FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 5, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace 660 Blue 91 570 Blue 11 & 4

English 660 657 634 665

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Sept. 5 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Sept. 5 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Sept. 7 No 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sept. 7 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Sept. 8 Noon Bible Study

Sept. 8 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

Sept. 12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School begins

Sept. 14 No Bible Study at Peace or English

Sept. 15 Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Lead On, O King Eternal*. This hymn is a prayer to Jesus that he would lead us. Though Jesus is already victorious over all of God's enemies, his church is engaged in spiritual warfare every day. So we pray that Jesus' grace would make us strong, that he would bring his kingdom to earth through deeds of love and mercy and the proclamation of his grace, and that we would follow him, not with fear, but courage, walking in the light of the cross until we claim the victor's crown. Amen.

A WORD: In our Old Testament reding, Isaiah promises us that when God comes, life flourishes. The desert becomes an oasis, the broken human body becomes perfectly whole, completely restored by God's power. The blind see; the deaf hear; the lame walk; the mute speak. In our Gospel reading, we see the initial fulfillment of this promise. God comes to his people in the person of his Son, and life is restored to the man who was deaf and mute. Jesus is coming back, and when he returns, he will restore all things for he does all things well.

Our epistle reading is the last section of Ephesians. Paul urges us to be strong in the Lord. He reminds us that we are engaged in a battle against spiritual forces that are much stronger than we are. So he shows us the armor which God has given us for the battle, the belt of the truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the

helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. But this armor only strengthens us when God is at work through it. So Paul ends his entire letter with encouragement to pray. Pray for yourself, pray for your church, pray for your pastor, that all of us would stand strong in Christ. And as God gives us strength, we will stand. Amen.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Ephphatha! Be opened! Jesus' healing hand and command make the man's deaf ears to hear and mute tongue to speak. Jesus says the word, and it happens! The Holy Spirit opens our ears and hearts to listen to the Word so that the healing effects of the Gospel might take hold within us. While Jesus wanted all who witnessed this miracle to keep silent for a time, He opens our ears to hear and receive the Gospel, and He gives us mouths to proclaim His mercies to all.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 50:4-10 James 3:1-12 Mark 9:14-29

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School will be starting September 12 from 9am-10am. Ages 3 (potty trained or with parent) through 12th grade are welcome to attend. Rally Sunday Potluck will be September 19, following the church service. More details to follow. Anyone who would like to help out with Sunday School, as a teacher or helper, please contact Keri Davis @ 712-348-2308.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Items will be collected through Labor Day. There will be new lists for September and October. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

ALTAR COMMITTEE: September Altar Committee at Peace is Lois Baatz and Donita Stubbe and at English it is Wanda Wulf.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sept. 5-Lois Baatz, Sept. 12-Virginia Berg, Sept. 19-Kathleen Dieren and Sept 26.-Bev Doorenbos

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 660: STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

- In the name of the Father and of the

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

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.
- O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-20

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

VERSE Psalm 147:2–3

Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:24–37

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

After the Reading

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

NICENE CREED

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BLUE HYMNAL 91: ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

SERMON

OFFERTORY 192

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 570: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

BLUE HYMNAL 11: THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

- Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 - a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 - Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 - as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

- O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- Bless we the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- 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.

C Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL 4: LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

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