The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Lawrence Tide
August 31 – September 1, 2024
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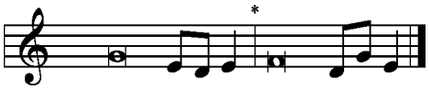
Introit *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

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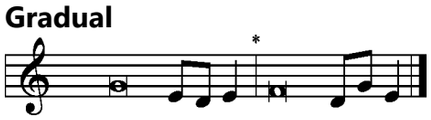
Gloria in Excelsis

Collect of the Day
O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *Moses Commands Obedience* Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them,
that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is
giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep
the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .
6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the
peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and
understanding people.' 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our
God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just
decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
9 "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen,
and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and
your children's children."

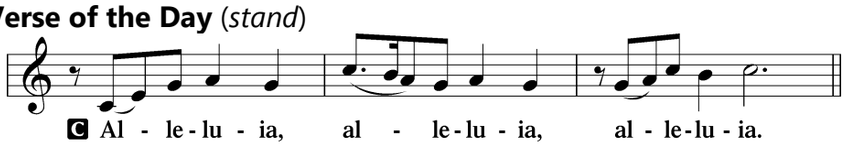
A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle *The Whole Armor of God* Ephesians 6:10–20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh
and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present
darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole
armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand
firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of
righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of
peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming
darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word
of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with
all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to
me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an
ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Matthew 5:8

A Blessed are the | pure in heart,* for they shall | see God.
C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *What Defiles a Person* Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14 [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and
understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things
that come out of a person are what defile him." 17 And when he had entered the house and left the
people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without
understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile
him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods
clean.) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the
heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness,
deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they
defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566, sts. 1-4

All **By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;**
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

All **By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;**
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

Solo By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

All **By grace! This ground of faith is certain;**
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

Sermon "We Need the Antidote to Sin" Mark 7:14-23

Prayer of the Church (*stand*) *congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

Offering (*sit*)

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Distribution (*sit*) "See This Wonder in the Making" LSB 593

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn "By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566, sts. 5-6

All **By grace to timid hearts that tremble,**
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Postlude

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