Blessing: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, be upon you.

Sending Hymn: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (LBW#262 vss. 1 & 2)

Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; once more we bless you ere our worship cease, then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you shall end the day; guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon your name.

Dismissal: Go in peace. You are the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Mark your calendars:

- September 8 Kirkebo at 9:30
- September 15 Nora at 9:30
- September 22 Kirkebo at 9:30
- September 29 *No Service 5th Sunday*

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Way (LBW#480 all vss.)

Oh, that the lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>: Just a reminder that September 29 is the 5th Sunday and, therefore, there will be no church service.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day. Amen.

Psalm 15 (read responsively)

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? **Those** who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to
The Gospel of our Lord, Praise to you, O ChristGlory to you O LordGlory to you O LordGlory to you O Lord

<u>Message</u>

Hymn of the Day/Offering: Son of God, Eternal Savior (LBW#364 vss 1,2,3)

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, You our head, who throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrongs and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain

Offering Response: We give thee but thine own, whatever that gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O, Lord, from thee.

Apostle's 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people Merciful God, receive our prayer

We entrust these and all our prayer to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Amen

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

<u>Prayer:</u> Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen**.