



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 6

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *More About Jesus*

Tedd Smith

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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Greeting

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

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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 mercy.

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. **(2x)**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. **(2x)**

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. **(2x)**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. **(2x)**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

WORD

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

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

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.

^{4:1}Those 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for 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.” ³²But 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?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Time/Blessing of Backpacks

Sermon

Pastor Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service vs. 1,2&4* ELW 712

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| 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart. | 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole. |
| 4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live. | |

Order of Baptism *(please refer to screen or hymnal)*

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Profession of Faith

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Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

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Offering Prayer

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Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

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...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me!*

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1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. **Refrain**

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. **Refrain**

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Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* vs.1&3

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- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *The Church's One Foundation*

Jason W. Krug

Announcements

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, Sept. 22	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	First day of classes
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, Sept. 25	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Sept. 26	11:30 AM	Senior Lunch: Jumpers Bar & Grill
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry

Baptism at 10:30 service

Today we celebrate the Baptism of William John Ackerman at the 10:30 service. He is the son of Trevor & Livia, grandson of Mike & Stephanie.

Pictorial Membership Directory...

The final date for submitting information/pictures is **October 2**. The directories will be printed at that point and will be available for pickup at worship on October 6!

Upcoming Event

All hands on deck for the **LOL congregational picnic**. It's potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. The men's group will grill burgers and hot dogs. Council will serve lemonade, coffee and water. **Sunday, October 6th 4 PM - 7 PM**. Swiss Valley Park- Sycamore pavilion (the first shelter off of Swiss Valley Road, right hand side. At the picnic area, not the Nature Center.)

Prayer List

Todd & Tanya Vanderlinde and family
Van & Shirley Waggoner
Matthew & Steffanie Walsh and family
Betty Westemeier
Daryl & Rose Wickre
Todd & Trace Wiedenman and family
Karla Wildberger

This Week's Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00 Susan Hansen	10:30 Gloria Klinefelter
Ushers:	8:00 Deavers	10:30
Tech/PPT:	8:00	10:30 Timothy T/Dominic S.

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