

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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30 Crescent Drive
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PARISH CENTER

232 Passion Play Road
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of
month-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

OFFICE HOURS

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I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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CLPI

All visitors to our beautiful town of Eureka Springs are welcome to visit our historic Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, and to pray and worship with us. If you are Catholic, and have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are also invited to share in the Holy Eucharist. If you are not a practicing Catholic, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest to receive a sacramental blessing. Pray that we all continue to grow together into the body of Christ, to which the Lord calls us.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

For Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, contact our Parish Office, and we will point you in the right direction.

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

If someone in our community is at home or in the hospital, and in need of Sacramental Care, or to be placed on our prayer list, please let us know at the Parish Office.

GIFT SHOP

St. Elizabeth Gift Shop is located behind the Church in a small building. It is generally open five days a week (March - Nov.) and weekends through the Holiday season. We carry a large selection of medals, holy cards, rosaries, crucifixes, statuary and religious art. Come on back and check us out!

TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to our Parish! If you wish to join our Parish family, please call the Parish Office, T&Th, at 253.2222. Registration forms are available in the narthex at both locations.

Getting Married?

Saint Elizabeth welcomes couples from all over the world who want to receive the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony in our beautiful and historic Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 479.253.2222.

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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Adoration 8:00am

Daily Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Daily Mass 8:30am

Confessions 9:15am

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Daily Mass 8:30am

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC

Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC

Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC

SUNDAY, JULY 27

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6.
8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a);
Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Cassian Heath – 7/24, William Metzger - 7/24,
Keaton Boardman - 7/25

May you have many more!



BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths. -Anonymous

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, JULY 26

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Barb McClung

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: The Simmons Family

Altar Server:

SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Rod McGuire, Karen Finkelddei, Mindy Godfrey

Ushers: Gary Finkeldei, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Missy Leggett



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 22

For the Repose of the Soul of Doug Pearson

Thursday, July 24

For the Intentions of Fred & Janie Gonzales

Friday, July 25

For the Repose of the Soul of Lillian & Clifford Pitre

Saturday, July 26

For the Intentions of Driscoll & McHale

Sunday, July 27

For the Intentions of Michael & Nanette Guillory



Pray for



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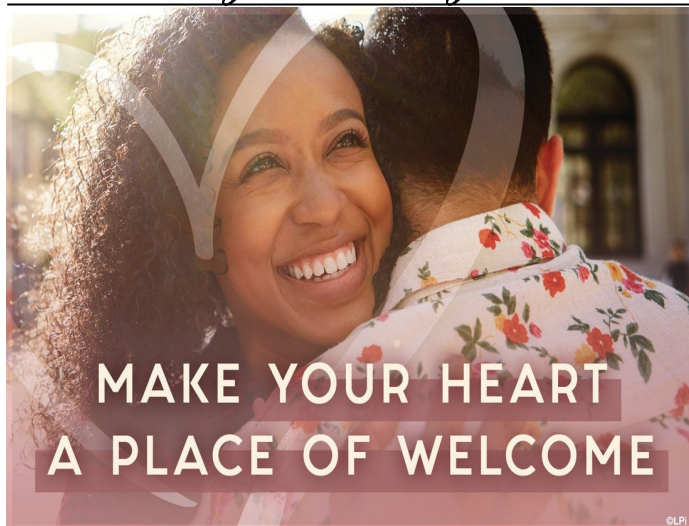
Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Larry Handley, Joe Ricciardi, Fran Ricciardi, Mary Szafranski, Helen Wright and Barbara Witkowski.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Lin Crider



Our Friends and Family Members

There are folks who have been on this list for a very long time. Please let the office know if there is someone who no longer needs to be there.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected money to join the contributions from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Steven Wilson

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*Our Seminarians
for the month of
July, 2025*



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STEWARDSHIP

As a parish, we are financially dependent on your generous weekly contributions to pay our bills and keep the lights on and our doors open. So, as you plan for the weeks and months ahead, please remember your parish family in your prayer and in your financial planning. The Sunday Collection for July 5 & 6 is **\$5,968.56**. For the Fiscal year (7/25-6/26) is **\$5,968.56**.

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of 7/10/25:

	<u>Pledges</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Parishioners	\$822,303	\$418,825
Non-Parishioners	\$113,380	\$ 20,094
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 28,128</u>
	\$935,683	\$467,047



GIFT SHOP

July Gift Shop Schedule

Sun., 7/20	9:30-4:00	Godfrey
Mon., 7/21	10:00-1:00	D. Pickens
	1:00-4:00	Breaux
Tues., 7/22	10:00-4:00	Buttecali
Thurs., 7/24	10:00-1:00	T. Kees
	1:00-4:00	N. Barnett
Friday, 7/25	10:00-4:00	Meyer
Sat., 7/26	10:00-1:00	S. McClung
	1:00-4:00	Meyer
Sun., 7/27	9:39-4:00	Horning



Father Joseph, celebrating his 25th+ birthday.... a birthday party among a number of birthday parties! He's going to be worn

out from all the celebrating, Bless His Heart!!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, “What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste.” The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

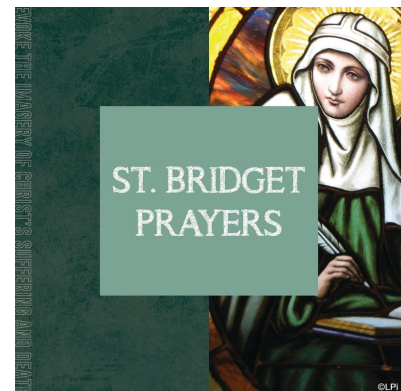
No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week’s Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hard-working and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **“one necessary thing.”** He praises her for she **“has chosen the better part” (Luke 10:42).** Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work - domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative - is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the “better part” of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer - they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

-Father John Muir



St. Charbel Makhlouf (1828–1898) was a Maronite monk and priest who lived much of his life as a hermit. He was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths.



DEVOTIONS, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ’s suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant’s sins, for a happy death, for a fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many “Marthas” - people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary, and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

PRAYER FOR FOCUS

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."
- Lk 10:41-42

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

Second Reading:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?

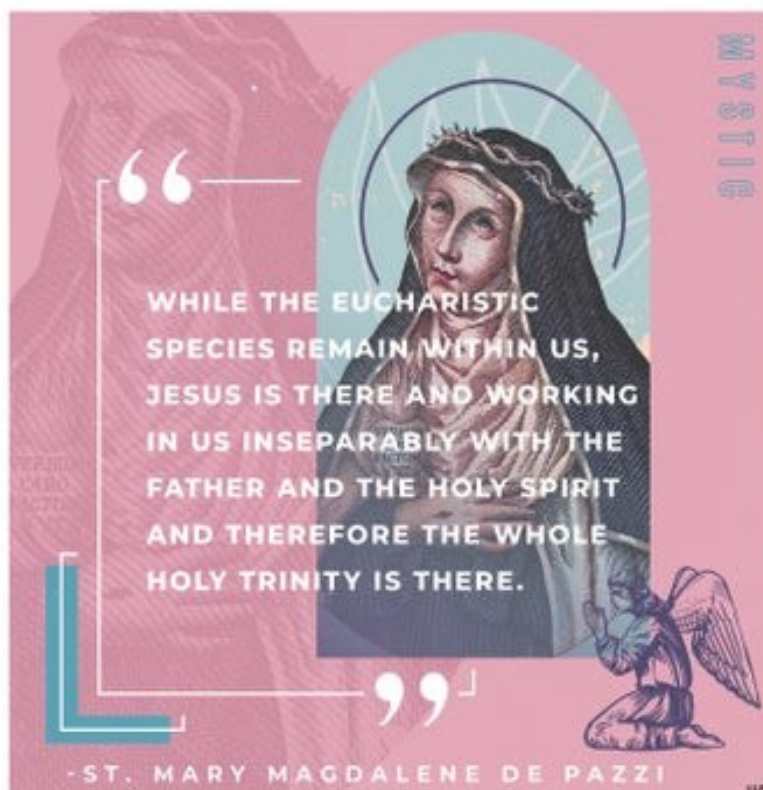
Gospel:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. How can you be present this week to an anxious friend or co-worker?



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Friday Aug 1, 2025 Sunday Aug 3, 2025

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1. Register your sale on Eventbrite (\$23 per sale location - permit valid for up to 3 days).
2. Print your receipt (Event Ticket). The Order Number will serve as proof of registration. (Note, Sales within Eureka Springs City Limits are subject to verification by the Police Department. The Order Number serves as your Official Permit.)
3. Instructions: This Permit is ONLY valid on the dates of the event. Sales can start as early as 7:00 am and can end no later than 7pm. Post the permit at a conspicuous place on the day of the sale.

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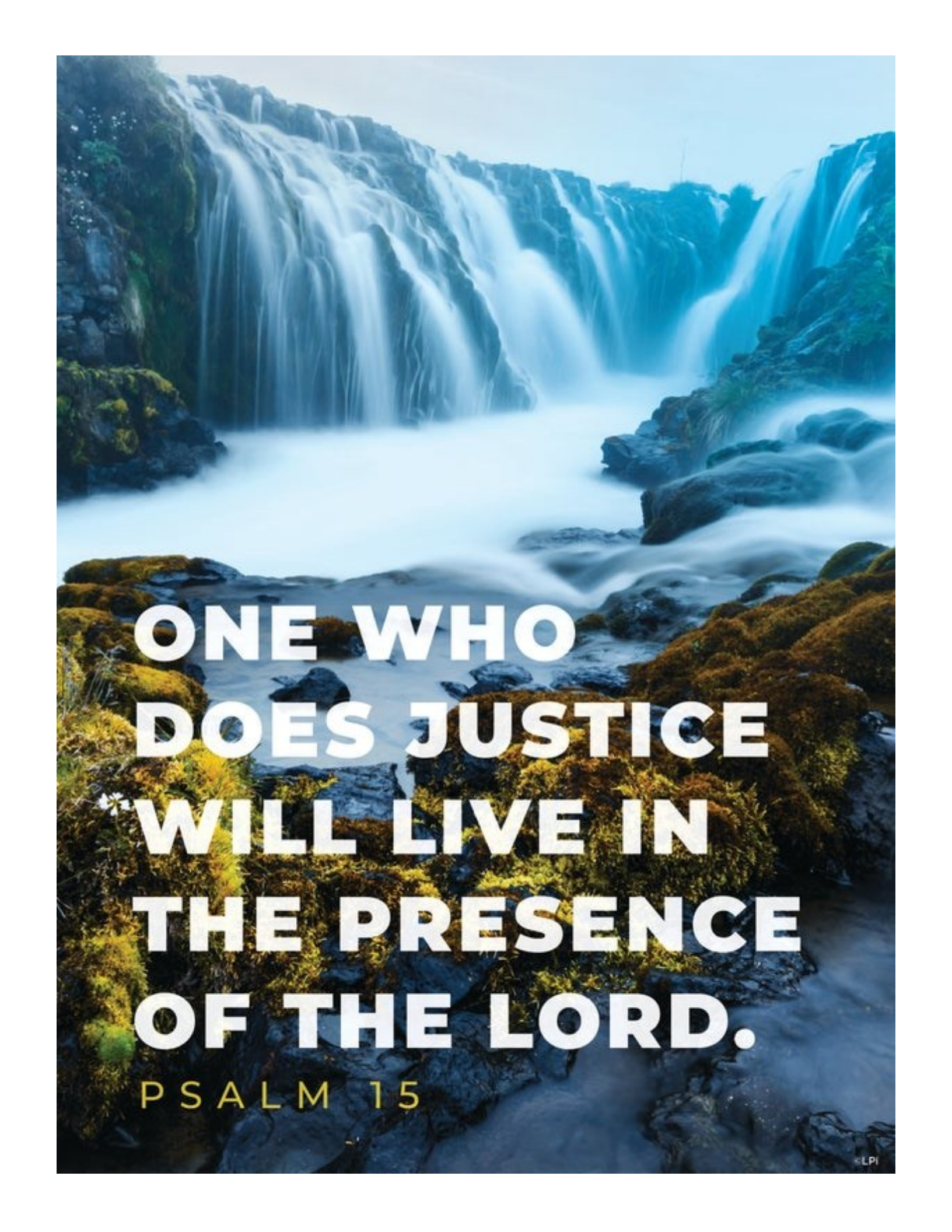
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