

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21st, 2025

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (803)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"
(941)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Let us consider our sin and confess them to God our Father.

*Please reflect on your sin, but more importantly on the Gospel and of God's
grace, mercy, and forgiveness for you!*

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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 mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Gracious Father, You seek the lost, forgive the guilty, and rejoice over the found. In Your mercy, You have planted us in the rich soil of Your steadfast love. Keep us rooted in Christ, that we may not wander or wither, but bear fruit in lives of faith and love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Isaiah 55.10-13**. In our Old Testament reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks a word of hope to God's people in exile.

Our Epistle reading is **Ephesians 3.14-21**. Our Epistle reading is a prayer from Paul for the church in Ephesus, lifting their eyes to God's abundant grace.

The Gospel reading is **John 15.1-11**. In the Gospel, Jesus shares words with His disciples on the night before His death, teaching them that they abide in Him and will bear fruit.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (611)

SERMON: Ephesians 3.14-21

THE OFFERTORY and THANKOFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each prayer: ***"Hear our prayer"***

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (919)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to
Jesus."**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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