
WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.



First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio

September 1, 2024

"The 15th Sunday after Pentecost"

PRELUDE

Dix

Michael Burkhardt

Praise and Thanksgiving, Set IV

Four Chorale Miniatures: For the Beauty of the Earth

II. Duo

III. Toccata

IV. Maestoso

Please stand.

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sins:

A time of silence and self reflection is provided.

P: God, our provider,

C: **Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: **Amen.**

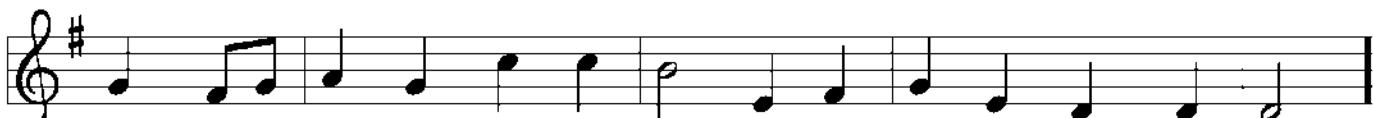
GATHERING HYMN

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FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



All 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
All 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
Men 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
Women 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
All 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



All Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.
Music: DIX. Conrad Kocher. 1786-1872

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
C: And also with you.

THE GATHERING LITANY

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord.

C: **A people holy to the Lord our God.**

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart, teach them to your children.

C: **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

L: For one does not live by bread alone,

C: **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's
peo-ple on earth. _____ Lord God, heav - en-ly
king, _____ al-might-y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, _____ we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Gloray to

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord

God, Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy, have

mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, O God our strength,

C: **Without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2,6-9

R: A reading from Deuteronomy the 4th chapter.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what

other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM JAMES

1:17-27

R: A reading from James the 1st chapter.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts,

their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

A READING FROM MARK

7:1-8,14-15,21-23

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: ¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. ²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Pastor Clayton J. Bailey



Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 512

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-p-en to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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THE CREED

L: In Christ, we have heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We respond to each petition.

L: Merciful God
C: **Receive our prayer.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are encouraged to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING & ORGAN MEDITATION

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Stephen Gabrielsen

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Please stand.

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each phrase aligned with its corresponding musical notes. The lyrics are:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,

Lord God of Pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed,

bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal light and life.

We give thanks to you for the gift of salvation that you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God!

Communion is distributed in two manners at First Lutheran.

- *You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex Doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in place will commune together.*
- *You may come forward, where you will receive the bread from pastor and a small cup of wine from the worship assistant. Cups can be disposed of in a basket located by our projector.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

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AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS



1 A-round you, O Lord Je-sus, your own you gath-er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my body."
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite

Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

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Please stand.

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

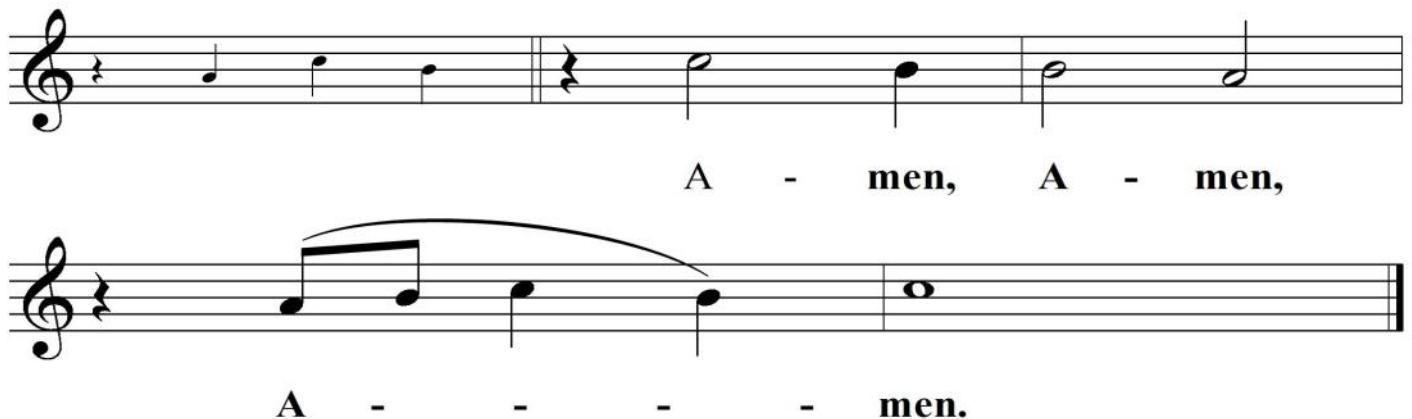
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.



A - men, A - men,

A - - - - men.

SENDING SONG

824

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

THE SENDING

L: Go in peace!
P: Follow Jesus!
C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

TERRA PATRIS

Raymond H. Haan

Three Hymn Partitas, Set 2
This is My Father's World
I. With strength
III. Exuberantly

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday	September 1
10:00 am	Worship on The 15th Sunday of Pentecost
Tuesday	September 2
Closed	Labor Day
Wednesday	September 4
4:15 pm	Pre-School Board Meeting
6:00 pm	Healing Service
7:15 pm	Worship & Music
Next Sunday	September 8
10:00 am	Worship on The 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Handicap Parking

The handicap parking on the south side of the building have deteriorated making it difficult for members using walkers and wheelchairs to enter the building. We have a very generous church member who is willing to donate \$5,000.00 towards the project. We would like to challenge the congregation to match the donated funds. Cost for the south side is \$7,800 to repave all away across the driveway and \$4,536.00 to pave halfway across the drive. The handicap parking spots on the North side of the building are uneven. There are spots that are sinking, causing unsafe walking conditions. The cost for this project is \$6,875.00

Anyone interested in making a donation may contact the office or place it in the offering plate marked PAVEMENT.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Pastor Bailey's family in honor of his Birthday.



Cookies

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



The West Ohio Food Bank will be here



Thursday, September 26th Distributing begins at 1p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

SCHOOL KITS

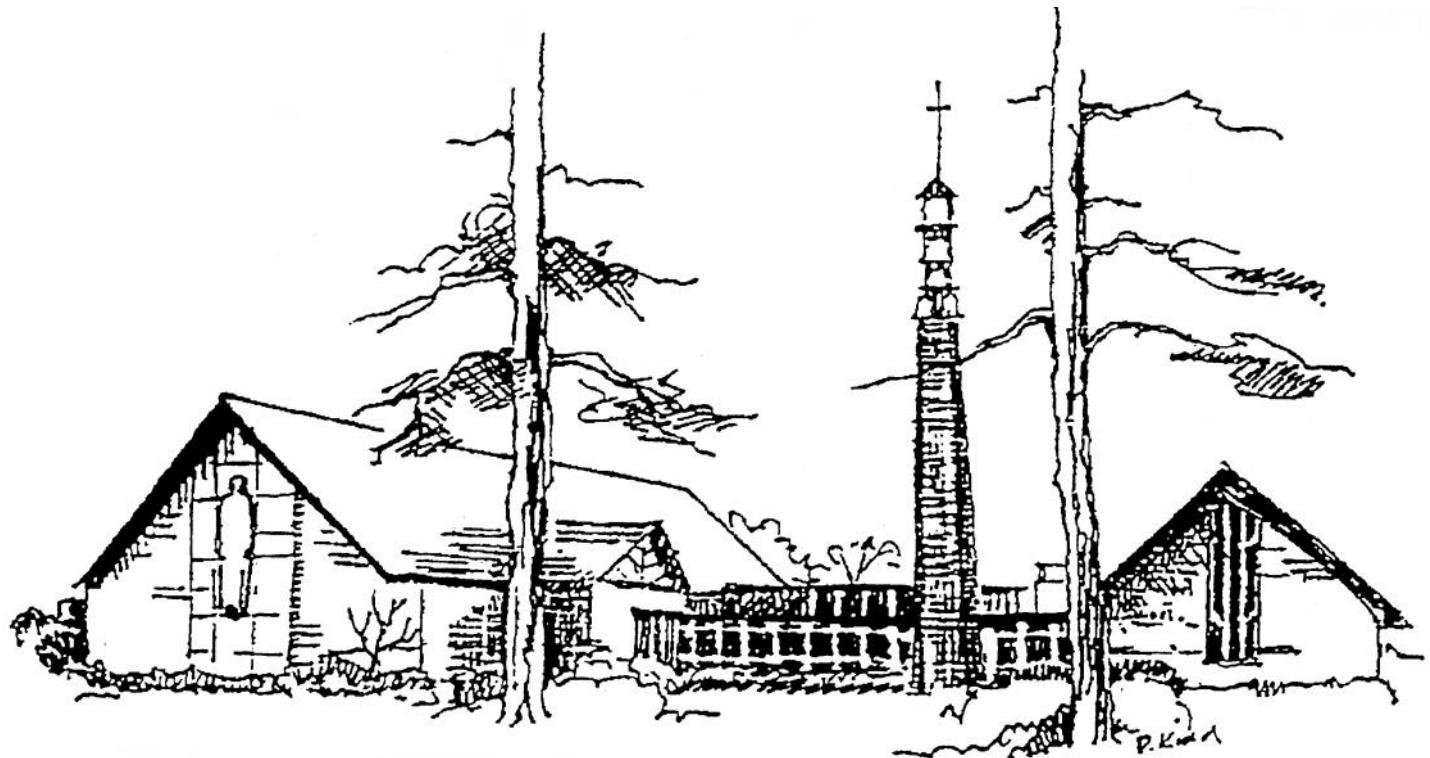


The supply list for LWR is very, very specific. Perhaps as you are out and about and come across good sales on supplies you could help fill our book-bags.

Any extra supplies, or supplies that do not conform to the LWR standards will be donated locally.

We are still in need of the following items:

70 sheet notebooks
pencil sharpeners
30-centimeter rulers



Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**