

# Sunday Worship

September 26, 2021 ~

Pentecost 18

**Please stand when indicated by \***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: You will find this book in your pew rack. The hymn numbers are located near the hymn names, often on the top of the page.

## GATHERING

**Pastor:** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## \*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.*

**People:** *Amen.*

**Pastor:** *Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Pastor:** *Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Pastor:** *God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*

**People:** *Amen.*

**\*GATHERING HYMN ~ \*ELW Hymn #595**  
"Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

## GREETING

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

**People:** *And also with you.*

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

### A reading from Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

**Lector:** *The Word of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalms 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to<sup>1</sup> the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and right-eous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s<sup>1</sup> own offenses?**  
**Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,**  
**O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. R**

## Second Reading

### A reading from James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Lector:** *The Word of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

## The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-50

**People:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**Pastor:** *This is the gospel of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

## The Sermon ~ Pastor Martha Neff Stum

**\*Hymn of the Day ~ ELW Hymn #640**  
“Our Father, by Whose Name”

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# Kids Time!

## The Apostles' Creed

**Pastor:** *God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, 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 the People

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** *Lord, in your mercy,*  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

**Lector:** *Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People:** *Amen.*

## \*Sharing of the Peace

**Pastor:** *The peace of Christ be with you always.*  
**People:** *And also with you.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

### Special Music

#### \*Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** *God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*  
**People:** *Amen.*

#### \*The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:** *It is right to give our thanks and praise*

#### \*Preface

**Pastor:** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## **Holy! Holy! Holy!** (Sung ~ ELW Setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Thanksgiving At The Table**

**Pastor:** *Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.*

*The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.*

**People:** ***We praise you, O God.***

**Pastor:** *Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into  
the future.*

**People:** ***We bless, O God.***

**Pastor:** *We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those  
who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with  
us now.*

**People:** ***We thank you, O God.***

**Pastor:** *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.  
Remembering his love for us on the way,  
at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**People:** ***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

**Pastor:** *We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy  
God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.*

**People:** ***Amen.***

**Pastor:** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we  
pray as Jesus taught us.*

### **\*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.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:** *All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.*

### **COMMUNION**

*(We have gluten-free wafers; please ask for them when you come up for communion. The darker liquid is wine; the lighter liquid is grape juice.)*

### **Lamb of God ~ ELW Setting Eight**



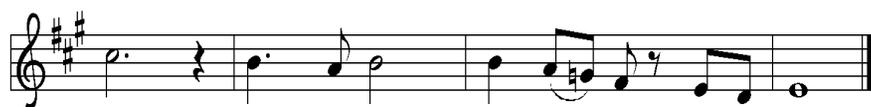
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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, Lamb of God.

### **Communion Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #456**

*"Baptized in Water"*

BUNESSAN

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** *Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a  
feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of  
joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your  
love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**People:** *Amen.*

### **\*Blessing**

**Pastor:** *People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, one God,  
bless you now and forever.*

**People:** *Amen.*

### **\*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #543**

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

AR HYD Y NOS

### **\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. The living Word dwells in  
you.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

## Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad

Sonja Dunn

Gerry Meyer

Mary Neff

Joy Neverman

Hildi Williams

Bob Burke

Beverly Neff

Gloria Alvillar

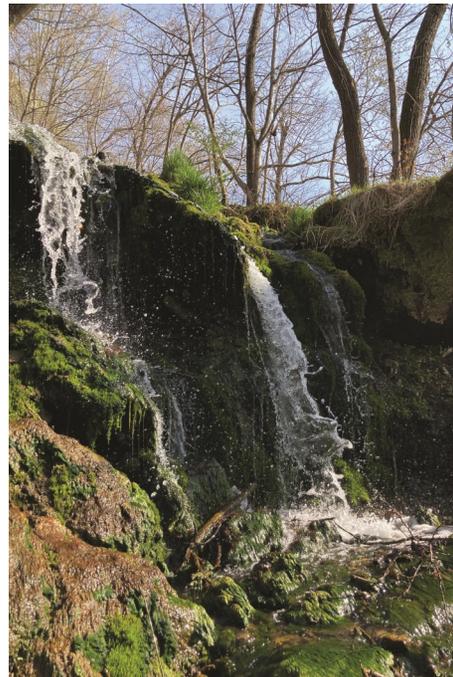
James Hardman

The family of Jo Musser-Krauss

The family of Donna Spencer

Prayers for the congregation during this  
time of transition.

All those we hold dear in our hearts.



By God's grace and the Church's call  
**Amalia Joann Vagts**

will be ordained to the ministry of  
Word and Sacrament in Christ's Church

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
**at 1:00 pm**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
701 Iowa Avenue Decorah, IA 52101

Bishop Deborah K. Hutterer  
of the Grand Canyon Synod  
of the ELCA will preside.

The Rev. Jeff R. Johnson will preach.

All are invited to wear festive and red attire.  
Masks and vaccinations required. Dancing optional.

Service will be recorded.

Amalia has been called to serve  
Our Saviour's Lutheran in Tucson, Arizona

*Our newly called pastor, Amalia Vagts, will be ordained on Saturday October, 23 at 1:00 p.m. CDT at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Decorah, Iowa. Bishop Deborah K. Hutterer from the Grand Canyon Synod will preside. Rev Jeff R. Johnson, pastor at University Lutheran Chapel in Berkeley, CA will preach. The service will be recorded and shared on YouTube (following the service). Our Saviour's members are warmly invited to attend or watch and share in this joyful celebration of God's work alive in daily vocation.*

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Pentecost 19

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8,  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

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**Cantor**

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**Acolyte**

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