

Calendar for September 2 – September 9

Today	Kendall Labor Day Parade	11:30 am
	Corn Bust Immediately Following Parade	
	at Kendall Trucking parking lot and immediate area	
Sun., Sept. 9	Church Council	9:00 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
Pastor Brad will be in the office on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 AM--12:00 PM.
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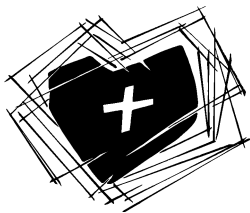
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September 2, 2018
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

GATHERING Welcome/Announcements

As God's children we are

Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy

You are invited to practice God's Love and Mercy by turning to those around you, greeting one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or something similar.

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p.94-95

*Gathering Hymn

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW #520

*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.

*Kyrie

ELW p. 147

*Canticle of Praise

"This is the Feast"

ELW pp. 149-150

Prayer of the Day

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.

WORD

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So 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. ²You 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.

⁶You 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!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the
LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **HUGE** thank you to Larry Ballwahn, Leonard Arndt, Dixie Arndt, Pam Brandau, and Steve Brandau, for each spending a good deal of their time, pumping the water out of the church basement this past Tuesday. We also want to thank Steve for bringing his fan and other equipment from his business for our use. We were very fortunate in that nothing mechanical was damaged.

The folks in Kendall weren't so lucky as their park and tractor pull area suffered significant damage, which caused the cancellation of many planned Labor Day activities. The parade, however, will go on as scheduled!!

We are collecting school supplies to be packed and distributed through Lutheran World Relief. The following items are included in a school bag:

- 4 – college or wide ruled 70 page spiral notebooks
- 1 - large eraser
- 1 – BLUNT TIPPED scissors
- 1 - ruler, 30-centimeter or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 5 – black or blue ink pens (no gel ink), secure together with a rubber band
- 5 - #2 UNSHARPENED pencils, secure together with a rubber bank
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1– Crayons, box of 24 preferred

Raffle tickets for the quilt and other items are available for you to sell. The drawing will be held on Mission Sunday at 12:15 pm.

SENDING

Benediction

Sending

“This Is My Father’s World”

ELW #824

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God’s People *Pastor:* Karen Sparling *Organist:* Nalani Bever

Greeters: Anita Steinke and Lois O’Rourke *Reader:* Leonard Arndt

Communion Server: Greg Bever *Altar Committee:* Bev Graunke and Lila

Speicher Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Justin Arndt

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Matt Zirk, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Shirley Meranti, Ron Clark, Carol Osteboe, Mildred Radke,
Lorayne Denter, Marjorie Muhr, Ed Bauer, Jerry Eckelberg, Ron Doll,
Rod Hermanson, Helen and Evan Summerfield, Don Schreier,
Linda Bauer, Rick Brandau, Linda Finnigan, Lois Reineke, Don Baldwin,
Bob Manson, Jeremy Likely

Second Reading

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

A reading from 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.**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 151

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

The holy gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.”

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

Sermon

*Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

*Apostles’ 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 Intercession

Offering

*Offertory "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW #512

*Offertory Prayer

**God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

ELW pp.152-154

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 154

Prayer after Communion

**Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.**