

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 15

## ✠ PREPARATION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday school looking different.
  - Need volunteers to help with craft videos. Ask Lyndsey Sherman for more details
- Communion is now held after every Sunday service for the time being, from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Compline evening prayer services held every Wednesday evening at 7 PM
  - If weather is nice it is held outside in the back yard
  - If weather is not so nice, held in the church building with all safe social distancing practices

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

P: The LORD is the strength of His people;  
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

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.**

P: 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.

C: **Blessed 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.**

P: The LORD is the strength of His people;  
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**
- P: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: As you believe, so let it be. 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

[LSB 821; HS98 851; CW 169]

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

(God’s house of prayer is for all people.)

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: **hanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*     (God will have mercy on both Jew and Gentile.)

L:                This is the Word of the Lord.  
C:                **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**     *Psalms 147:2–3*

L:                Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
C:                **He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 15:21–28*     (Jesus heals the daughter of a beseeching woman.)

P:                The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.  
C:                **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P:                This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C:                **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 849** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

## **SERMON**

**CREED**     *Nicene Creed*

People:        **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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, we pray especially for those who have been given another year of life upon this earth; for \_\_\_\_\_ . We also thank you for your daily presence with us, and for the gift of marriage as we remember

\_\_\_\_\_ who celebrate anniversaries this week.  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**All:** 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**

**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:** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**HYMN NO. 861** "Christ Be My Leader"

## **SENDING**

**P:** Now go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God