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"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

LITANY

So much of the time we are distracted by noise and chaos.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

We listen to so many other voices rather than turning solely to you.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

We know that your voice is truth and hope and life.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.


We choose now to quiet our hearts and minds, to listen only to you.

Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

GATHERING SONG *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (all verses)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

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THE FEAST IS READY

LM and refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together,

You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you first loved us. Amen

PSALM: Psalm 113

(Read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants ¹ of the LORD;
praise the name ¹ of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the ¹ LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its ¹ going down
let the name of the ¹ LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high a- ¹ bove all nations;
God's glory a- ¹ bove the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the ¹ LORD our God,
who sits en- ¹ throned on high,

⁶**but stoops ¹ to behold
the heavens ¹ and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out ¹ of the dust
and lifts up the poor ¹ from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them ¹ with the rulers,
with the rulers ¹ of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a ¹ childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. ¹ Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE PASTOR BARB

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life, That I May Be (PATMOS)* (all verses)



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please respond.)*

P: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God,
your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend.

We praise you for your abundant blessings. In gratitude we offer what you have first given us, our time, our talents, and our money. May these offerings, and our lives, be dedicated by you for service and ministry. May all that we do show to all the world your great love for everyone; in Christ's name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered His friends for a meal. During supper, He took bread, and gave thanks for it. Then He broke it and passed it among them with these words: This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat, and remember Me. After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then He passed it among them with these words: This is my blood which is shed for you. Take, drink, and remember Me.

Lord, we come knowing that we depend on You for life and truth and love. **We come knowing that You welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with You and be changed by the encounter.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come! Come away and rest awhile in the presence of Jesus in the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION

Communion will be brought to you. Pastor will offer the bread. Take a cup from the tray a Communion Assistant will be holding. Another Communion Assistant will hold the basket for the used cup.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table,
we have touched, we have tasted,
and we have heard the signs of Your love for us,
grant that we may go away from this place filled with our love for You and overflowing with Your love for those who are around us and who share our lives.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

My friends,
The Holy One has nourished us with gifts of Word and Jesus' presence in Holy Communion. God claims you and names you beloved. May you love and nurture others as God has loved you. May Almighty God bless you in the name of the Father, and the Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (all verses)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go forth with God's comforting and nourishing Spirit to serve God's people.
Thanks be to God. We will!

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Bread Cubes	Marjorie Dale
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Attendance last Sunday	47

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

For now, the offering plate will continue to be placed in the back of the church in front of the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your continuing support of the ministries of Solomon's as we join God in the work of sharing Christ's love.

Office Hours for Pastor Barb are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

Prayer requests for the following *Family & friends of Connie Bikle, Lanny Haugh, Heather Carman Shull, Betty Sterner, Jenny Barnes, Aurora Shultz and her parents David and Brittany, Ray Rotz, Matthew, Lexi and Brooke Bowen, Sarge and Barb Weaver, Patricia Furry, Tina Smith, Nancy Marshall, Milissa Fogle, Marie Dovey, Beth Floyd, Jean Jackson, David Johnson, Joe and Karen Wolfinger, Jennie Matthews, Kristen Hardman, Patricia Yetter, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World, Carol Locke, Linda Wepking, Frances Kramer, Darrell Veilleux.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

Adult Sunday School Begins September 25. There will be a discussion of the Sunday lectionary texts at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School Room. All are welcome.

Our Daily Bread devotionals for October/November/December are available in the pamphlet rack in the narthex.

Apple Butter and Candy Order forms are here! Candy making – mark your calendars **Thursday 11/3/22 & Friday 11/4/22.** We will be making candy on Thursday, November 3rd. Keep Friday, November 4 open as an extra day of candy making if needed. Apple Butter & Candy Order Forms are in the newsletter or see Zoe Mummert for a copy. Apple Butter Order Forms will need to be turned in by Sunday, Oct. 9. **Candy Order Forms will need to be turned in by Sunday, Oct. 23.** We will **set up on Wednesday evening, November 2 at 6:30 pm.** Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Sunday School Room. Candy can be picked up Saturday, Nov. 5 10-12, and Sunday Nov. 6 after church.

Apple Butter Orders: Order forms need to be turned in October 9 and can be picked up with candy orders on Saturday, Nov. 5th 10-12 or Sunday, Nov. 6th after church.

You're invited: Fall Picnic/Campfire – Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:00 pm. Christian Ed is hosting a Fall Picnic/Campfire in the Picnic Woods. Food will be provided: hot dogs, baked beans, mac & cheese, chips, s'mores, water & lemonade. Hot dogs and s'mores will be roasted over the campfire. Bring your chairs for a night of fellowship. Sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Sunday School room until after church on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 7:00PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday, September 28 at 9AM in the Conference Room in the Fellowship Building. If you know anyone of Confirmation age who needs to participate, please ask the family to call Pastor Barb at the church office. We want to have enough materials and supplies.

Solomon's is invited to a Seminar exploring Sexism and Gender Bias: *Giving Life and Value to All: Moving Toward Gender Justice*. The seminar will be held at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2695 Luther Drive both in person and by Zoom. Friday Evening, September 30, 2022, 6:30 - 9:00 pm and Saturday Morning, October 1, 2022, 9:00 am – Noon (Continental Breakfast 8:30). Registration Required by Sept. 20. To register or ask questions about seminar contact micah6.8chbg@gmail.com or call St. Luke Office at 717-261-1213 during office hours Tu, Wed, Th, 9 am - noon.

Many thanks to Edna Harris for all the time and energy she gave to fulfill her duties as treasurer for the past two years. Edna will be stepping down from treasurer at the end of the year. Prayerfully consider if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

Power Pack Meals: The power pack program has resumed for the 2022-2023 school year. Please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Sign-up Sheets for worship assistants for the rest of the year will be on the side table in the Sunday School room. Communion: bread, set-up, clean-up, and assistant will be on a monthly basis. If you can't commit to the entire month, please see if you can share the month with someone else. Acolytes and Lectors are on a weekly basis. If you find you can't fulfill a chosen date, please call someone to take your place. Let Kimberly in the office know so the bulletin and newsletter info stays up to date. Thank you for your commitment to help provide opportunities for meaningful worship at Solomons. Kimberly will publish the schedule for each month in the newsletter.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes are available in the library for anyone to read.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



God cares for the poor and the needy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
Friday	Isaiah 58:6-9	True religion
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [God] raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. **Psalm 113:7-8 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, we thank you for your justice that is like no other and your mercy that reaches to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, help us to receive this food with a thankful heart and a living faith that prays for food for those who don't have enough to eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who cares for the poor bless you with a compassionate heart.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are some of the things you thank God for?
- How is God's care for the poor and needy shown through your actions?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Light Dawns on a Weary World



DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 113.

The psalm begins with an exhortation to praise God everywhere and for all time. The glory, the fame and preeminence of the LORD, extends beyond the heavens, beyond what anyone can imagine. There is clearly a sense of an all-encompassing grandeur here. The God of the Bible is like no other. Why: Because God created all things? Because of God's power that can conquer the gods of the enemies of Israel? No. At least, that is not the answer given in Psalm 113. God is great and to be praised because our God *"raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap"* (v. 7). God cares for a man in his poverty and a woman in her barrenness. God creates new realities for them and for those around them, like princes who now must welcome the poor as an equal. That is a God worth praising, says Psalm 113. And, in Christ, that is the God who changes all social equations to bring honor to those not honored and eternal hope for those who seem without hope.

Discuss: God is to be praised for caring for everyone in need. What does this mean to you?

Pray: **God, you who use your power and justice to shine on those in need, we praise you now and always for your glory that shines on us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support and honor the poor in your community and the world?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul encourages us to offer *"supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings"* for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community. This week take time to pray for them: **Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.**