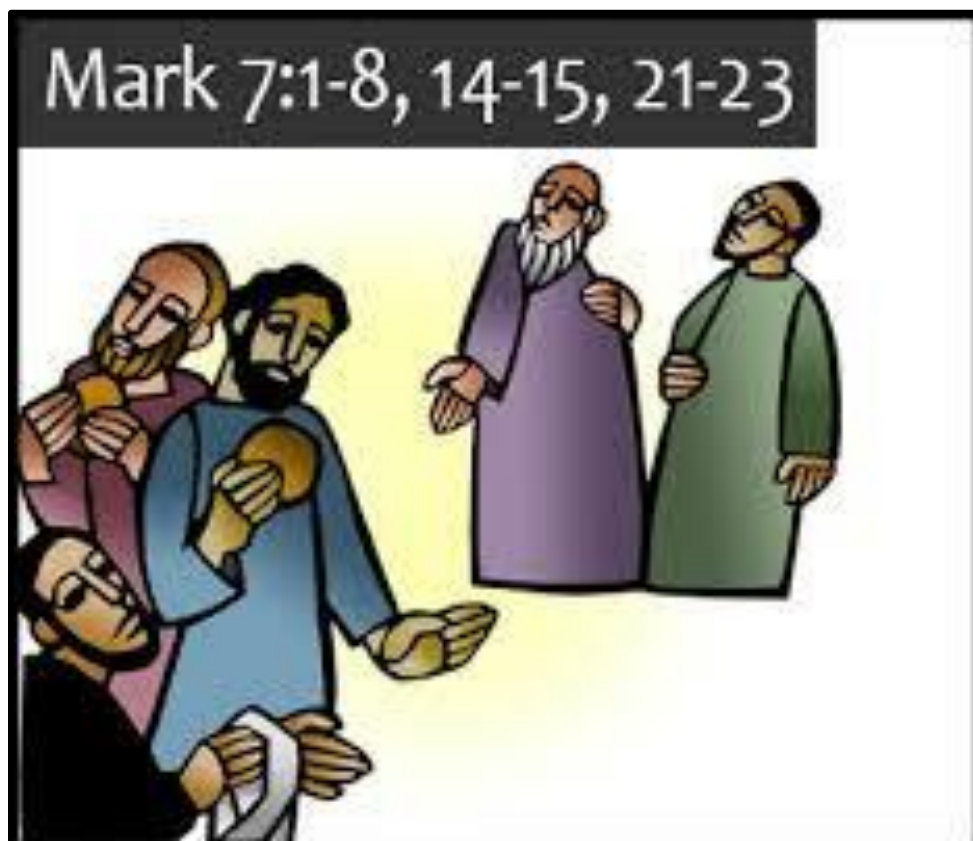


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*Sunday, September 5, 2021*  
*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Page 26)**

### **OPENING HYMN: #221 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"**

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer; Tune: Johann R. Ahle

# 221

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

### STAND

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and very evil, hear our prayer, O Christ



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**O LORD, OUR LORD**

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** 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.



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## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 4:1,2, 6-8

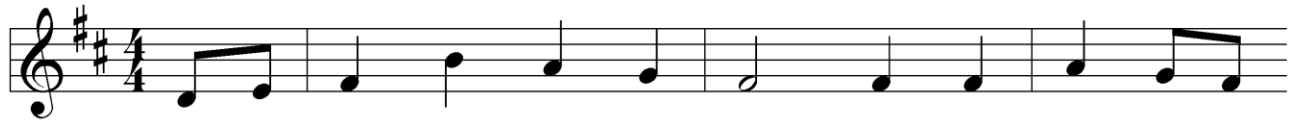
4 “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>6</sup> Keep 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.’ <sup>7</sup> For 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? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119c** The congregation will sing **Hymn #279** "O Word of God, Incarnate." Text: William W. How

WORD OF GOD

**279**

**O Word of God Incarnate**



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom  
2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the  
3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of



from on high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O  
gift di - vine, And still that light is lift - ed O'er  
bur - nished gold To bear be - fore the na - tions Your



Light of our dark sky, We praise you for the  
all the earth to shine. It is the chart and  
true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wan - d'ring



ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern  
com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, Mid mists and  
pil - grims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and



to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.  
dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, adapt., alt.

Tune: MUNICH (76 76 D) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

## **SECOND LESSON:** Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For 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. <sup>13</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying 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, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the congregation – see the next page)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 7:1-8, 14,15, 21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them,  
“Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There 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.”

<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil  
thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,  
<sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander,  
pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within,  
and they defile a person.”



***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #459 “O God, My Faithful God”**

Text: Johann Heerman

459

## O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and  
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -  
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -  
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from  
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y  
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I  
 my lips be fall - ing, But then, when in my  
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -  
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -  
 place I must and ought to speak, My words  
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.  
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.  
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

# **SERMON**

**STAND**

## **NICENE CREED (Page 31)**

**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 fully 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 FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**M:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You have caused waters  
to break forth in the wilderness and made streams in the  
desert of this world. Open our eyes to this new life in Christ  
and our ears to hear Your Word. Free us to walk uprightly,  
and loose our tongues to praise You for this treasure. Lord,  
in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, You have made us all heirs of Your  
kingdom through Holy Baptism, holding the faith in our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Keep us from showing  
partiality and making distinctions among ourselves, and  
make us rich in good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our  
prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, create and sustain in us a lively faith in Christ Jesus, and lead us by Your Spirit to be active in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we place our hope in You and ask Your blessing on our government and all rulers, that their plans would be ordered for the welfare of those they govern and that You would execute Your justice for the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, behold graciously the sick and those in any need Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day would do so in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** Almighty God, our Lord Jesus toiled at his work as a carpenter and dignified our labor. Bless those who work in the fields, that the earth will be fruitful. Bless those who work in commerce and industry, that our nation will be productive. Bless those whose work is helping others, that all people may receive your care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**M:** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

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### ***BE SEATED***

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

### ***STAND***



## THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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 the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION**

# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

## #306 “Before You, God, the Judge of All”

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## #289 “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## 306 Before You, God the Judge of All



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let your pre-cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans-ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

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# Preserve Your Word, O Savior



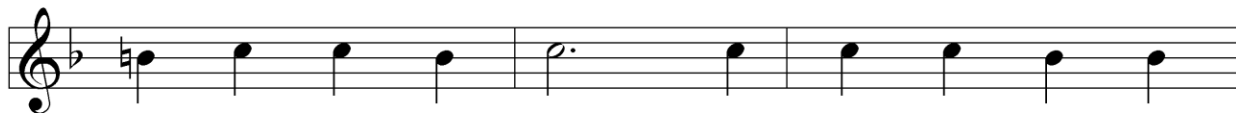
1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter  
2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us



day, And let your king-dom flour - ish; En - large your  
whole, The mir - ror of your glo - ry, The pow'r that



Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep  
saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This



hope's bright star a - glow. Let noth - ing turn us  
spring of heav'n - ly grace, Sus - tain us while here



from you While wan-d'ring here be - low.  
liv - ing Un - til we see your face.

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616–64, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

## THANKSGIVING (page 36)

**STAND**



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

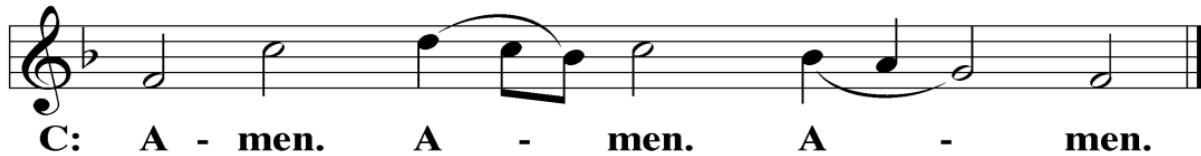
**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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Organist: Jan Jacobi

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER’S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Tuesday - First day of St. Peter’s Preschool for this school year

– 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education and Trustees

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School resume

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Gretchen Castellese

Ushering – Team 4

Altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by Pastor and Joy Schaefer.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Jon Baumann, campus pastor at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, for officiating at our Divine Services while Pastor Schaefer has been on vacation. His work for the Lord and our congregation is much appreciated.

**Monday Evening Services** are finished for the 2021 season. They will resume after Memorial Day 2022, Lord willing. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume September 12.

**Pastor Vacation** – Pastor Schaefer will return from vacation tomorrow, September 6. If a pastoral emergency should occur before then, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613.

**Altar Flowers** – If you wish to take altar flowers home, please use metal cans which are in the church kitchen cupboard to transport the flowers. Please do not take home the brass vases or the aluminum inserts, which should be left in the kitchen.

**FREE BOOKS!** – The church library is being renovated. There are many books which are no longer needed; these have been placed on tables on the church basement stage. Please take any books and recordings that appeal to you.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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