



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 6

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Softly and Tenderly*

Lisa Hoekstra

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW p. 94

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

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.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Song: *Gather Us In vs. 1 & 3*

ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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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.

Canticle of Praise: *This is the Feast*

ELW p. 167

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia. **(no repeat)**

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. **(no repeat)**

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. **(no repeat)**

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

ELW p. 188

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord **Amen.**

WORD

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

Reading: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck

and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Time

Sermon

Pastor Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* vs. 1,3,4

ELW 810

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

Apostles' Creed

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Let us profess our faith together:

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 Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

ELW 182

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

ELW p. 172

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

ELW p. 173



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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Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. **Refrain**

- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." **Refrain**

- 3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. **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: *Go, Make Disciples*

ELW 540

"Go, make disciples,
baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.
(Sung 2x)
Go, make disciples."

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Postlude on "La Morisque"*

Austin North

Announcements

Altar Flowers today are provided by Val Kennedy & Bri Ensign in celebration of Morgan's Birthday yesterday.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, Sept. 29	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Faith Formation/Fellowship
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, Oct. 2	5:45 PM	Worship & Music meeting
	6:30 PM	NOW Band practice
Thursday, Oct. 3	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pictorial Membership Directory...

The final date for submitting information/pictures is **October 2**. They will be printed at that point and will be available for pickup at worship on October 6! Please check the book in the Narthex to ensure your entry is as you wish it to be. Thank you!

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

Dave & Kay Zepeski
Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family
Mike & Stephanie Ackerman and family
Earl & Angie Alexander
Karin Anderson and family
Kevin & Rev. Denise Anderson
Sandy Arp

This Week's Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00 Steve Heer	10:30 Pat Friedman
Ushers:	8:00 Gilbertsons	10:30 Val & Morgan Kennedy
Tech/PPT:	8:00	10:30

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