

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEP 19, 2021***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

LBW 290

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head.
 and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

***GREETING**

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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. Amen

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

(Please be seated)

+ THE WORD +

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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down ¹ 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. Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*Mark 9:30-37****P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

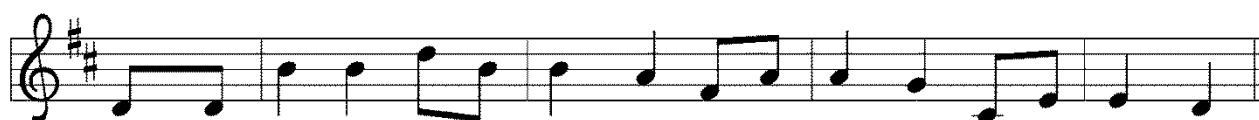
P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C: Praise to you, O Christ.***(please be seated)***CHILDREN’S TIME****SERMON****Pastor Rachel Scheible***(please stand, as you are able)*

HYMN OF THE DAY*ELW 781**

Children of the Heavenly Father
Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED**

**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

(response after: Lord in your mercy,)

C: hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

+ GATHERING AROUND GOD’S TABLE+

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

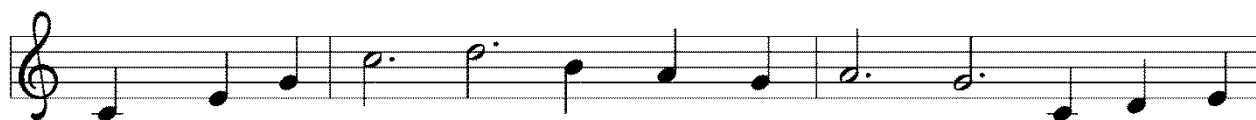
Place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

*OFFERTORY

ELW 689 (vs 1 only)

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***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 in 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.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us say the prayer our Lord taught us.

***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**

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

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. The worship leaders will distribute the individually prepared communion as you remain seated. Gluten-free wafers available on request.

(Please be seated)

Music Voluntary

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

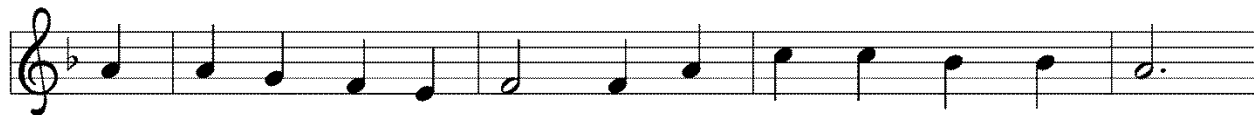
Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

P: 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. **Amen.**

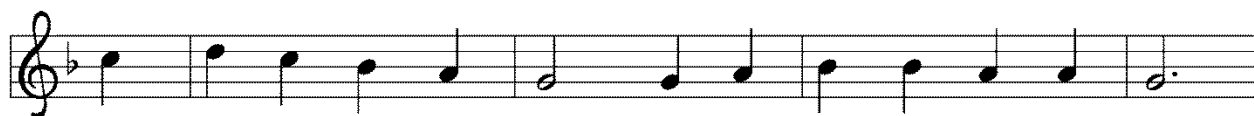


SENDING HYMN*ELW 830****How Marvelous God's Greatness**

- 1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!
- 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;
- 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord
- 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.
 the snow - capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Aug's Income: \$8,529

Average Attendance: 31

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Elaine Kerns and in honor of all who serve on altar guild by Kathy Dowd

Bulletin Covers are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of our Dad's, George and William, by Pastor Rachel and Raymond.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 9/19

Greg C. – Assisting Minister
Daniel C. – Psalm Reader
Colahans – Ushers
Colahans – Counters
Nancy H/Carol D.- Altar

Scheduled to serve next week 9/26

Meghan G.- Assisting Minister
Maddie G. – Psalm Reader
Klines - Ushers
Downey/Deemer - Counters
Nancy H/Carol D.- Altar

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Joe Monte
Frank Taddie
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Jean Brown
Cassie Leon
Albert Brogan
Gary Kline
Irene Muir

Janet Pisano
Jackie Dewitt
Madel Scheible
Dennis Matarese
Bob McKeighan
David Edwards
Meg Pysher
Linda Taddie
Jeanne Warner

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Sep, please call the office.)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Bea Henriques, Diane Kuhn, Phil Atwood, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

*****WEEKLY CALENDAR*****

Mon, Sep 20	5:00pm – Hall Use
	6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
	7:00pm – W&M Mtg (Zoom)
Wed, Sep 22	7:30pm – AA (Hall)
Thu, Sep 23	7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Fri, Sep 24	7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Sep 25	10:00am – Vendor Fair
Sun, Sep 26	10:15am – Worship (Hall)
	11:30am – Sunday School

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ALTAR FLOWERS - Starting in September, you can sign up for altar flowers again. Please see the flower chart on bulletin board in Hall.

VENDOR FAIR – Saturday, Sep 25th, 10am-3pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Starting Sep 26th Sunday School Returns! Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month starting Sep 26th**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30-12:15** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

HOMELESS MEAL: Wednesday, Sep 29th.



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Holy Spirit is holding an outdoor Craft & Vendor Show on **Saturday September 25th from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.**

This replaces the Ladies Night Out event which we have held in the past. At this time, we have commitments from over 25 vendors so it should be a great show.

Help will be needed around 8:30-9:30 AM when the vendors arrive and at 3:00 PM when we put everything away. We will also have opportunities to help during the day. Please let me know (kline94@hotmail.com) if you can help in any way.

In a separate communication we will also be asking for donations for some food items and items for raffle baskets. Please be on the lookout for that message.


We are not only helping the church, but we are supporting the vendors who have not been able to set up at shows during the pandemic.

This event only works if people attend the Craft Show. You can check out what is being offered and find some Christmas presents! Please share the date and time with your family and friends and on social media. If you can give out flyers, they are available at the church. **I hope to see you there!**

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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- We will wear masks as our county is experiencing substantial transmission.
- Attendance is being taken as you enter. If you are a non-member/visitor please give us your contact info.
- Please maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is provided.
- No shaking of hands during the Sharing of the Peace. 
- Please call the office to add someone to the prayer list.
- Please call the office to sponsor bulletin covers.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Most Challenging Spiritual Practice

The writers of today's readings express to God their fears about death and those who do evil. They rage against the cravings, coveting, envy, and selfish ambition that lead to disorder and war, within and around us. They describe one caught in this reality who is led to slaughter, tested with insult and torture, and faces a shameful death. Through our lenses we see Jesus. In fact, Jesus keeps describing what is going to happen to him, but his followers can't understand. They don't want to understand. Instead, they argue about who is greatest. Putting a quick end to that line of argument, Jesus brings a child into their circle. Embracing the child, Jesus invites disciples into humble service—this is how we draw near to God and God to us.

It is easy to be fearful in view of events outside us. It is easy to be thrown off course by feelings inside us or to work hardest for the wrong things. But Jesus invites us to practice what may be the most challenging spiritual practice of all. Jesus invites us to love our neighbor. Jesus asks that we look around for someone concrete to invest our time and energy in, someone who cannot necessarily return the favor. Jesus challenges us to receive others' ministry to us, since we are also little children in faith.

In real life, there is no way to avoid shame and death. At some point, it comes to each of us. However, for now, wherever we are, we can participate in God's way of life. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, disciples look where Jesus points and see those whom they can serve. They do not escape death but can know that resurrection is on the other side. Each day, God is with us through dying and rising.