



Pentecost 15

Stick to the Word – Nothing More, Nothing Less

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 5, 2021

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Last Sunday, when we heard Jesus ask the Twelve if they intended to leave Him, Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Today's emphasis is that we need to stick to nothing more or nothing less than Christ's words. In a culture where almost everything can be customized to suit the individual (think of your ringtones, wallpaper or Spotify), it is especially important that we be admonished not to "customize" what we hear from Christ's words to suit our own fancy.

WHY DO WE STAND AT CERTAIN TIMES IN THE SERVICE?

There is no command in the Bible about such things. And the most appropriate times to stand could be a matter of debate. But the basic principle goes like this: we stand in the service for the same reason we might stand for a bride at a wedding or as the judge enters the courtroom or as the U.S. flag and the veterans pass by in the parade. It's a gesture of regard for someone or something important.

In today's service we stand to confess our sins before God (because it's a serious matter) and to receive His announcement of forgiveness (because we are so eager to receive it). We stand to hear the Gospel Lesson which is the centerpiece of the service and in particular presents the words and works of Jesus. We also stand to offer our prayers to God and to receive His blessing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word..... pg. 38 in the red hymnal
Psalm of the Day **Psalm 119b**, page 110 in the red hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	282	<i>Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear</i>
Hymn of the Day	459	<i>O God, My Faithful God</i>
Sermon Hymn	403	<i>I Know My Faith Is Founded</i>
Closing Hymn	323	<i>Almighty Father, Bless the Word</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Second Lesson	James 1:17-27
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

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

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PREPARING FOR THE SERVICE

To get the most out of the service, here are some ideas:

- Try to get enough sleep the night before so that you are fresh and alert.
- Arriving a few minutes earlier may give you an opportunity to get settled in so that you are mentally ready.
- Look to see... what's the theme of the day? Read the "Today's Focus" in the worship folder.
- Scan through the service and review the flow of it.
- Look up one of the hymns, read the words, and let their impact sink in. The words were written by Christians who have "been there" and are testifying to you by their own experience that God is faithful.
- Consider using the prayers on pages 10-11 of the hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Organist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm
Television: Sunday 9:00 am
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