



CHAIN REACTIONS

The 15th Sunday After the Pentecost

*Preaching and teaching the truth to
His expanding kingdom, reaching
out to all!*

September 1, 2024

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**The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
(September 1, 2024)**

Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

Confession and Absolution

Stand

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly**

deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:129–136

PE

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

**¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.**

¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

**¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that taketh away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke 2:14;
John 1:29]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
O God, the source of all that is just and good, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take

possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the

gospel,²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

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C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin *credo*, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.]*

Nicene Creed

C **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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.

Sermon *Chain Reactions*

Deuteronomy 4:9; Psalm 119:129ff

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]

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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 Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Richard Scott
Acolytes: NEED VOLUNTEERS

Elders: John O'Connor
Ushers: Josh Ammon, Scott Mauser
Wade Schultz, Bill Buxman
Greeters: NEED VOLUNTEERS

PRAAYER REQUESTS— “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org

Messiah's Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *John Feliciano, Carol Haller, Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, Tom Moore, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, Gary.*

Fighting serious diseases: Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, Diana Walcher.

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, *Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, Rick Reimers, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, Nickie Wilke.*

Home Hospice Care: Arlene Ottman
Called Home: John Anderson
Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, Jessie Mello, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members
Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff
Messiah Lutheran Church/School
Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating Birthdays:
9/2- **Steve Kaskus**
9/4- **Linda Joseph**
9/5- **Sarah Lampitt**
9/6- **Jeanette Hoaglund, Carl Boydston**
9/7- **Harlan Diaz**

Wedding Anniversaries:
Trenton & Jamie Soriano (5)
Marty & Richie Ashcraft (19)
Phillip & Jennifer Wegner (43)
Jim & Marsha Brodak (55)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of September 1, 2024

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**

Monday **Labor Day- No School, Office Closed**

Tuesday 7:00am **Mens Bible Study- FH**
9:00am **Quilt ladies- FH**
 7:00pm **Compassionate Friends- FH**
 7:00pm **Elders Meeting- Library**

Wednesday 8:30am **Chapel**
 1:00pm **Safety Meeting- Library**
6:00pm **Church**

Thursday 6:15pm **Handbells**
 7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible Study- MPR**
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules- Library**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching Men's Bible Study**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 1, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: Aug. 21st thru Aug. 28th

Weekly Donations \$11,405.77 Month to Date \$97,366.26

Weekly Need \$23,540.00 Monthly Need \$94,160.00

Prayer Partners- Is Now “Partners in Prayer” or PIPs for short! We are looking forward to beginning PIPs in September. Pictures are posted in the Narthex by TODAY of all the students. **PLEASE SIGN FOR THE STUDENT YOU TAKE!** There are signup sheets in the Narthex.

If you are not familiar with the program, students are chosen by congregation members to pray for throughout the year. PIPs also **have lunch together one Friday a month** called **Lunch Bunch**. If you know you can't attend lunch, please choose a preschooler.

Luke 2 Shirts- Christmas is right around the corner. **We want to be prepared to start conversations about Jesus** during the month of December (and anytime). **We will be taking orders** for Luke 2 shirts after church for **part of September**. The shirts will arrive by the end of **November**. **DCE Jonathan and Arliss Bridget** were in a Zoom meeting with the Luke2Project. They heard a story about Duane Danner. He has a terminal disease. Doctors have turned his life over to Jesus. There is nothing more the doctors can do. But Duane isn't leaving this world without proclaiming the Gospel as much as he can. When someone comes up to him and says, "I love your shirt," he replies with "So you love it... would you wear it?" Duane carries Luke2 shirts in his trunk so that he may give away a shirt to anyone who would like one. It's called the **Danner Dozen**. (Even though he may have more than a dozen shirts in his car.) Would you be willing to join the **Danner Dozen team**? Reality is a dozen shirts are a lot of money. Would you be willing to buy even **one or two extras**? Or, would you be willing to donate a few extra dollars to Messiah to have a stack of shirts available? Please see **DCE Jonathan** or one of the **youths after worship** to place your order. **Arliss Bridget** is going to be making the rounds to other churches to spread the word about Luke 2. Keep watch for Luke 24 The Easter Story in the spring.

Men's Bible Study- Will be starting this **Tue.** at **7am** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

You're cordially Invited- To the celebration of life of **Sally E. Mauser**, on Saturday, **Sept. 14th** in the **Fellowship Hall** from **2pm-4pm**. Finger foods, fellowship, and memories.

LWML Fall Rally- All Ladies are invited to the Rally Sat. **September 14th, 8:30am -1pm** @ **Messiah**. Breakfast, Fellowship, Singing, Devotions, Bible Study & Lunch. **Registration \$5.00**.

The Women's Bible study- "Leaning on Jesus, A study of God's Strength" by Deb Burma will start on Saturday, **September 14 at 9am** in the **multi-purpose room**. This study promises to enrich our spiritual lives as we learn to lean on the power of Jesus! **Don't miss this spiritual adventure!** The Bible study books are available to order online from **Concordia Publishing House at cph.org**. **Please note, the LWML Fall Rally is scheduled for the same day**, this was an oversight on my part, and I want to encourage all ladies to attend the Rally if they choose. **The first day of this study is only an introduction so you will not miss much if you do not attend**. We will study **chapter 1** the following week. Mary Redeker.

Sunday Dinners at Four Winds Coffee Shop – WE HAVE OUR DATES! Sunday, **September 15** and Sunday, **December 8**. The first date is coming up fast, and we still need a **point person**. It can be a different person for each date. The point person coordinates the food (**not makes it but puts a list of needs together for others to donate**), and the volunteers that will serve the dinner and mingle with the students. We also need those volunteers (**at least 6**) just mentioned. Please be willing to get involved in this much needed blessing to college students. Want to help? Contact **DCE Jonathan** to volunteer or with questions.

Did You Graduate from High School? - If so, then you are qualified to help as a **substitute in our school**. We would love to have a long list of folks who are willing to help when needed. We will **provide clear instructions** and be here to **support you** the whole time. You can specify which days and times you are available, and which grades you are comfortable working with. We need **substitutes during the school day and for extended day care from 3-6 PM**. Let the **office** know that you are interested, and **Mrs. Eberhard** will get in touch to talk about the details.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- The gift planning process of an estate plan requires multi-channel communication. The communication begins with your spouse if you are married. It is essential that both spouses buy into the whole process, expressing their wishes and becoming educated so that the plan can stay in place over many years. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor uses a special survey incorporating wishes from both spouses into a final design, even if one spouse ordinarily avoids involvement in financial affairs. Contact Jason Jones at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

Thrivent- We need **names of people** willing to use their **Thrivent accounts** to apply for start-up money for a variety of events at the **church and school**. The money we receive

comes from Thrivent, not your account. The office will assist you with this process. Thank you.

Rib City BBQ & Ribs- Earn while you eat! Rib City **donates 5% of your food bill**, at all three locations, all year long! Ask your server about **Show Us Your Colors**. They will stamp your receipt. Bring that receipt to the **office**, & Messiah gets 5%!

Raise Right- Physical or digital gift cards that you may use or give to someone else. This is an **ongoing fundraiser that benefits the church and school**. The company donates a portion of the purchase. See the booth in the Narthex, speak with **Lisa Moore or DCE Jonathan** or visit <https://www.raiseright.com/>, click on sign up and enter code **59FDEBF565842**.

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at **8:30am – 9:00am** on radio station **1100AM/KNZZ**. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at **9:00am**