St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Saturday, August 31st at 5:00pm & Sunday, September 1st at 9:00am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK *Worship, Music, Arts Committee*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ╬ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ╬ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG……..…… Hymn #558 *"Lord God, We Praise You"*

GREETING

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

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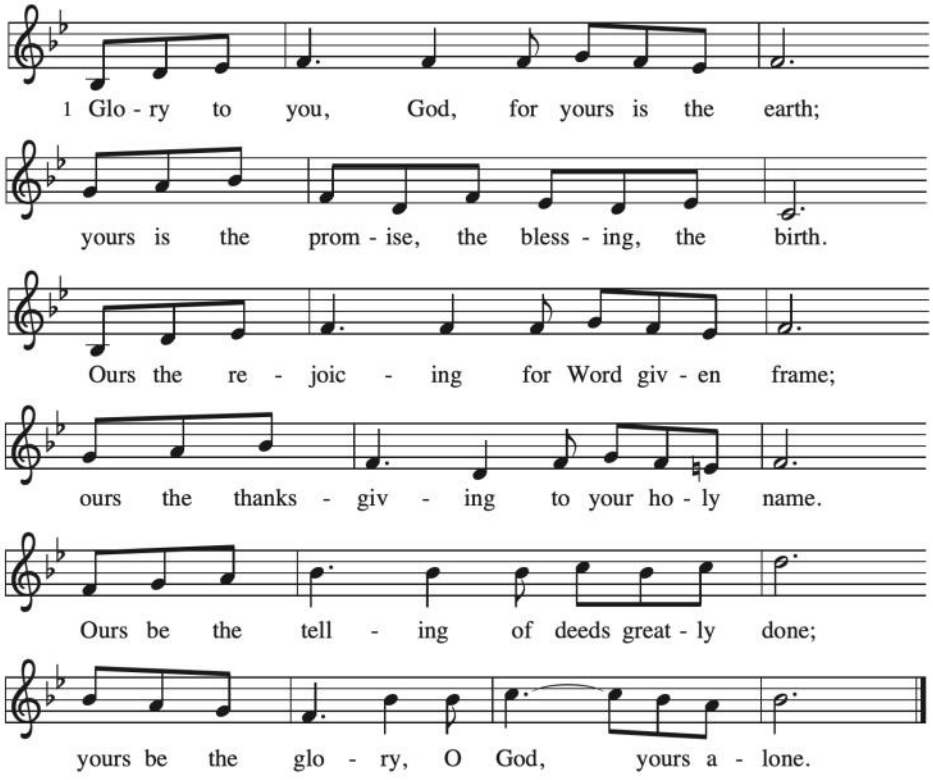

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray. **O God our strength, 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

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

4 "So 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. **2** You 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. **6** You must observe them and perform them, 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!' **7** For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever
we call to him? **8** And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am
setting before you today? **9** "But 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

17 Every 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. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by
the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my
beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, 20 for human anger
does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Glory to you, God from before the beginning, God bearing from above your Word of grace,
God sending on us the Dove of peace,
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You are the great I AM, feeding your people with manna in the wilderness. You are the Father of our beloved Jesus, whom you gave to the world to be the Lamb, the King of Israel, the Son of Man.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher. He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine, the good shepherd, the gate of protection, our very Lord and God, our way, our truth, and our resurrection to life eternal.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

In the night that Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of 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 for the remembrance of me

With Lazarus we wait in our tomb, we hear you call our name, and we come out from our death into your life.
With Mary Magdalene we cry out.
We have seen the Lord!

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Breathe your Spirit of power on us. Nourish us with your living water, and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son. Claim us as your friends. Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes. Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another.
Glory to you, O God!

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Glory to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Source of all, the Light of the world, the Advocate for your children. Blessing, thanksgiving, honor and might be to you forever and ever. Amen.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ……..…… Hymn #638 *"Blessed Assurance"*

PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER AT THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go from this place to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG…… Hymn #802 *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" vs. 1, 4*

DISMISSAL We are God's People. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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NO HOSPITALITY: Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend; Please Sign Up

Pastor Cliff Schmidt, Preach/Preside. Rally Day Weekend.
*Holy Scripture Readings for *September 7 & 8, 2024 (RCL Lectionary 23; Pent. 16)*
First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7a* ***Psalm:*** *Psalm 15*
Second Reading: *James 2:1-13* ***Gospel:*** *Mark 7: 24-37*
**subject to change as needed*