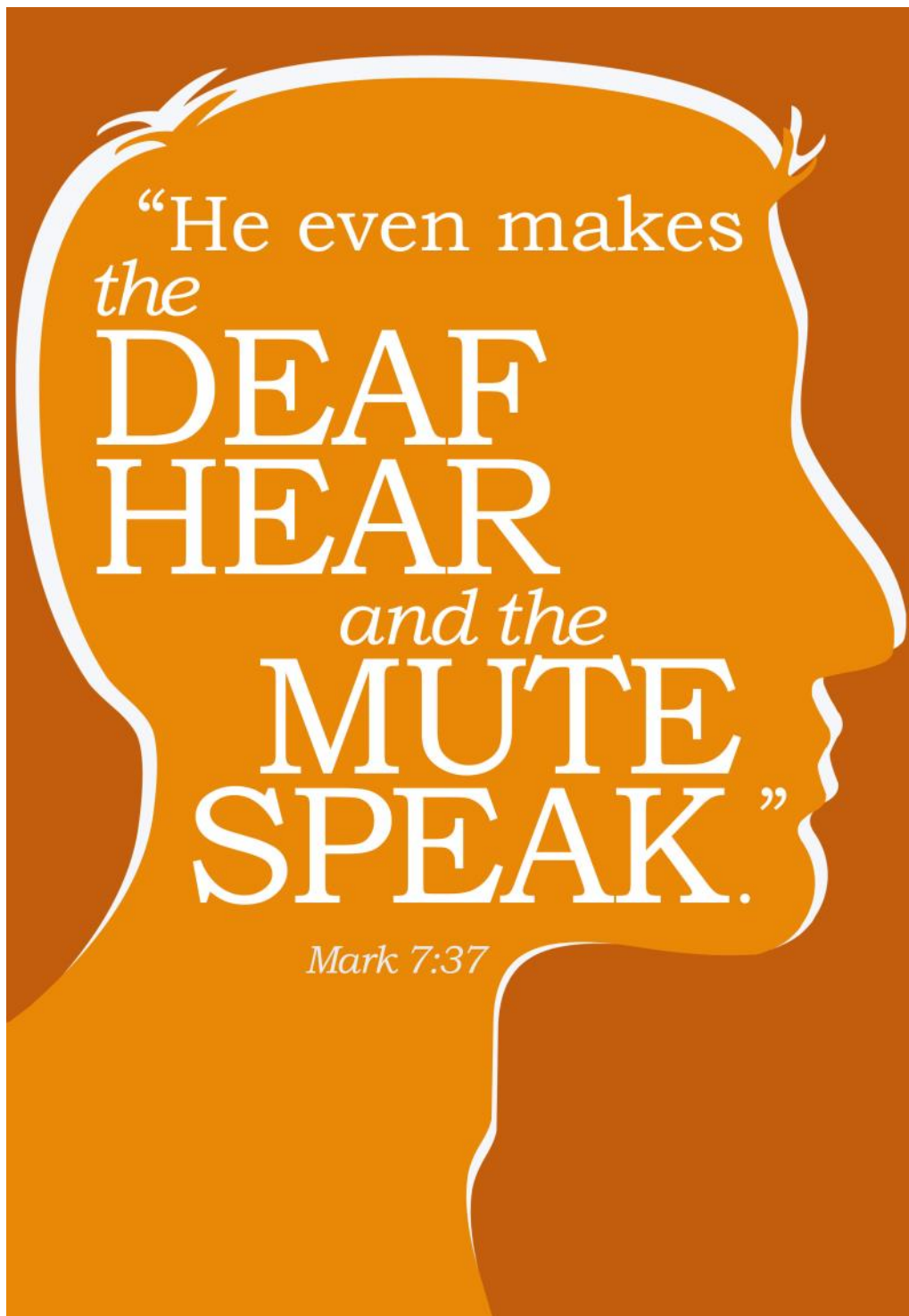


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



15th Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, S. 557

Please stand.

GATHERING LITANY

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Together let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

A time for silence and reflection.

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C: **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

P: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY ELW 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 35:4-7a

R: A reading from Isaiah the 35th chapter.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

READING FROM JAMES 2:1-17

R: A reading from James the 2nd chapter.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The cantor will sing the verse.

We respond by singing the Acclamation a second time.

THE GOSPEL

MARK 7:24-37

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: 
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand.

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL ELW 612

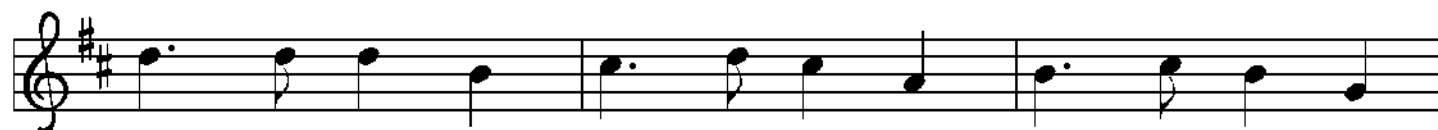
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,




give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

OPENING OF THE PRE-SCHOOL YEAR

P: O God, everything you do is wonderful, and we know it well.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher and friend. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education within our Pre-School: Give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought. Enable them to shape and mold the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in learning the foundations of wisdom. From colors, letters, numbers, and social skills, may all our youth be open to the vastness of your creation. May we all be amazed and humbled by the never-ending love and grace that is revealed to us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

P: I now declare this school year open as we begin this academic year in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MEDITATION & OFFERING

Robert Lind

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

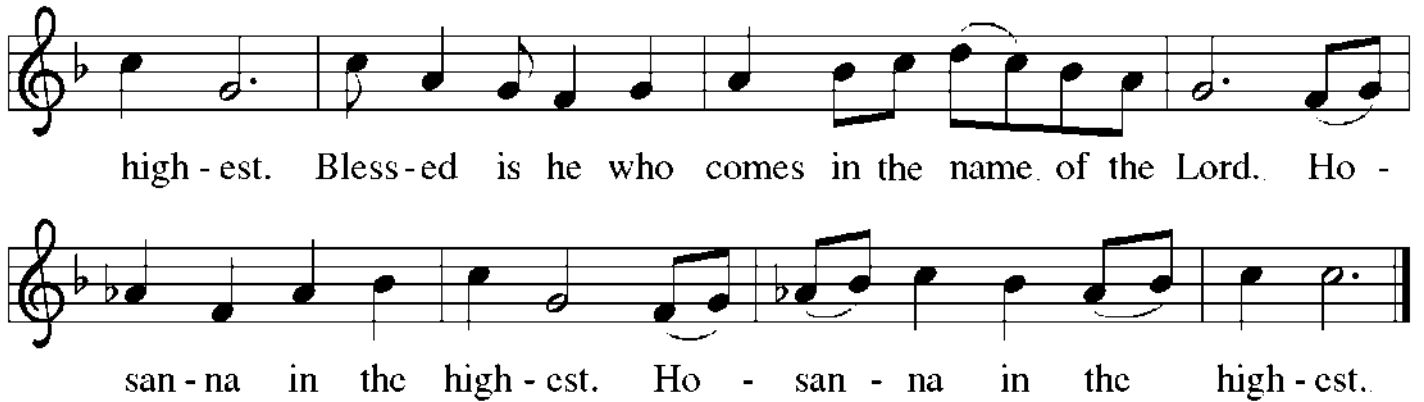
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready!

*At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine
as we feast on the body and blood of Christ.*



BLESSING

P: Now may the blessings of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Now may the blessings of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.



OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE

ELW # 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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DISMISSAL

P: Together, we go in peace. For the Living Word dwells with us!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Toccata Brevis

Today's Flowers

are given by Wendy, John and Andrew
in honor of
Pastor Bailey's birthday.



Announcements

Synod Assembly

The Northwestern Ohio Synod will gather in Assembly on Friday, September 24, 6-8:30 p.m.. First Lutheran can send two delegates to this digital assembly. Individuals must have Zoom capabilities. If you would like to serve in this capacity please let Pastor Bailey know for registration information.

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor:	Victor Welsch	Facebook Camera: Wendy & Andrew Bailey
Hosts:	Nominee Family	Slide Show Creator: Pastor Bailey
Lector:	Rev. Philip Scherr	Slide Show Operators: John Bailey Haley Welter
Director of Music:	Curtis L. King	Worship Leader Rev. Clayton J Bailey



Blessing of the Backpacks will take place TODAY! We hope you remembered to bring your backpacks this weekend!

NEXT SUNDAY, plan to stay after worship and help assemble the backpacks for LWR. Many hands make this job go quickly. Thank you for your generosity in donating supplies and giving your time to help get the backpacks assembled.



SHOUT OUT TO ALL YOUTH

Beginning next Sunday, September 12th, mark your calendars for Youth Night on the second Tuesday of each month.

This year we'll try a different format:

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will meet for **Confirmation Class** from 6-7pm.

Youth Group will happen from 7-8pm.

Pre-Gathering Meeting for the National Youth Gathering will take place from 8-9pm.

Plan to attend these evenings of learning, fun, playing and growing together in faith.

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"God is among us!"

"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."