

September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost



PEACE WITH GOD
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The central image of the flyer depicts a person standing on a path that leads towards a bright, glowing light at the top of a valley. The path is flanked by dark, steep hills. In the background, a large, faint cross shape is visible, suggesting a spiritual journey or a path of faith.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #29 *“Through All the Changing Scenes of Life”*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 75:1-2,6,7,9

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P It is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

C We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

P At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

C For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

P But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Sept. 19 - 24, '22

Mon Luke 16:1-9 On more than one occasion Jesus spoke of the dangers and proper uses of wealth and possessions. The dishonest manager, in the short time he had left, used his master's wealth to make friends who would be able to repay him when he was out of a job. Jesus tells his disciples to use their possessions to help those who might not be able to repay them, but may greet them when this short life is over (v9).

Tues Luke 16: 10-13 In case His disciples thought that Jesus was praising dishonesty in yesterday's reading, He goes on to encourage faithfulness both in using the material possessions God has loaned to us, and in using the true spiritual riches which He actually gives to us. This means single-hearted service to God, the source of eternal life and every other good gift.

Wed Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 Solomon observes that those who love and serve money will never have enough. Rather the more they have, the more mouths there will be to feed in order to secure the accumulating wealth. Nor will they sleep any better than the laborer, who receives God's gifts but does not worship them.

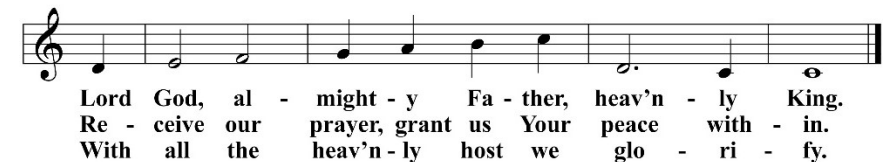
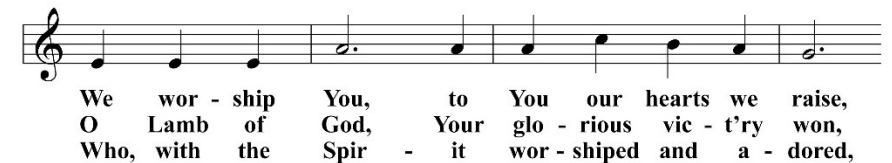
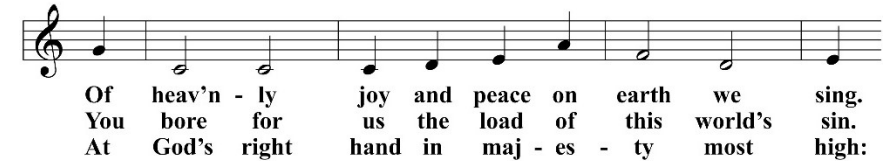
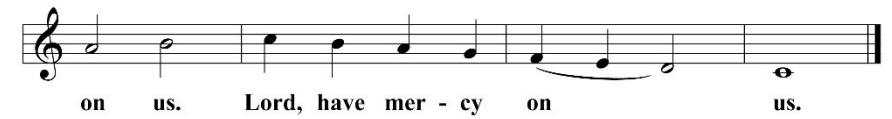
Thurs Ecclesiastes 5:13-20 The trouble with giving undue honor to riches is that they can be lost in a moment, they are only for this life, and they create dark discontent for those who crave them. Recognizing and honoring the Giver of riches brings also the power to enjoy them. Jesus taught us to pray to our Father, "give us this day our daily bread."

Fri 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Material wealth is not essential to human joy. Otherwise, there would be no joy outside of this world. But godliness with contentment (the opposite of covetousness, which is idolatry) is great gain. Such contented enjoyment God gives His children, while the love of money leads to departure from the faith (we cannot serve God and money - Tues. Reading) and many sorrows.

Sat 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Paul urges Pastor Timothy to counsel the rich in this world to recognize that their earthly riches come from God, to be ready to share, and to set their hopes for the future on Him who gives true life through "the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7).

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"



Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.



Proverbs 25:6-7

is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it

Luke 14:7-14

the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #309

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

Welcome! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book in the hallway near the entrance. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

welcome

CLC Call News: Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown, ND, **has received the call** to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, **is still considering** the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac, WI, **is still considering** the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA.

Looking ahead:

Today – Kansas City Service 5:30 pm
 September 21st – Bible Class 9:30 am
 September 22nd – Garden View Service 10:30 am
 September 28th – NO Bible Class, Pastor at SEPC in Wash. DC
 October 16th – Voters Meeting after church

September 11th Offerings:

Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$20,001.93
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$27,328.57
Total Cash All Funds	\$62,666.34

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: **WS #744**

"How Great Thou Art"

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

God Wants Us to Brag (Because...)

I. We have peace with God II. We have suffering

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Hymn: TLH #528:1-2,5-6

"If God Himself Be for Me"

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts!

- C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God for Your Son, Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Order of Holy Communion



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose



blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -



part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -



tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠