

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

Prelude / Bell

Welcome

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sending - ELCA Women's Triennial Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C:Amen.

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

Gracious God,

C: 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.

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.

Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

Baptism of Landon Kranz

Sharing the Peace

Prayer

Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading

Psalms 103:1-13

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

L: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

L: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

L: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Gospel Acclamation

This Little Light of Mine

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Pastor Mark Kopka

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

Prayers

Offering / Offertory

A Fragrant Offering

Thanksgiving at the Table

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, Creator of all that exists,

C: you alone are holy, you alone are God.

L: The universe declares your praise:

C: beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

L: within each cell; with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

L: Generations bless your faithfulness:

C: through the water; by night and day;

L: across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

L: We give you thanks for your dear Son:

C: who is at the heart of human life;

L: who is near to those who suffer;

C: beside the sinner;

L: among the poor;

C: who is with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

L: And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn

You Are Holy

ELW 525

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Communion Song

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

Blessing

Benediction

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Dismissal

Bell / Postlude

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love
and respect and God is using you to care for the world.*

We Thank

Ushers; Sound & Screen Techs

Reader: Jeff Thompson

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Pianist / Organist: Paula Geier

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today 9:15 am

Rally Sunday "Nordland Roundup" games at the playground area
Fellowship

10:30 am

Worship w/ Blessing of the backpacks & Baptism for Landon Kranz

Wed. 5:45 pm	Sisters at Heart at Kari Hanson's
6 -8 pm	Rock climbing wall & games for youth (all ages), food served outside all evening
Sun. 9:15 am	Education / Fellowship / Choir practice
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Hall Reserved: Hegg family

Atwater Area Help for Seniors Health and Wellness Expo is Tues., Sept. 19, 9:00-11:30 am, at the Atwater Community Center. Flu shot clinic – call for appointment time 974-8737 and bring insurance information; medication disposal; blood pressure checks; 26 informational booths; snacks; door prizes; and light lunch.

Nordland's Harvest Sale is Wednesday September 27, 6:45 pm. This is a fun fall auction of produce, baking and canned good, and a variety of miscellaneous items. Donations of auction items are welcome! All proceeds go to local charities.

See a weed, pull a weed! Calling out to anyone interested in helping maintain the gardens at Nordland. Maybe meet once a month for a couple of hours to pull weeds, and/or plant. To sweeten the deal we will have treats and coffee! Contact Lisa Hegg 320-905-8250 or the church office 276-8283.