



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Plugged In: Life in Christ is Worth Fighting For

September 2, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here at Brooklyn Lutheran, we practice *Close Communion*. For more information about our practice, please read the laminated card "Holy Communion" in the hymnal rack.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract others.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. This is emphasized in today's readings in the truth that all God pleasing obedience begins in the heart.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, live and rule in my heart with your grace and truth. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Usher

Pastor Erich Westphal

Sasha Schallert

Isaac Hill

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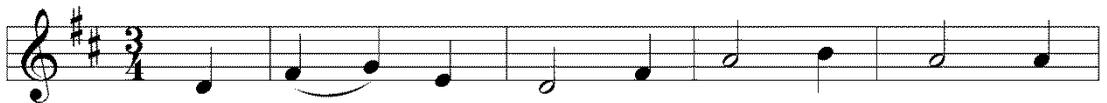
OPENING HYMN

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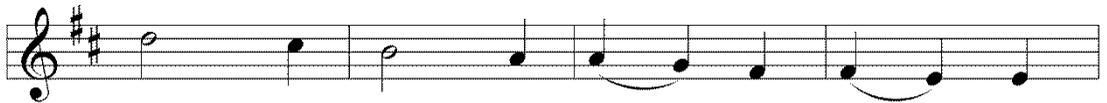
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I Sing as I Arise Today



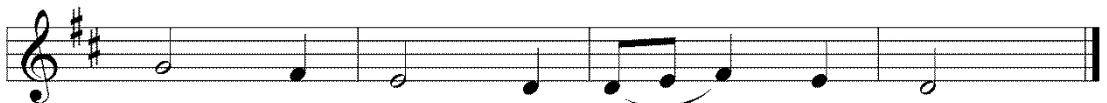
1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I
 2 The word of God to be my speech, The
 3 The work of God to be my joy, The
 4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I



call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
 hand of God to be my stay, The
 house of God to be my rest, The
 cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord



will of God to be my guide, The
 shield of God to be my strength, The
 grace of God to be my song, The
 Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -



eye of God to be my sight,
 path of God to be my way,
 praise of God to be my best.
 day and ev - er - more the same.

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6-9

Plugged into Christ, our godly lives may move those who do not know his Word to hear it.

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. ²Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you.

⁶Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, “This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people,” ⁷because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? ⁸What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

⁹But guard yourselves and guard your whole being diligently, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and so that those things do not disappear from your heart all the rest of the days of your life. Make them known to your children and to your children’s children.

PSALM OF THE DAY

119

Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, is a lengthy meditation on the characteristics and blessings of God’s Word.

C: *How sweet are your sayings to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

L: How I love your laws!
I meditate on them all day.

W: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
because it is always with me.**

M: *I have more wisdom than all my teachers,
because your testimonies are my meditation.*

C: *How sweet are your sayings to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

M: *I have more understanding than the elders,
because I guard your precepts.*

W: **I have kept my feet off every evil path
in order to keep your words.**

L: I have not turned from your judgments,
because you yourself have instructed me.

C: *How sweet are your sayings to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10–20

Plugged into Christ, we understand the importance of faithfulness
and obedience to the Word of God in every area of life.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:16

Alleluia. Your words became a joy for me, and a delight for my heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Plugged into Christ, we take seriously our need for the gospel's cleansing power. Otherwise all our righteous acts – no matter how good - are nothing more than filthy rags.

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ²They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

⁶He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:

These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

⁸"You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

¹⁴He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. ¹⁵There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹"In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You | 455

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version | pg. 15

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

*If you haven't established communing fellowship with us, **please wait to receive the Lord's Supper** until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.*

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315

THANKSGIVING

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CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Us On | 422

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to all that helped with the neighborhood canvass event last Sunday. We were able to distribute **700** door hangers in just a few hours. We pray that this will be a seed to open hearts to the word of God.

GRILL -n- CHILL was last Thursday. We had about 25 members from the congregation and 25 from the preschool. It helps establish a good relationship between the preschool families and our congregation. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event successful.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start next Sunday at **9:00 am**. *“Let the little children come to me, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* (Mark 10:14)

THANK YOU to those who have brought in donations for the preschool.



FELLOWSHIP TIME has been a big success this summer and we want to thank everyone for their participation. It has been suggested that we continue our fellowship time during the school year. We are setting up a serving schedule for the fall months. A new sign-up sheet is in the Information Center.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME next Sunday after the service. We will have donuts and coffee and give you time to converse with one another. We hope many of our new members will be able to come next week.

Calendar Week

Today

No Bible Study	
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

Tuesday – First day of Preschool

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Lawn Mowing	6:00 pm
Steve Deuth, Larry Gens	

Sunday – Rally Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
New Member Welcome	11:00 am

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today:	Isaac Hill
Next Sunday:	Ron Stelter Russ Wyman

Organist

Today:	Sasha Schallert
Next Sunday:	Janice Budach

September Money Counter

Position Open?

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Bible Study – 8
Sunday Service – 49
Tuesday Bible Class – 8

Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,307.00



Don't Forget! Another easy way you can financially help our church. Whenever you order through Amazon Smile, a donation will automatically be made to Brooklyn Lutheran Church. (If you need directions, they are in the Info Center.)

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Canvass Event	October 21	11:30 – 1:30 (or so)
Trunk or Treat	October 27	4 – 6 pm
Mission Festival	November 4	10 am Worship Service 11 am dinner
Advent by Candlelight	December 2	6:30 pm
Christmas for Kids	December 8	9 am – 11 am (may change)

Next year will be Brooklyn Lutheran's 60th Anniversary. We will be celebrating on February 10. More information will be available later in the year.

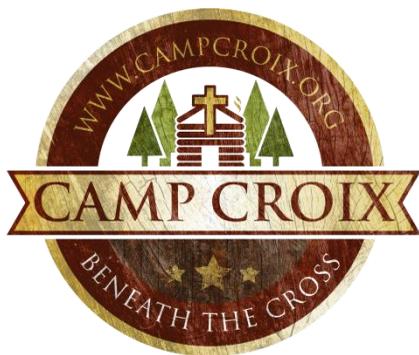


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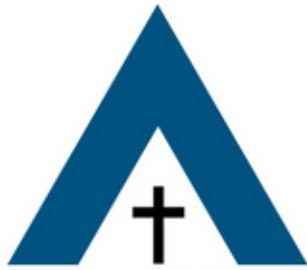
In current culture we are taught to compartmentalize life. We learn to understand and govern each area of life with an independent set of rules. As Christians, we face the temptation to do the same thing with our faith. We relegate God to the gaps. God becomes what we do on Sundays, at a birth, or weddings, or a death. We fit him in when nothing else makes sense. But God redeemed the whole of us. And so, we are to devote the whole of us to him all of the time.

Over the next four Sundays (September 9-30), we are examining the book of James and four key areas of life where our faith needs work.

- September 9 – Hearing vs Doing
- September 17 – Judgment vs Mercy
- September 23 – Selfishness vs Selflessness
- September 30 – Arrogance vs Humility



CAMP CROIX has begun to wrap up its 50th year in ministry. To celebrate and thank the Lord of His blessings, they are having an anniversary celebration at St. Croix High School on Saturday, September 29th beginning at 5 PM. To find out more information, read the cover letter and poster on the bulletin board.



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