

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for Aug 30, 2020

The Season After Pentecost

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
**8Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Psalm Song: Bring Us Justice

Chorus:

**Bring us justice
Move us to wholeness
Bring us justice
Move us to completeness**

Verse 1:

Test my heart and test my mind
You've been leading us in faithfulness
Test my heart and test my mind
for I trust your love and I belong to you

Verse 2:

Bless these hands and hear me sing
You've been leading us in faithfulness
Bless these hands and hear me sing
for I trust your love and I will tell the world

Verse 3:

As for me you lead my life
You've been leading us in faithfulness
As for me you lead my life
for I trust your love and we are on our way

Children's Sermon

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

**21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,]
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and**

undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

24Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Sermon

Song: Messiah

Someone's shouting from the desert
Someone's shouting from the sea
Someone's shouting from the mountain
Someone's shouting from the valley

Chorus:

Messiah, come and be our King

Messiah, come and be our King

1. Someone's shouting from the city

I am young, I am cold

Someone's shouting from the country

I am lonely, I am old

(Chorus)

2. Someone's shouting I am broken

Someone's shouting make me whole

Someone's shouting come and change me

Someone's shouting save my soul
(Chorus)

Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, you promise to always be with us. During this time of pandemic, calm our anxiety and give us encouragement and hope. Guide the work of scientists, researchers, and medical personnel as they work to develop treatments, cures, and vaccines for Covid-19. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick, especially those suffering from Covid-19. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light. In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Hymn: ELW 802, Let us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would
deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps
treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our
cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no
laughter,

we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth
hereafter.

Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to
know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered
death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of
heaven.

Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living
members;

where you live, there we shall
be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
And have fun doing it. **We will! Amen!**

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BY THE NUMBERS

Check Register Balance 8/28/20
15,662.27
Operating Bank Loan: \$5,662.27
PPP Loan Balance: No charge

Offering: 8/9/2020
Current: \$1,070
Benevolence: \$52
Improvement: \$115
Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$1,050

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lutheran World Relief School Kits: It is that time of year again when stores have an abundance of school supplies for the coming academic year and parents are busy shopping for these supplies. The Sunday newspapers have sale flyers with their Back to School specials. Although the coming school year may be a bit different from what we are accustomed to, the need for school supplies remains. The same is true for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. For many years, American Lutheran has prepared many backpack school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief which we would like to continue again this year. Despite the coronavirus pandemic the need for these does not go away. Therefore, we are asking for donations of supplies to meet a goal of 25 backpacks. The requested items needed are:

- 70 sheet wide or college-ruled spiral bound notebooks (4 are needed per backpack)
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with cms on one side & inches on the other (1 per backpack)
- Small pencil sharpener (1 per backpack)
- Pair of blunt scissors (1 per backpack)
- Blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink) (5 needed per backpack)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons (1 per backpack)
- 2 ½ inch pencil eraser (1 per backpack)

Heavy-duty cotton fabric is needed to make the backpacks. If you would like to donate money toward the purchase of this material, you may do so by placing funds in an envelope referencing the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project and given to Mike Waring, Financial Secretary. If more money is collected than needed for the school kits, it will be directed to purchase needed materials for the LWR quilts that are made each year. The Quilters of our congregation will be making the drawstring backpacks in which to place the school kits.

Since the church building is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, supplies can be dropped off at the home of Mary Adams, 1215 Hawley Street, Jesup. A table will be set up in the garage just inside the walk-in door for drop off. She can be reached at 827-3365 or (319) 269-3478 if you need to call.

Items will be needed by October 15th and will be packed up and taken to the Fall In-Gathering scheduled for November 7th. Thank you for your continued support of this annual fall project.