

The Service of Holy Communion
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021 8:30 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* Trad. Swedish Tune, arr. Lorie Line

The Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *All Depends on Our Possessing* ELW #589, vss. 1-3, 5

Greeting, Kyrie *"In peace, let us pray..."* page 147-148

P: 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.**

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

The Hymn of Praise pp. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day L: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54

L: ¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**C: ²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**C: ⁴Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L: ⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: ⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L: ⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Anthem

Way Down Deep in My Soul

Earlene Rentz

Senior Choir

Children Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."* page 151

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

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.

The Offering Hymn*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW #781

The Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy,... **C: hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution**The Lord's Prayer**

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Communion Hymns ELW #494 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ; ELW #497 *Strengthen for Service, Lord*

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection so that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Benediction

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hymn*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

ELW # 538

Ringing of the Bell**Postlude***Enviado*

Central American Hymn Tune, Anonymous

Activities this Week at St. John's**Sept 19, 2021 to Sept 26, 2021**

Sunday, Sept 19	8:30am	Worship w/communion
	9:30am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Sept 22	6:00pm	Youth Bells
	7:00pm	Sr Bells & Confirmation
	8:00pm	Sr Choir
Saturday, Sept 25	10:30am	Gravesite service Postville for Karlton Gruel
Sunday, Sept 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Sunday School

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Bob Joachim
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom Lee Ellickson family
Greeters	8:30am	Nan Grangaard & Karen Stamper JoAnn & Bailey Sherman
Comm Prep	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
Comm Asst	8:30am	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry - Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Irene Tweito by her family. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

We can now accept donations for the purchase of the property next to our church: 404 West Main. Any donation will be included in your giving statement. You may include them in your Sunday offering or send them to our office. Thank you for your generosity!

Please pick up your Volunteer Duty sheets in the Narthex.

Stavanger Lutheran Church drive thru dinner **today**, ½ mile south of Ossian on W-42. Serving from 11am-1pm. Menu: hot beef sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and assorted bars. **Free Will Offering** Make plans to attend!

Adopt A Pot: The Meatball Supper Committee is looking to purchase some high-end quality pots & colander for use during preparation of the potatoes at the meatball supper. If you would like to donate

to this project, please send or give your donation to the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WOULD ALL OF ST. JOHN'S WOMEN during the months of September and October, please give a donation of at least \$6 (the price of a ticket) for the Fall Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale that **will NOT TAKE PLACE** this fall. We still want to be of **SERVICE** by sharing all that we collect with the 8 to 12 organizations that we have given to for many years even when the Coronavirus makes us change our plans. Checks must be made out to ST. JOHN'S WELCA or cash should be placed in an envelope marked to go to St. John's WELCA. Bring your donations to church or mail them to St. John's Lutheran Church. THANK YOU!!

All of our women are invited to donate to the Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex today. We will have these containers available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the church office during the week. Thank you for caring for others.

A sincere Thank You to Paige Evans Mauss who graciously donated a new transport chair in memory of her grandfather, Gayle Evans, who passed away recently.