

Today's Worship at Our Savior's

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

**Please stand if the Spirit moves you.*

GATHERING

Welcome

*Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" - ELW # 885

*Confession & Forgiveness

*Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Song: "Here I Am to Worship"

*All children are welcome in worship!
Children (birth - 3) are also welcome
in the nursery, located on the west
hallway and staffed by two adults
during the 10am service.*

WORD

Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸In 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.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore 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.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But 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.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Song: "Tremble"

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

Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and 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.) ⁵So 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?" ⁶He 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;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

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

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

Response after the reading: "Praise to you, O Christ!"

Children's Time

Sermon: "Be Doers, Not Just Hearers"

Rev. Sheryl Kester Beyer

*Song: "Who You Say I Am"

Prayers

... Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Mike Purtil, Shirley Spangenberg (mother of Susan Vogel), Bob Elton

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Irene Houtchens (mother of Mark Houtchens), Ernest Angell (father of Mellany Archer)

Prayers of celebration: Marriage of Shelby Kinlund & Alfred Eastin on August 23, 2024 (daughter of Bracken & Cindy Kinlund)

MEAL

*Sharing of the Peace

Making a Difference Moment

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer & Distribution

Song: "Good Good Father" - *insert*

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Blessing and Prayer

SENDING

*The Blessing (*sung*)

*Song: "In Christ Alone"

*Announcements & Dismissal (*response: "Thanks be to God!"*)

Assisting in worship

Pastors: Rev. Deb Abbott
Rev. Sheryl Kester Beyer
Music leader / guitar: Mike Korth
Tony Archer
Vocals: Jeanece Kieselstein
Michelle Stoltz
Keyboard: Candace Ebsen
Bass: Kirk Vogel

Drums: Paul Ebsen
Minister of Music: Dennis Larson
Sound technician: Grey Conderman
Projection: Josh Matthews
Video production: Mike Garrott
Communion assistants: Marlene Stroh
Ushers: Linda Carey, Arlene Geary
Altar Guild: Kristy Munch, Cindy Wolf

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

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