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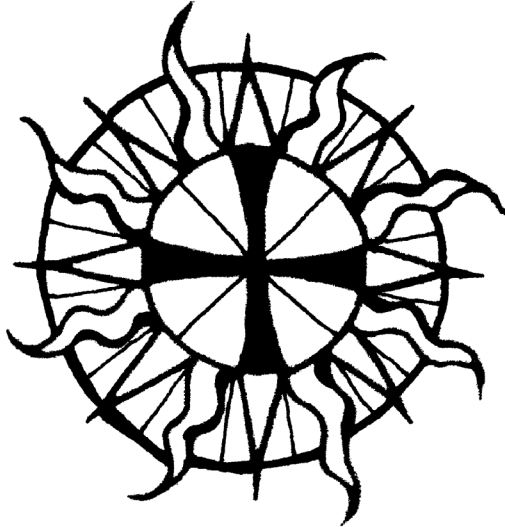
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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

Introduction

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Welcome

Prelude *I Come With Joy*

Meditation

Psalm 119: 33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

- ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
- ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.
- ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

***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.**

Amen.

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.

*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

*Hymn of Praise *Earth and All Stars* **ELW 731 vs 1,2,&5**

*Prayer of the Day (AM)

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

First Reading: (AM)

Ezekiel 33: 7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no

pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: (AM)

Romans 13: 8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel The gospel according to Matthew 18: 15-20



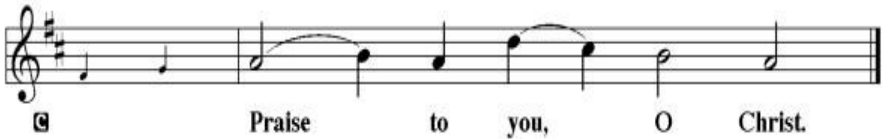
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell

you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Good news of the Lord



Children’s Song

Lord Be Glorified

ELW 744

- 3 In my church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my church, Lord, be glorified today.

- 4 In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our world, Lord, be glorified today.

Children’s Message Malerie

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

Apostles Creed (AM)

With the whole church, let us 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 (AM)

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

A Brief Silence

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 (AM)

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

***Offering Prayer (AM)**

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.

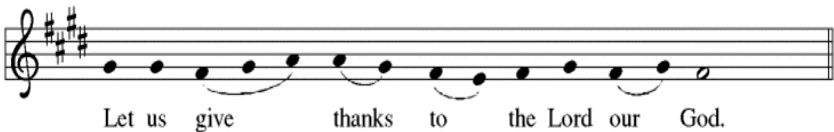
***Great Thanksgiving**



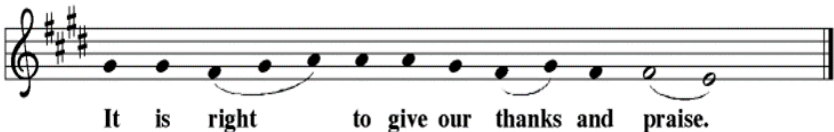
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



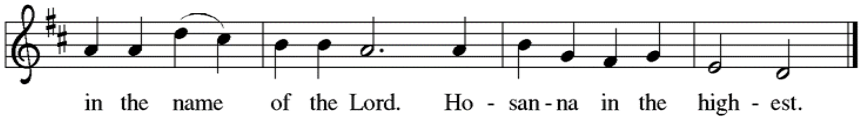
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

And so... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

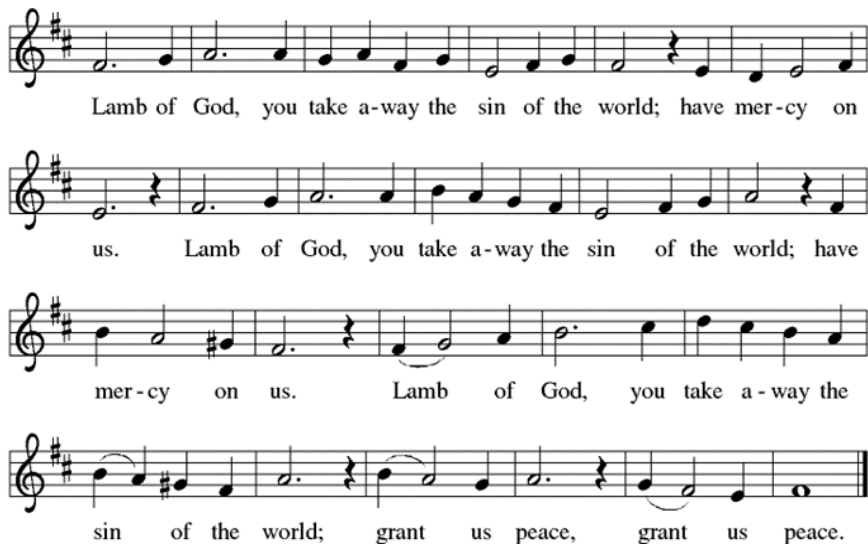
Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.



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.

Communion Hymns

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW 656

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

Blessed be your name, O God,
**for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

Announcements

***Blessing**

The God of glory,
† Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **ELW 836**

***Dismissal** (AM)

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

We go, celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service.

Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST



Joe D. for strength and healing as he continues dealing with health issues.

Tonya T. (niece of Mel P.) for strength and healing as she heals from surgery.

Tom L. for strength and healing with his health issues.

Heather H. (granddaughter of Bill & Donna) for strength and healing while dealing with her health issues.

Celia and Don T. for strength and comfort while dealing with Don's health issues.

Ken F. (relative of Donna & Bill) for strength and comfort as he enters hospice care.

David S (uncle of Nadine D) for strength and comfort while recovering from a fall.

Don H. (brother of Joan M) for strength and healing while dealing with health issues.

Suzanne Geislinger and family for strength and comfort as her father enters hospice care.

John Neeleman's family for comfort and strength as they mourn his passing.

Mary B.'s family (friend of Kathy B) for strength and comfort as they mourn her death.

John O.'s family (Joan's husband, Lori J.'s father) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partner.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

September 10- OPEN

September 17 - Salad Bar

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Sept 11, 9-11am – Food donation drop-off at WSC

Wednesday, Sept 13, 12:30 pm -Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Sept 13, 6:30pm—Confirmation at CTK

Wednesday, Sept 13, 7pm –Bible Study the book of Proverbs

Thursday, Sept 14, 6pm—Council meeting

Saturday, Sept 16, 9am—12pm—Kids Bake

Saturday, Sept 16, 10am 12pm Good Neighbors

Sunday, Sept 17, 9:30am - Service of the Word Worship

Sunday, Sept 17, 10:45am—Clean-up day. Salad bar

Confirmation Classes will be held on September 13 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m at CTK.. Pastor Davis and Ashley Allinger will be helping to lead these classes. Parental involvement will also be needed on those Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Davis or Ashley.

Bible Study on the book of Proverbs will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in the nursery.

Kids Bake: One Bread, One Body

September 16th 9:00-12:00 Lunch provided. Please rsvp your kiddos. 719.930.1248

Faith: Conversation on Holy Communion (Debra)

Crafts: Welcome cards and visitor bags (Barb, Jean)

Music: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," plus! We'll sing this on Sunday. (Laura)

Baking: Bread and biscuits for Sunday salad bar. (Debra)

Clean-up Day **Sunday, September 17th**, we will have our fall cleanup day at the church after service. We will be doing our regular spruce up of the grounds, cleaning the drainage lines around the church, cleaning the parking lot, weeding and trimming the bushes. There is a salad bar lunch. Please sign up on the kitchen door.

Worship Technology: Steve Fulton has installed Listen Everywhere, our new audio tech system, which was budgeted for in 2023. If you would like to be connected to our new hearing system, please check in with our tech team

Intergenerational Bible Study Pastor Davis will be leading an intergenerational bible study for all ages (K-90+ years old) beginning on **Sunday, September 24th**. We will be studying many of our favorite bible stories. This class will meet for 4-6 weeks depending on attendance and participation. Small groups of varying ages will be formed, depending on how many are in attendance, to read and study the story under consideration for that day. This class will only last between 45-60 minutes per session. For more information, please contact Pastor Davis.

Book Club We are now reading *Beneath a Marble Sky* by John Shors. The book are in the book bag in the narthex. Please sign one out and meet with us on Oct 2 at 6:30pm at Barb Firestine's home.



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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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