

The deaf hear,  
The mute speak.

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 5, 2021

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AS WE GATHER

The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” so that you may now speak “plainly” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbor as yourself” (James 2:8).

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN 398 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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*INVOCATION*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*EXHORTATION*

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**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

*CONFESSION OF SINS*

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** 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,**

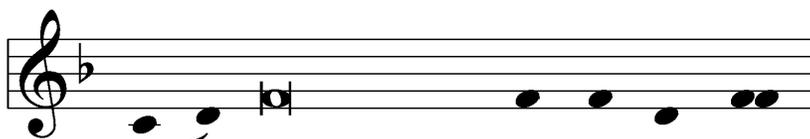
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

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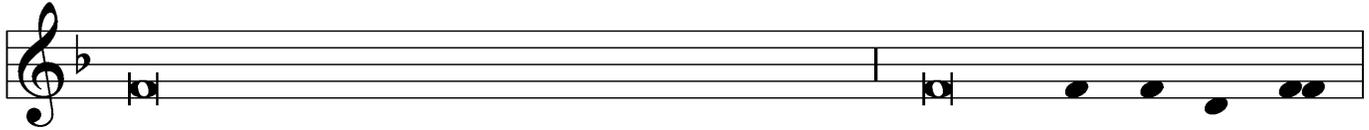
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



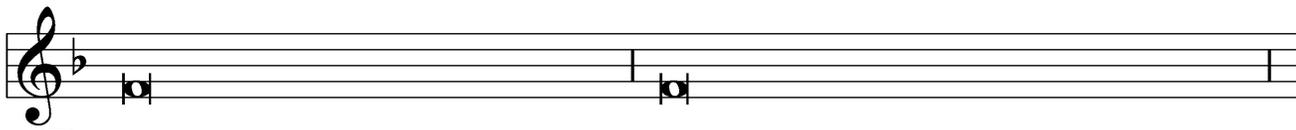
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



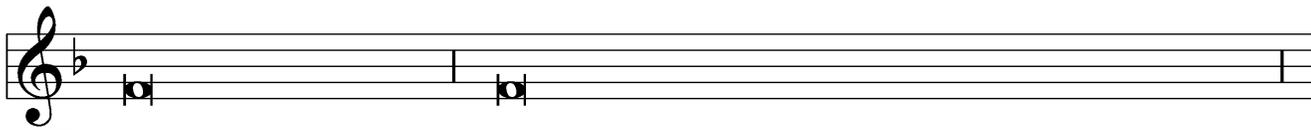
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



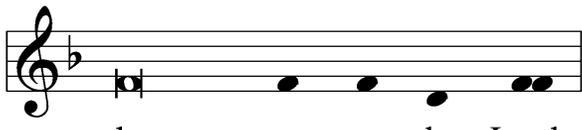
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



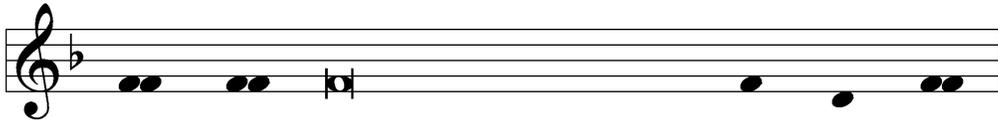
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**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.

**C** A - men.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 35:4–7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
 “Be strong; fear not!  
 Behold, your God  
 will come with vengeance,  
 with the recompense of God.  
 He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### *EPISTLE*

James 2:1–10, 14–18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Mark 7:24–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting

touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

*HYMN OF THE DAY 398 HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED*

sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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*SERMON*

*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.**

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for Holy Baptism, by which God has made waters break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert of this world; and that He would open our eyes to new life in Christ and our ears to hear His Word, free us to walk uprightly, and loose our tongues in praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God would preserve us from judgment with evil thoughts, especially from showing partiality and making distinctions among ourselves; and that He would make us rich in good works as we hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For President Biden, Gov. Pritzker and all rulers, that God—in whom alone we place all our hope—would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and those in any need, especially *Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sheila, Sallyann, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Jean, Ray, Rod, Sharlene, Fran, Wally, Janna. Maria, Andrew, John, and Jen*, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who commune this day, that they would receive Christ's body and blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

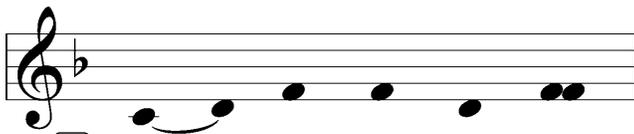
**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

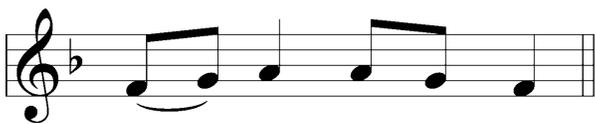
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### *PREFACE*

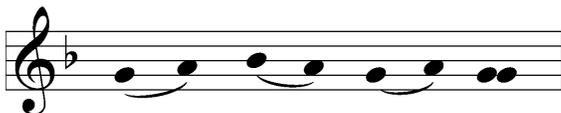
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**P** The Lord be with you.



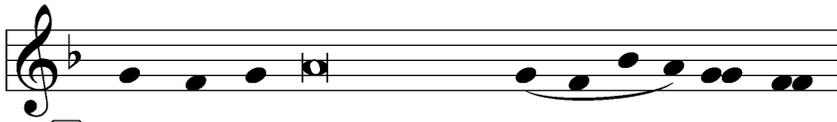
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE (FULL)*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### *PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### *LORD’S PRAYER*

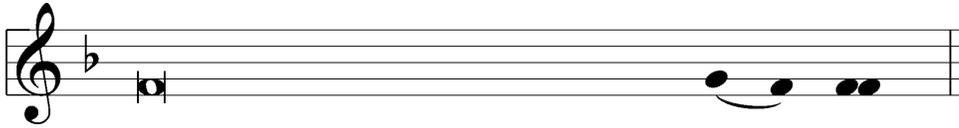
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,

**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.**

*PAX DOMINI*

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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

sin of the world; grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION*

*THANK THE LORD*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls 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.

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.



## Weekly Announcements

### Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.

**ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church.** This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

### WORSHIP UPDATES – INPUT NEEDED

We have made a few changes in the formatting of the Sunday worship bulletin these past few weeks. We are trying to return to using the hymnals for most of the liturgy, not just for singing. For the next several weeks, we will use Divine Service Setting One for most of services. Only information not contained in the hymnal will be printed in the bulletin. Pastor and the Elders would appreciate your comments or suggestions, positive or negative, regarding these changes. Please email or speak directly to either **Pastor Jim** at: [pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org) or phone: (224) 795-1055; or **Jim Burmeister** at: [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org) or phone (847) 343-3798.

### Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

### Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:  
[Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org)

### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

What is the Vision for the future of Our Redeemer? Come to worship on Sunday, September 26, 2021 and stay for the discussion led by Rev. Kris Whitby, Assistant to the President of the Northern Illinois District, about where we are headed for the future. We need to develop this vision prior to submitting our application for seminary candidate. We need everyone to participate. Rev. Whitby will also be preaching that day.

### Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Apricots, Chili, Corned Beef Hash, Paper Towels and Red Kidney Beans. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### Home Delivered Meals (previously named Meals on Wheels)

The October calendar for Meals on Wheels is now posted on the "Ongoing Collections" bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal delivery. For questions and sign up information, please contact Laurie in the office at 847/537-4430.

### Sonshine Preschool News

After a very successful year during Covid last year, we are excited to open again this year to our families and ask for your prayers as we start our new school year. To help us start, we are looking for some donations. Items wished for are on the "What's Happening" board. If interested, please remove a "ray of Sonshine" from the large sun. Please feel free to drop the items in the containers beneath the bulletin board. As always, thanks for all of your support of Sonshine.

- Sonshine Staff

### Coffee-And...

We will continue holding "Coffee-And..." on a weekly basis.  
Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

## September Happenings

- September 1 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 5 9:00 am – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
With Communion
- September 8 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 9 6:30 pm – Summer Suppers
- September 12 9:00 pm – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
No Communion
- September 15 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 19 9:00 am – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
With Communion
- September 22 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 26 9:00 am – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
No Communion  
Guest Preacher – Rev. Kris Whitby  
“Vision” discussion following Worship
- September 29 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online