/11 Ronald Kuhfuss – 9/11 Henry Stoffel – 9/11 Tammy Kral – 9/11 Elliot Shambeau – 9/13 Logan Landvatter – 6/14 Nancy Dreher – 9/16

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Howard & Cindy Hackbarth – 9/13 Lucas & Holly Reindl – 9/15

#### Calendar

*Readings for September* 10<sup>th</sup> – *September* 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

| SUNDAY  |    | MONDAY   |           | TUESDAY   |   |  |
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| 10         2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29         2 Kings 13:1-18:8         Philippians 2:12-30         *Worship w/Communion 8am         Sunday School 9:15 am         Bible Hour 9:15 am         *Worship w/Communion         10         10         2 Kings 0:1-13; 10:18-29         2 Kings 13:1-18:8         Philippians 2:12-30 |    | 1<br>2 Chronicles 29:1-24<br>Philippians 3:1-21  | <b>11</b> | 2 Chronicles 31:1-21<br>Philippians 4:1-23<br>Bible Study 6:30 pm |   | 12   |
| WEDNESDAY   |    | THURSDAY   |           | FRIDAY  |   |  |
| 2 Chronicles 32:1-22<br>Hosea 1:1-14:9<br>Colossians 1:1-23   | 13 | 2 Chronicles 33:1-25<br>Jonah 1:1-4:11<br>Colossians 1:24-2:7<br>Fuel for Moms 7:45 am<br>Bible Study 10 am                                    | · · ·     | 2 Chronicles 34:1-4<br>Nahum 1:1-3:19<br>Colossians 2:8-23        | , 8-11, 14-33   | <b>15</b>                                      |
| SATURDAY  |    | SUNDAY   |           | UPCOMIN   |   | c  |
| 16<br>2 Chronicles 35:1-7, 16-25<br>Zephaniah 1;1-3:20<br>Colossians 3:1-25<br>*Worship 6pm   |    | 2 Chronicles 36:1-23<br>Philemon 1-25<br>Colossians 4:1-18<br>*Worship 8am<br>Sunday School 9:15 am<br>Bible Hour 9:15 am<br>*Worship 10:30 am | <b>17</b> | Saturday 9/16:<br>Sunday 9/17:<br>Saturday 9/23:<br>Sunday 9/24:  | Butzke<br>Kempf<br>Koch<br>Peters<br>Stoltz<br>Wolter | 6pm<br>8am<br>10:30am<br>6pm<br>8am<br>10:30am |

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