

# 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 9th 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 10th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are glad you are joining us for worship at  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the traditional offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**. **Please Note:** If you give cash in an envelope, please write your name on the envelope if you want credit for it on your giving statement.



We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).  
  
Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with you palms open to receive a wafer.
- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

There are portions of the worship service when the **assembly is invited to stand**. Feel free to sit anytime during worship.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** “O Master, Let Me Walk With You”

ELW 818

*please stand as you are able*



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

L Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L Merciful God,

**C You free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us,  
break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

L You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C Amen.**

## **Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**

## Kyrie

ELW Service of the Word

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

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

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

## Canticle of Praise: "Glory to God"

ACS #911

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Peace be to you, peace be to me,

peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite  
Music: GLORIA A DIOS, Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
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## Prayer of the Day

**C** Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive  
you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen. *you may be seated*

## WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**R** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 33:12-22

*Congregation reads the bold verses*

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!  
<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**  
<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.  
<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**  
<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.  
<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**  
<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

- upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**  
<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**  
<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*please stand as you are able*



## Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*you may be seated*



**Children's Sermon**  
**Sermon**

Patty Koplitz  
Sue Schultz, Preacher

**Hymn of the Day: "By Grace We Have Been Saved"**

ACS #1006

*please stand as you are able*

*Refrain*



By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,



not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.



1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will



days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,



*Refrain*

young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
there is hope, and love will take you home.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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 the People**

**L** God of grace,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**L** Trusting in your loving kindness,  
we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## **Peace**

**L** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*you may be seated*

# MEAL



## The Offering

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### Offering Song: “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

ELW #721



Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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### Offering Prayer

*please stand as you are able*

**C Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **Reverend Vicki Fink Presiding**

### **Words of Institution**

P 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.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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.**

### **Communion**

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

# Communion Song: "Lamb of God"

ELW 195

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 Song: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

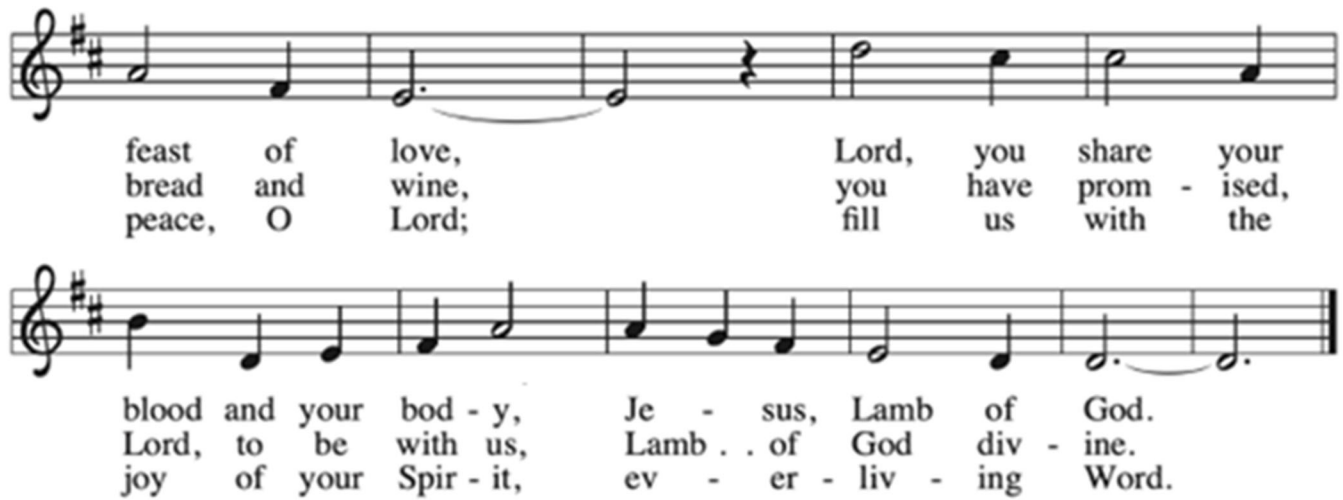
## Communion Song: "In This Feast of Love"

ACS 962



1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*song continues on next page*



## Table Blessing

*please stand as you are able*

P The body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you always in God's grace.

C Amen

## Prayer after Communion

C **Mothering God, you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## SENDING

P The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord's face smile upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

**Sending Song:** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

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## Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

