



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

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" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were 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

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Here I Am Lord"

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23

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.

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."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 975

"O God, Whose Word Well Planted"



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred-fold,
2 O God of seed and har-vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi-nal har-vest of his-t'ry's an-cient field



we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
at-tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud-est that hu-man work can yield.



who by their wit-ness scat-tered good seed up-on the soil
Send show-ers of your Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace,
Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;



where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil.
that mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace.
and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

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THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You – Smiles For Sachi
Safe Resumption of In-Person Worship (part 2)

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.*

HYMN

“Lord Jesus You Shall be my Song as I Journey”

arranged by AKO

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Lauren Voorpostel, Sarah McCutcheon, Lin Xi Yu	Prelude
James Suknundun	Reader
Emily Walker	Prayers of the People
Brenna Kearns and Jack	Sending

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am.
- The Good Food Market is Wednesday 4 - 7pm: buy fresh local produce and/or volunteer.
- Volunteer to deliver food boxes for the Neighbourhood Table Program.

SAVE THE DATES

- September 5 @ 10 a.m.: Next week, outdoor in-person service observing "Season of Creation".
- September 12 @ 10 a.m.: Blessing of the Backpacks at in-person worship in the church followed by Ice Cream on the lawn!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

...begins September 12 @ 10a.m. You will have 3 options for safe accessible worship:

- 10 a.m. in-person worship
- 10 a.m. livestream of the in-person worship
- anytime/anywhere, a recording of the in-person worship