

+ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
September 5, Year of our Lord 2021 | DS1

Hymn: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me, Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.



Exhortation

- 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

- 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.

Absolution

- 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.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Introit

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



A The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

C 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 sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

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

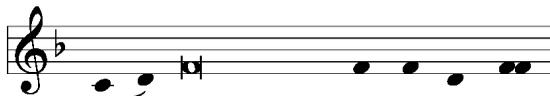
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped,*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



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. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



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



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



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



5. **C** A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis (p. 154 for music) ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A (*sung*) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C (*sung*) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

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."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

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;
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.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

C 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

James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 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, 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," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 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? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

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

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 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? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 147:2-3

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

Alleluia and Verse



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 Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 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." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 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.

And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and

he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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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.

Announcement of Offering

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

PRAYERS TO GOD ON BEHALF OF . . .

World: For **Haiti** (earthquake recovery and mourning loss of lives); For the situation in **Afghanistan**; For Pastor Jasper's family and congregations in **Kenya**. Hurricane recovery in gulf coast, **New Orleans**.

Mourning: Family of **Teffie Engwall's father** who passed away. Family of member **Keith Mueller** who passed away 5/10. **Family of Jenny's father** (Jenny is Taryn Sebright's friend) who passed away. Family of **Rev. Joel Krogen** who passed away 7/26.

Health: **Pastor Tony Sikora** (in Michigan, hospitalized for Covid). For **Laura Burkhart** recovering from procedure this past week. **Dwight** (Myrna's brother-in-law) recovering from pneumonia. **Larry Meier** (Maureen Roberts's brother-in-law). **Catherine Boute** who

is recovering from wrist surgery. **Tim Smith** tests for what's causing anemia. **Tim Millsaps** (Cathy's brother) upcoming tongue cancer procedure. **KP Blizzard** (newborn great grandson of Sandy Bagley) paralyzed vocal cord which allows his food to go into his lungs. **Denyse Kenney** (friend of Jim Vesper) whose parents are struggling with significant traumatic health problems. **Kim Smolter's nieces** who have been in Nicu (premature birth) now home! **Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister) health. **Cathy Wacker's parents** (health and daily protection from falls). For **Hamed** (Mary Ellen Brown's friend in FL) back fractures recovery. **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) breast cancer treatments. **Erica** (Auroa's granddaughter), severe kidney problems. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer. **Mary Ellen Brown** back surgery recovery. **Larry Wacker** health and improvement; **Carol Barnett** completed lymphoma and multiple myeloma treatments; **Jim Vespers's parents**; **Pr. Hass** in Belle Vista, AR (cancer treatments).

Birthdays ... Emma Lu K 9/6, Wanda J 9/7, Sharon F 9/8, Monica H 9/9, Bob H 9/10, Barbara McG 9/10, Candace P 9/10, Tom W 9/11, Carol B 9/16

Anniversaries ...Gary & Carol M 9/9, Tom & Nadine W 9/17, Ed & Susan H 9/26

Lord's Prayer

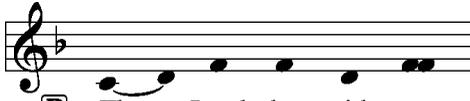
☞ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



Preface ~ 2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



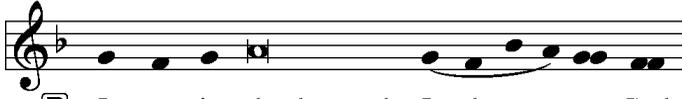
C And al - so with you.



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.

P It is truly good, right, and ...(*seasonal preface in Altar Book*)... You and saying:

Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3, Matt 21:9



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

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... 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:

Pax Domini

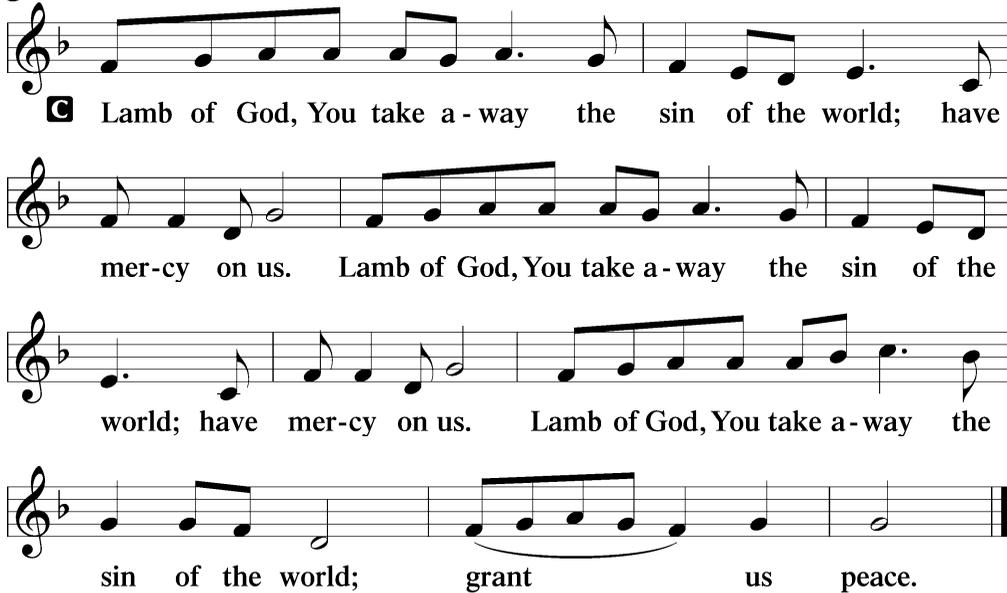


- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ 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



Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

11:00 a.m. service only: **Pray Around the Border** (listen for additional instructions)

We will process to the border of our proposed new Nave and Sanctuary to bless the cross, lay stones, pray, and sing to God while facing our future altar location.

Distribution Hymn 1: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn 2: 749 There Is a Balm in Gilead (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn 3: 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn 4: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (see hymnal)

Thank the Lord



☐ 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-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.

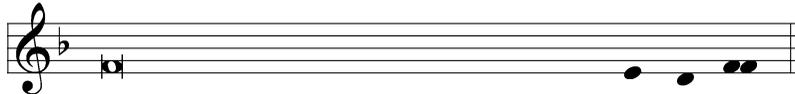
Post-Communion Collect

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.

Benediction



P 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 A - men.

Sunday Services Time

9:00 a.m. Divine Service, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 11:00 a.m. Divine Service
Living Stones Building Upon the Rock



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RSVP for an evening at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Maryville!



Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.
(RSVPs required)

This event at the beautiful and historic Capitol Theatre in Maryville will feature dinner (by **Jeff Baerns** and **Praise Lutheran's youth servers**) and entertainment by **Smith & Cole** (an acoustic duo who are preparing a fun and fabulous show). There will also be a special first viewing of a video about our capital campaign followed by an opportunity to make a special commitment to help expand the work of God with His help and hand of blessing. **Babysitting** will be provided. Please indicate babysitting in your RSVP. **Dress** is business casual but feel free to dress up.

Ways to RSVP

- 1) Email rsvp@praiselutheran.com with your name(s) and how many
- 2) Text (SMS): simply text **CT** (for Capitol Theatre) to (888) 240-6175, then you'll be asked for your name and for how many
- 3) **Sign-up** the old-fashioned way today at church (see sign-up sheet)

Announcements

Potluck Today after the 11:00 a.m. service and *Pray Around the Border* event,

Pictures for Directory today and next Sunday would be great days to get your picture taken or updated for our photo directory! See Susan Johnson.

Return of the Jedi Choir: first rehearsal/organizational meeting: Wed, 9/8 at 5:30 p.m.

Reception of New members to be received next Sun, Sept 12 (Steven, Rosalyn, Calvin, Desmond, and Teddy Lee, Tatum Smolter, David & Kenna Chorney)

Memorial Service for Laura McGillick Uebelacker will be on Wed, Sept 15 at 6:00 p.m. with dinner in the Social Hall afterwards.

Youth Catechesis: starts next Sun, Sept 12. Catechumens can bring or go grab lunch and meet back at church by 12:30 p.m. If one parent, please, could attend first session, that would be great! Meets every other week: 9-12, 9-26; 10-10, 10-24; 11-7, 11-21, 12-5...

Sunday School begins Sun, Sept 12. Those who have volunteered to be teachers, let's meet soon to discuss curriculum and anything else needed for your classroom. The plan is to meet in the Social Hall during Congregational Bible Study in the Nave/Sanctuary.

Ladies Bible Study (weekly) Thurs. at 10 a.m. at Praise. (Studying the Pericopes)

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. (Smokey Mountain Brewery)

T-shirts: Livings Stones Building Upon the Rock. Suggested donation of \$10-\$15.

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