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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19th, 2021

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

*The congregation is invited to reply in places
where the **bold** print appears.*

**PRELUDE – Lord, I Want to be a Christian – American Folk
Melody arranged by Diane Bish (Instrumental)**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open
heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Hymn #641

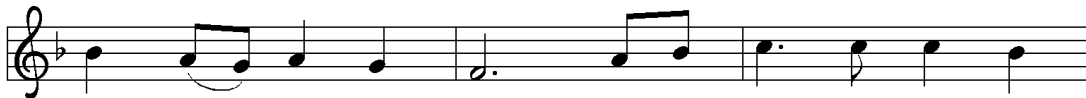
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

A time of silence follows the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 54

Refrain:

God is my help - er; it is the
Lord who sus - tains my life.

Psalm 54:4

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God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless
have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

A time of silence follows the psalm.

Special music 2nd service only. McPhail Family, *On Eagles' Wings* by Michael Joncas; choral setting by Douglas E. Wagner

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus's teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

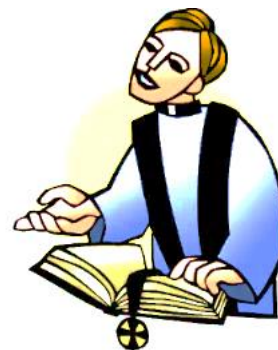
³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – The Reverend Chad R. Adamik

A time of silence follows the Sermon.



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 saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And with you, too.*

**Please share a sign of peace, maintaining physical distance (Pastor will demonstrate)*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD

OFFERING HYMN: #186

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The table is set for Holy Communion.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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; and 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.

Lamb of God, Page 72

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION

As we commune, we sing...



COMMUNION HYMN: #518

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness
now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



Refrain
ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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COMMUNION HYMN: #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

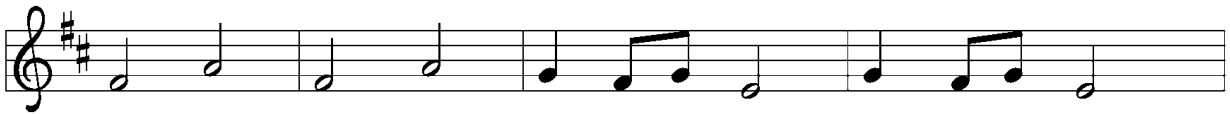


now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

COMMUNION HYMN: #744

Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Hymn #537

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *Simple Gifts* American Folk Melody arranged by Russell Schultz-Widmar (Instrumental)

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ST. PAUL'S VITAL STATS



8/06/2021 – \$410.00
8/08/2021 – \$2,167.00
9/01/2021 – \$1,375.00
9/05/2021 – \$2,325.00

***Please help St. Paul's reach its weekly goals.
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CONTRIBUTIONS

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“For it is in giving that we receive.” St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Ann Harris, kidney removal due to cancer, daughter of a long-time friend of Jim and Gayle Kennett, Ellen Harrell, a fall, Kathy Edwards, a wound on her leg, Stacy Akhtar (Kathy Edward's niece) COVID-19, Jason Wildblood, a diverticulitis cyst, Judy Lowther, a bad fall that injured her arm and knee, Mary Burgeson and family, Glendanne Block, knee surgery, Gerry Kinder (nephew of Wayne and Cheryl Kinder and son of Julie Watt), massive heart attack, Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19, son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, son-in-law Dan Ranger, melanoma, and daughter Vicki, Dan's wife, who has early onset dementia, Bev Steinert's son-in-law (Ken's brother) Larry, cancer, Betty Clamp, Hannelore Hanke, Frank Bartlett, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, Fern Yoho, Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister), Norman Breuer (Mary DeFelice's brother), Katherine, cancer (Susie Anderson's sister), Holly and Trevis (Requested by Deon Ferguson, a friend of St. Paul's), Richard Bradshaw, cancer (Ruth Fitzgerald's cousin), and **a special prayer for all the victims of COVID-19, the earthquake in Haiti, Hurricane Ida, wildfire victims, members of the Armed Forces, and the people of Afghanistan, especially the girls and women.**

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

Wayne Opperman, Bill Sandell, Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, Sandy Danforth, Sarah Jevne, Carol Kalleres, continued health issues, Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues, James Wilson, continued health issues, Mary Ann Adamik, healing, Ellen Harrell, medical issues, Betty Razor, healing, Debbie Revelle, healing from severe heart and lung disease, Maxine Bowton, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, and Diana Johns.





**Our Worship
Volunteers**



September
Sharon Melsheimer
and
Jeanne
Russell

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Greeter – Joan Schultz
Reader – Jay Olshen
Usher – TBA

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Greeter – Linda Thronson
Reader – Lorayn Walser
Usher – David Harrell
Acolyte – Clay Woslum
Counters – Judy McPhail and Sharon Gesick

Live-streaming – Jay Olshen or Nick Cotsonis

Check online at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. for the live service. You can always view the recorded video after the service.

*Altar flowers for this Sunday have been given by
Bryan and Hope Chowanski
to celebrate their
22nd wedding anniversary.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Faith L.I.N.K. on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. with a gathering in Friendship Hall for Sunday school opening with worship and prayer.

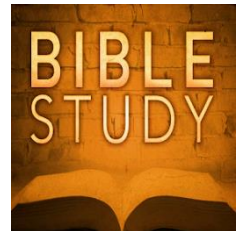


Children's Sunday school runs from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

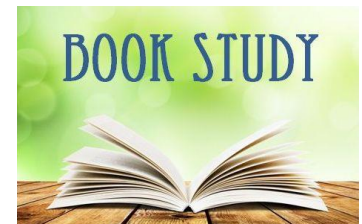
Pastor Chad leads adult Sunday school with Lectionary Bible Study from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

The WELCA Bible Study group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Vicki Hamilton is the leader wonderful group. We look forward to seeing you there.



Book Study Class will begin in October. In-person classes will be on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Zoom class times TBA. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



New Members Class will begin in October. Date and time TBA. If you want to become a Lutheran or simply refresh your knowledge of the faith, this class is for you.



Pastor Chad's Office Hours

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment.



Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

