

all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:10-20

**3) "Direct my footsteps according to your HOLINESS."**

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. <sup>16</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear." <sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come — sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person." Mark 7:14-23

**Worship Prayer...**

*Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit's power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus' name....Amen!*



**'Come grow with us!'**

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# Living Word

Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.

**Psalm 119:133**



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Hymnal Service

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

10:00 am Service

## **“Direct My Footsteps”**

Psalm 119:133 says: “*Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.*” Today we too pray, “*Direct my footsteps...*”

### **WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!**

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#### **Order of Worship: Lutheran Service Book Divine Service, Setting Three p. 184-202**

#### **~ Service Notes ~**

Hymn of Invocation                    **“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”**

Today’s Psalm                    **Psalm 119:129-136                    LSB front section**

#### **Scripture Readings (facing page):**

Old Testament Reading                    **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, & 6-9**

Epistle Reading                    **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Gospel Reading                    **Mark 7:14-23**

Hymn of the Day                    **“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

Sermon                    **“Direct My Footsteps”**

Closing Hymn                    **“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

#### **1) “Direct my footsteps according to your DECREES.”**

4 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ... 6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? 9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

#### **2) “Direct my footsteps according to your POWER.”**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for