

over all creatures, and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin. AMEN

### Prayer for Spiritual Formation

#### Leader:

Gracious & Loving God,  
Marry our hearts to Your will and precepts  
Create in us a clean heart that carries through our hands and feet  
May our motivation and mission become clear  
Help us to spiritually grow in integrity, humility, fidelity and Grace  
In Your Most Holy Name, we rend our lives to prayer!

*(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

**ALL: AMEN**

### BENEDICTION

#### Scattering Proclamation (created by Reverend Nicole Collins)

Leader: Gracious Lord Jesus, may our faith truly move mountains!  
Help us to do so as we now scatter... In the name of the Father, † Son  
& Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† *Thank you for worshiping with us!* †

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DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

*The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Morning Worship †  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### GATHERING WE CONFESS

(Composed by Reverend Nicole Collins)

*(Please stand if able)*

**Leader:** Today's Psalm laments and calls out our godless tendencies, our indifference and graceless behavior.

*Please observe a moment of silence for reflection*

**ALL:** *Yes Lord, we are fools when we allow the world to consume us and turn our hearts away from you. Deliver us from our foolish pride and evil indifference. Help us to be fools for Christ, instead. May we reflect upon our sinful selves, repent of what we have done and left undone, Confess that You are our crucified Lord and savior and renew through the power of Your Love and Grace.*

**Leader:** Gracious and loving God, continue to teach us the wisdom of Your Son Jesus. Marry our hearts in commitment to the Gospel's cause.

**ALL:** *Create in us not only a clean heart but cleanse us through and through so that our lives may return to righteousness and find refuge and blessedness in Your Grace.*

*Please observe a moment of silence for reflection*

Leader: Upon your confession & reflection, as a humble servant of the Living Word; I announce, in the witness of God—that you are forgiven of your transgressions. Live into this repentance through renewal. In

the Name of the Father, † Son & the Holy Spirit! Amen

*(Please make the sign of the Cross)* †

**Scripture Lessons for the Morning** *(please be seated)*

### A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become for you like the words of a sealed document. If it is given to those who can read, with the command, "Read this," they say, "We cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And if it is given to those who cannot read, saying, "Read this," they say, "We cannot read." <sup>13</sup>The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their

lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; <sup>14</sup>so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the LORD, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, “He has no understanding”? <sup>17</sup>Shall not Lebanon in a very little while become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### **A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

**ALL: *Glory to You, O Lord***

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their

hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and 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.) <sup>5</sup>So 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?” <sup>6</sup>He 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; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” <sup>9</sup>Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

**Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: *Praise to You, O Christ***  
**Sermon by Pastor Nicole**

PEACE † PRAYER CIRCLE † HYMN OF THE DAY

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!*

**LORD’S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you. (Please be seated)**

### **The Augsburg Confession; Article III: Of the Son of God**

*(Please be seated)*

**ALL:** The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humans. He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion