



Every good,
gift and
every perfect
gift is from
above.

James 1:17

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 – 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

For those individuals or families desiring a space that is physically distanced, please feel welcome to sit in the rows that are marked as reserved.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

We do not face trials and temptations alone but in Christ Whose Strength is made perfect in our weakness and Whose Grace is our courage under duress. Even as we take comfort in the fact that Jesus knows and endured our temptations and emerged victorious; we face, head-on, the reality that temptation to sin is still a daily struggle for us. "Lead us not into temptation," Jesus taught us to pray daily. By our own weak powers, we are bound to fail and crumble under temptation and the weight of sin. At times we may fear that we are losing the battle. God works in those moments of test and temptation. God is present even in the troubles of life and His Good and Gracious Will carries us through those trials. In Christ's victory for us we can endure any temptation. Faith sees and holds on to the victory that has already been won for us by our Lord Jesus.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Our Great Savior - D. Hustad

WELCOME



INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P To You, O LORD, I call;
C **my Rock, be not deaf to me,**

P hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help;
C **when I lift up my hands toward Your most Holy Sanctuary.**

P Blessèd be the LORD!
C **for He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.** *(Psalm 28:1-2, 6)*

❖ CONFESSON OF SINS

P Lord, sin makes us deaf. Touch our ears, open them to Your Word,
C **and have mercy on us.**

P Lord, sin makes us mute. Touch our tongues, open our mouths to Your praise,
C **and have mercy on us.**

P Lord, sin makes us blind. Touch our eyes and illumine them with Your light,
C **and have mercy on us.**

(A time of silence to call to mind sins of omission and commission.)

❖ ABSOLUTION

P "Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not!'"
Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant
of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And, in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**



ENTRANCE HYMN

Word of God, Come Down to Earth

LSB 545

1. **Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

2. **Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

3. **Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

4. **Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
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- P Let us pray.
 O Lord, let Your Merciful Ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants
 C **and grant that what we 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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:4-7a [ESV]

(Be strong in faith; our God comes to save.)

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.

PSALM

Psalm 146 [ESV]

(The Lord and Maker of all things reigns. Praise the Lord.)

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**C When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**C who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

P who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**C The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

P The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your
God, O Zion, to all generations.

C Praise the LORD!
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.

EPISTLE

James 1:1-18 [ESV]

(James encourages us to remain faithful during trials and temptations.)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.
Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.
For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes.
So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.
Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.
Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.
But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

C Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia. *(Psalm 147:2-3)*

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7: 24-37 [ESV]

(Two miracles of Jesus. in which He transforms lives.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And from there he 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 had 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 and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
3. No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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SERMON

Pastor Zach Sarrault

The Steadfast Church

James 1:1-18



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C 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.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to 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*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

OFFERTORY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

1. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

3. Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O Lord, our God, Maker of Heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them---
C **we praise You for You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift.**

P How wise You are and Your Ways are just and right.
C **You, O Lord, are our Help. Our hope is in You.**

P We praise You for making us and considering us to be Your prized possessions.
C **In thanksgiving enable us to respond to Your Goodness by being people who live out our lives according to Your Word.**

P Holy Spirit, enter the hearts of unbelievers that they may come to know and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Bless all who preach and teach that the light of Your Word would shine and push back the boundaries of darkness.

C Ignite a passion for Christ and His Word in us and all those who need Jesus as their Savior.

P Open our eyes and ears to the needs of those around us. Give us courage and determination to care for those in the world who are in distress.

C Move us to action that the hungry would be fed, the naked would be clothed, the sick and dying would be comforted, and that the Gospel would be proclaimed to all.

P Bless with godly wisdom our president and all who rule and judge.

C Protect this nation from all evil that would oppose our ability to worship You freely and to proclaim that Jesus is the One Hope for Heaven.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

C 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 to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
C **Amen.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797, vs. 1,3,5

**1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Almighty – J. Bender

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