

Offertory Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
C: By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord’s Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #494  
+Blessing

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn Savior, Again, to Your Dear Name ELW #534

Sending: P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!  
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become  
a member, contact any member or the church office.”

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; 9:30 am 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.  
C: Amen.  
P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.  
C: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which  
we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We  
take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where  
else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in  
the world.  
Amen.  
P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By  
Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the  
bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn Let Justice Flow like Streams ELW #717

Prayer of the Day (All)

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from  
all dangers that attack us from the outside and cleanse us from all evil that arises from  
within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
Amen.

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

Harley Drew

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

**Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Alleluia Verse**

*Create in Me A Clean Heart*

ELW #186

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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

(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

**Children’s Sermon**

Deacon Suzanne Hansen

**Sermon**

Pastor Robert Hansen

**Hymn of the Day**

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW #772

**Prayers of the Church**

**Offering**

*(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW #879