

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, \pm 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 \pm Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.



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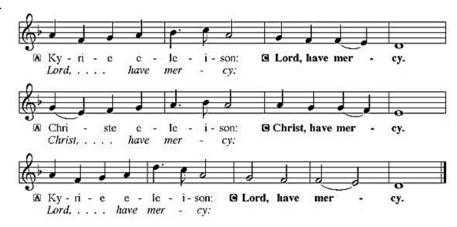
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*THE GREETING

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



*HYMN OF PRAISE





*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK "Give"

Janell Zesinger

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelations 21:5-7

⁵ 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."

⁶ 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. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

THE PSALM Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it on the seas

and established it on the waters.

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

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

They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.
 Such is the generation of those who seek him,

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

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

⁸ Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 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. ¹¹ You will be

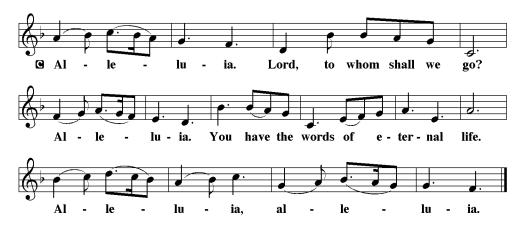
enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your

generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² 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 16th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

¹Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² 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.'

- ³ "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— ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'
- ⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'Nine hundred gallons^[a] of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' "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.'
- ⁸ "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. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
- ¹⁰ "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. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³ "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;





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.

grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to



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

let.

that

- 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

... 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"



*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.

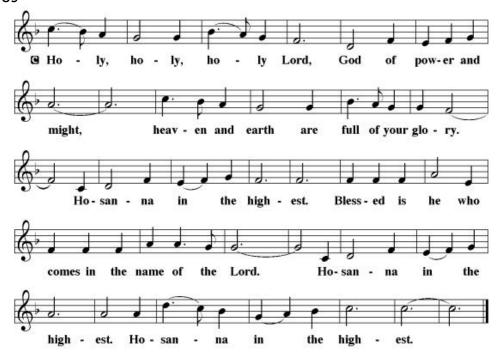
Lift up your hearts.

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

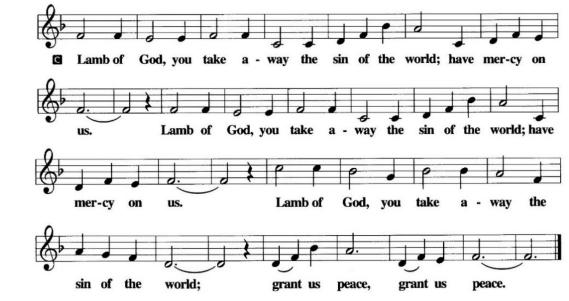


*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

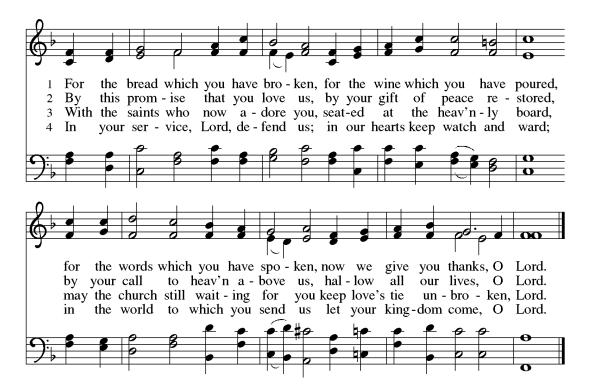
THE AGNUS DEI



THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494/LBW 200



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895
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HYMN: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

LBW 486

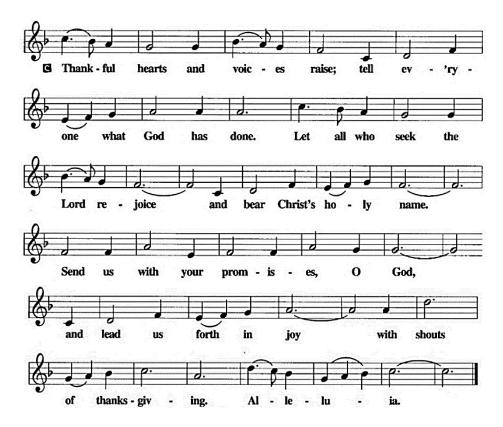


Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

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

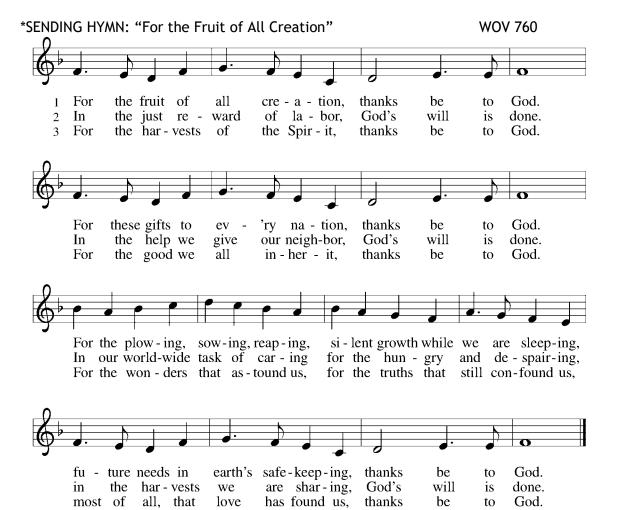
HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (not printed)

LBW 221



*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYD Y 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)
Music & Choir Director	Randall Fields		Hannah Seitz (11:00)
Director of Outreach Ministri	es Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Rick & LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
Communication & Tech Direct	ctor Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
Office Managers	Bobbey Huwaldt	Lectors	Laura Peterson (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Joan Ellsworth(11:00)
Nursery Attendant	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u> I	Mark Thompson, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
			Paul Arnold, Dorothy Seitz (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Adam Neely
		<u> Altar Guil</u>	d Janet Smith (8:30)
			Gretchen Perry (11:00)
		Stream Te	eam Meredith Kilby (8:30)
			Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
		Flower Gu	uild 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

Pastor Kris Schroeder

Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

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