



**October 1, 2023**

***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**[Online Guest Form](#)**



*As this congregation winds down its stewardship focus for the fall, we consider how we will respond with our gifts of time, talent and resources. In our gospel today, Jesus is very direct. How freely will we give back to God?*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Bread of Life from **With One Voice** with the Lord's Supper*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

With One Voice

*A Lutheran Resource for Worship*

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\*HYMN: "We Praise You, O God"

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1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

\*THE 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.**

## \*THE KYRIE

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ⓑ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### TEMPLE TALK “Give”

Janell Zesinger

### THE FIRST LESSON

Revelations 21:5-7

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

### THE PSALM

Psalms 24

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

<sup>2</sup> **for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.**

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> **Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> **Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”  
<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Berry

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



### \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

<sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup> "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> "Nine hundred gallons<sup>[a]</sup> of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' <sup>7</sup> "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

<sup>8</sup> "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.  
THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LBW 499/ELW 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless- ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

\*THE APOSTLES' 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**

\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



... Merciful God, receive our prayer.

\*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be. Amen

\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): "Prayer of St. Francis (Allen Pote)  
Piano Solo (11:00)

\*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## THE AGNUS DEI

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494/LBW 200

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.  
 Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895  
 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

HYMN: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (*not printed*)

LBW 221

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thankful Hearts”

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Lee Smith in thankful praise to God and in celebration of Janet & Merritt's birthday today.

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Love the smell of fresh coffee brewing? Come join the Fellowship Coffee team! A coordinator is still needed. Interim coordinator: Bobbey Huwaldt.

**CELEBRATION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS TODAY.** *ALL OFFERINGS*, including Commitment Cards, will be brought forward and placed in the basket. Thank you for returning your 2024 Estimate of Giving form to MLC in answer to God's call to be stewards of the gifts bestowed upon us. You may also complete this form securely online at the link or QR code.  
<https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/2024-giving-pledge>

**FALL BREAK IS HERE** Please note the schedule changes on the next page. Pastor Kris will also be away October 3-15 for Continuing Education and to attend the SE Synod Fall Leadership Conference. Please call the church office at (256)721-0041 if you need pastoral care.

**MUSIC AT MESSIAH PRESENTS "THE BROPHY SISTERS"** at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. The concert is free, and the public is invited. Linnea (violin) and Maeve (piano) will be presenting works by Bach, Amy Beach, Prokofiev and H. Leslie Adams. Donations at the door support the Series along with sponsorships and program advertising.

**MLC'S HANDMADE MARKET is Oct 21-22 in the Parish Hall.** All sales support the three schools MLC sponsors through *Lunches for Learning* in Honduras. Come shop handmade crafts, jewelry, household décor, kitchen items, jams, and more. Sale is 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturday, and in between services to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. If you have crafts to donate, please contact Elaine Shriver.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Single Toothbrushes **FOOD PANTRY** Cake Mix/Frosting

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Joan Ellsworth(11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Thompson, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
			Paul Arnold, Dorothy Seitz (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Adam Neely
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith (8:30)
			Gretchen Perry (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby (8:30)
			Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke, Beverly Berry



## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, October 1**

9:45 a.m. - Outreach Craft Project

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults

### **Tuesday, October 3**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Sunday, October 8**

8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper

5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**October 14** - Music at Messiah Concert Series presents the Brophy Sisters

**October 21 & 22** - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*

**October 22** - Acolyte Training

**October 29** - Town Hall Meeting / Chilli Cook Off/Halloween Party

**November 5** - Congregation Meeting

### **Attendance:**

September 17 Online: - 96

September 24 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 77, 11:00 a.m. - 63

### **Offerings Counted September 24, 2023**

### **TASK FORCE SURVEY**

(Ends Today)



### **GIVE ONLINE**



### **SIGN UP GENIUS LINK**

[www.signupgenius.com/tabs/33773DB0EA3CFEECF9-sunday](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/33773DB0EA3CFEECF9-sunday)

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