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**Gospel Acclamation:** *(please stand as you are able)* **“Hallelujah”**

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**The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup>and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’ <sup>8</sup>You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” <sup>14</sup>Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup>Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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**Children’s Message:** *(you may be seated)* Pastor Eric Hanson

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**Hymn of the Day & Offering:**

*Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

**“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” #777**

**Verse 1: “Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.”**

**Refrain: Jesus, Ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**Verse 2: “Come to me, all trav’lers weary; come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.” [Refrain.]**

**Verse 3: “Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face.” [Refrain.]**

**Verse 4: “Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.” [Refrain.]**

**Offertory Response:** *“Give Thanks” (ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.  
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Let us pray together,

**C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth & fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven & 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 into hell. 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:** *(call and response)*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need. A brief silence. God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Betty Johnson, Jean Alms & Diane Krenke. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers’ rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:** P: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: **And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you C: **And also 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 & praise.**

**The Words of Institution**

**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.**

**Meal and Hymns:** *(you may be seated)*

*All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.*

*Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

*"Nothing But The Blood"*

Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]

**Communion Prayer:** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Let us pray together,

**C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *"Go In Peace"* 3X

**Go In Peace And serve the Lord your God. Sow the seeds about the man of love.  
Go into the world and tell them one by one. Go tell them what Jesus has done.**

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

# Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 9:30AM • September 1, 2024**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greeting:** *(stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

**C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: God of all Mercy, come to our aid. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, Lord God, and make us New.**

P: Children of God, God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us new through Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live as people set free. **C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn:** *"Seek Ye First"*

**Vs. 1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Vs. 2: Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Vs. 3: Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find. Knock,  
and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

**C: 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.**

**The First Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. <sup>19</sup>My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup>because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it — not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it — they will be blessed in what they do. <sup>26</sup>Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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