

Order of Worship

WELCOME

HYMN: #688, "'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

(Congregation rises.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Most Holy and merciful Father,

All: **We confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all. We confess to You, O Lord, our failure to turn to You and to keep our hearts and lives focused on Your abundant grace and loving kindness. We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from each other; we confess the false pride and arrogance that has kept us from being honest with You, with ourselves, and with each other.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (sung responses)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Congregation may be seated.)

(All of today's readings are found on the insert sheet.)

OLD TESTAMENT - Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV)

EPISTLE - Philemon 1-21 (NIV)

(Congregation rises.)

ALLELUIA and VERSE (sung together)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 14:25-35 (NIV)

NICENE CREED (found on inside back cover of hymnal)

(Congregation may be seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#853, "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

SERMON: "What is the Cost for Discipleship?"

OFFERING

Voluntary

(Congregation rises.)

OFFERTORY: #955, "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs. *(Silence for prayer.)* Grant that we may walk with Christ in the heavenly way, and follow where He has led by His obedient life, life-giving death, and victorious resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: That we may not count any earthly possession or relationship greater than our bond to Jesus Christ by Baptism and faith, and that we may take up the cross and follow Him to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray that the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying may find healing, relief, comfort, and peace. Today we especially lift up to You _____; that those who cry to the Lord in need may patiently trust in His goodness and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,



grounded in God's Word. joy in community.

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Congregation may be seated.)

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (sung together)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

(Congregation may be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#685, "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

#707, "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

#851, "Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us"

(Congregation rises.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

tell ev'ryone what He has done.

**Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and
proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth
in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Lord, we give You thanks for feeding us with Your body and blood for our forgiveness. You were born in flesh and blood to walk with us the path of our sin and death in order that we might walk with You by Baptism and faith. Lead us in the way of Your cross that we may not depart from it but follow its path to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

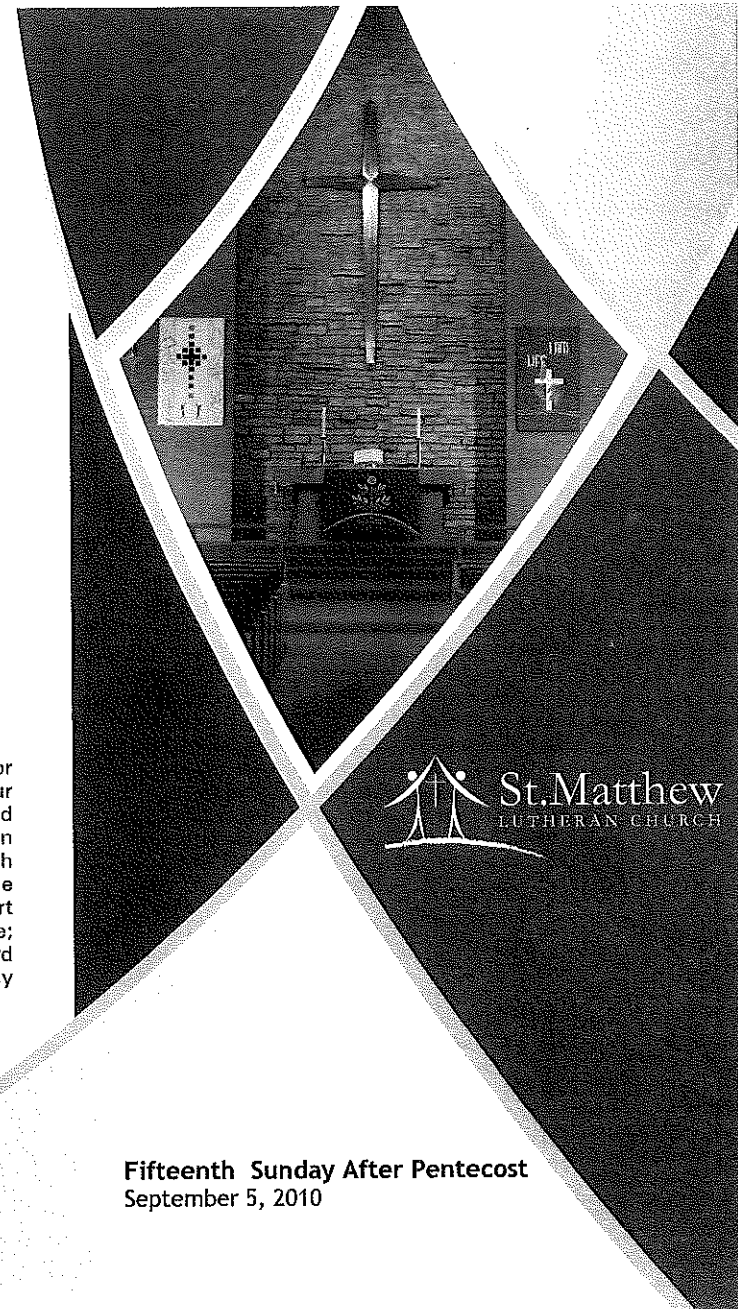
BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

#918, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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