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## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Community Transformed By Christ To Be Christ In The World  
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+Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude** "Elevation" Edmond Lemaigre

Nadine Berg

### Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*"God Is Here"*

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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.**

**\*Kyrie**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Refrain:

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.

Final Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

God of love, **giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Reading**

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A reading from Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem***"Think of Me and Remember"*

Temple Choir

Take this wine I pour, take this bread I break.  
Search your heart and remember the sacrifice I make.  
Come and follow me. I will hold you forever.  
My life I give so you may live. Think of me and remember.  
When your feet grow tired, and your flesh is weak,  
Think of me and remember I am the rest you seek.  
Come and follow me, I hold you forever.  
My life I give so you may live. Think of me and remember.

**Children's Message****\*Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**\*Gospel**

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*"When Quitters Win"*

Pastor Kevin C. Olson

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -  
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
 4. And when my task my on earth is done, when

3  
 words with heaven - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, p'er  
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er  
 by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

6  
 e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

9  
 lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his

13  
 faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

**\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church,  
creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons,  
and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and  
faithful witness. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep  
us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of  
our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Reception of Offering** *"The Christian's Inner Life is Shining" by Bach/Blake*  
*Nadine Berg*

**\*Offertory Response** *"Take My Life that I May Be"* #583 (vs.1&2)

Refrain:

Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days ; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

v. 1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Refrain:

Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days ; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

v. 2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain:

Take my life, that I may be consecrated Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days ; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Communion**

*All who believe that God is present in this meal are invited to share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is available upon request. With their parents permission, all children are also invited to commune. Come forward with your hands cupped to receive. Children not communing are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Communion will be brought to those unable to come to the chancel in the front pew and handicap row.*



**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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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.**

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\* Lord's Prayer**

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**\*Lamb of God**

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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.

**\*Communion Hymns**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

#807

*"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"*

#469

*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

#461

**\*Prayer after Communion**

O God, **we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

#805

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*"Conclusion" by Francois-Joseph Fetis*

Nadine Berg

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### **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Pastor: Kevin C. Olson  
Acolyte: Naomi Ronning  
Lector: Tim Rasch  
Cantor: Paula Jackson  
Choir Director: Roy Berg  
Organist: Nadine Berg  
Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law  
Ushers: Keith & Cindy Eggert/Todd & Amy Rice  
Tellers: Fred Fawkes & Donna Hoag  
Altar Guild: Suzanne Clark & Patty Sterle

### **NEWS & NOTES**

Happiest of Birthdays to our September members with special recognition to: Carlin Hahn (10/1), Tom Sampson (10/6).

Our radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Owen and Donna Wilson's Wedding Anniversary, from the Family.



**\*\*There will be a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am. This is to discuss the and approve the project for the Organ Project \*\***

**\*\*Gear up for the Pasty Bake! Prep day is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and the bake day is October 12<sup>th</sup> \*\***

Sharik/Farseeth Scholarship applications are being accepted – deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our selection criteria would include the following – Member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; must have completed 1 year (minimum of 30 credits) of post-secondary education within the past 3 years (include transcript); volunteer activities in school, church and community; and, academic performance. Applications available in the office, via mail or e-mail.

### **OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

#### **Today, 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 Worship &  
Sunday School  
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 Radio Broadcast  
1240 AM WMFG  
6:00 VOICES of Reason

#### **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

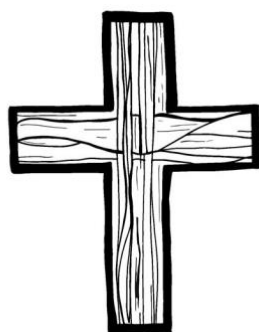
9:00 Quilting

#### **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1:00 Staff  
5:00 Foundation

#### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 Bible Study  
10:00 LEE Center  
1:00 Food shelf  
6:00 Handbells  
7:00 Confirmation  
Grades 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>  
Choir



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