

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.



HYMNS for TODAY’S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn: Praise the Almighty 797
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Mitchell, her grandson, Jacob Austin Howell, died tragically
Ingrid Umland, Astrid, her sister, has fallen asleep in Christ
Pat Townsend, recovering from heart surgery
Susan Jay, recovering from orthopedic neck surgery
David Bates, has begun radiation treatments for prostate cancer
Jason Crowley, nephew of Thomas Crowley, diagnosed with multiple myeloma.
Diane Ronchetto, coping with pain in her knees
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico.
Shut-ins: Elsie Albanese, Don Krahn, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette,
 Gloria Paulus, Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering

Thank You Dwayne and Rebecca

Thanks go out to the Mugiishis for opening their home for a potluck/pool party. It was a fantastic afternoon! The pool was refreshing, the food was fabulous and the company was delightful! And Dwayne was a superhero for “taking care” of that rattlesnake.



SERVANTS for THIS WEEK

SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK

Crucifer	Samuel Lombardo	Hayden Hinkleman
Acolytes	Dominick Vasquez & Josh Hoffmann	Samuel Lombardo & Emma Hansen
Altar	Tammy Hathaway	Margaret Nowak
Elders	David Alder	Tom Crowley
Finance	Lucy Becker & Roger Lowecke	John Hinkleman, Jr & Joe Vasquez
Flowers		David & Labbecca Wills
Ushers	Chris Blank & Dwayne Mugiishi	Chris Blank & Dwayne Mugiishi

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	.....	Divine Service
	10:30 AM	.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Classes
WEDNESDAY	9:30 AM	.....	Adult Bible Study
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	.....	Elders Meeting
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	.....	Adult Bible Study



TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)

Lesson 3: "The Seeing Sign" is the title for this week's lesson. When Jesus encounters a man born blind, His disciples wrongly assume the man's sin or his parents' sin is the cause of the blindness. Jesus corrects their assumption, telling them the man's blindness was so the works of God might be displayed in him. Sight restored, the man and then his parents find themselves before the Pharisees, who try to claim the man was never blind. When the man asserts the truth of his healing, the Pharisees cast him out. Encountering Jesus once again, the man confesses his faith I the Son of Man.

Life Chain -- Pro-Life Event in Downtown Redlands

October 2nd, from 2:00 -- 3:30 there will be a Life event at the corner of Orange Street and Redlands Blvd. Chaplain Mike Ballinger, who serves at Plymouth Village Retirement Community, has been the driving force behind this demonstration for many years. A number of the saints from CTK have participated in years past and more are invited to this year's endeavor. Signs will be provided -- tasteful, positive, honest signs. Please, let's have a contingent of Lutherans on the streets of Redlands making our position on life visible.

Men's Night

The gentlemen and young lads are invited to a men's night of worship and discussion.

This monthly event will begin with Vespers in the church, followed by dessert, discussion, and horsing around (corn hole bean bag toss).

This will be a time of divine refreshment, masculine camaraderie, and the result will be men focused on what it means to follow Christ in a world that is increasingly wayward. All are invited. All are welcome. All will be blessed.

Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

You are promised to walk through your own door by 8:30.

*Installation of Officers and
Board Members
2022-2023
September 25th
during the Divine Service.*



THE READINGS



Amos 8:4-7

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

1 Timothy 2:1-15

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ 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.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness--with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing--if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Luke 16:1-15

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. ² 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.'³ 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. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the

first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ 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.' ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ "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. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ 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."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ 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."



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The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, “*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “*that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “*without anger or quarreling,*” but “*adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control*” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “*the poor of the land*” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “*For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God*” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “*before men,*” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “*not strong enough to dig,*” and we are “*ashamed to beg*” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “*eternal dwellings*” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “*the sons of this world*” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “Prayer of the Church”?

The Prayer of the Church (or the “Prayers”) is the time of the service when the pastor leads the congregation in a series of petitions, or prayers. Each prayer is introduced by a “bid,” an invitation to the congregation to join in each of these prayers. The bid is not part of the prayer, but it gathers the congregation’s thoughts together and directs them toward the specific petitions and thanksgivings that we are about to pray.

Why is this so important?

Do you know anyone who needs God’s care? During the Prayers, we pray for all the people of our congregation, particularly those who are sick and shut-in. We also pray for our government, for all believers and many others. No wonder it is called the Prayer of the Church!



Parents:

Before the Divine Service, remind your children to pay close attention to the words of the prayers. Encourage them to concentrate along with the rest of the congregation. Try using bids in your family prayers.





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Luke 16:13

