



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

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Gathering Song: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You **(Repeat)**
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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Greeting

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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The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the

children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

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Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

Sermon

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

Song of the Day: *All My Hope*

Light in my darkness peace for my soul
You are my rescue You never let go **(REPEAT)**

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

Here in my weakness always the same
Your love is my shelter Your life is my way

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You **(REPEAT)**

Constant Savior friend forever Lord You have my heart
Sure foundation never failing Lord You have my heart

All my hope is in You all my strength is in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

All the earth beneath You all my life before You
With every breath my soul will rest in You
With every breath my soul will rest in You

Apostles' Creed

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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

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
...made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Song: *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

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The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.
Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. **Refrain**

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. **Refrain**

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

... We break bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God!

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

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

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Eat This Bread*

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Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing of the Quilts – see screen for responses

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Mighty Is Our God*

Mighty is our God
Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord
Ruler of ev'rything

Glory to our God
Glory to our King
Glory to our Lord
Ruler of ev'rything

His name is higher
Higher than any other name
His pow'r is greater
For He has created ev'rything

Mighty is our God
Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord
Ruler of ev'rything

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Dismissal

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

Postlude: *Mighty Is Our God*

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
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Sweet Fellowship

Whether you attend the 8:00 or the 10:30 AM service, you are invited to enjoy some sweet fellowship between services. Come early or stay late, grab a cup of coffee and a sweet treat, spend some time visiting with friends, meeting some new friends, or attending an adult education class.

Altar Flowers today are provided by Kevin & Kris Erickson Eipperle in celebration of their anniversary.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, October 1	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Cross Generational Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
Tuesday, October 3	6:00 PM	Music & Worship meeting
Wednesday, October 4	6:30 PM	Choir rehearsal
Thursday October 5	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry

LWR Quilts

The quilts on display were made by members and friends of the congregation with all donated materials. They will be sent to Lutheran World Relief this month for worldwide distribution. Thanks to Steve and Sandy Heer who will take them to Cedar Rapids for pick up and to everyone who helped sew and tie the quilts and donated fabrics for this ongoing mission project.

Office Hours Changes for October

There will be two Mondays in October that the office will be closed. Rita will be returning from trips on October 8 & 22 so the office will be closed on those days. Please make arrangements ahead of time if you need access to the church on those days. Thank you!

CROP Walk

Saturday, October 7 at Eagle Point Park. Registration is at 9:30 am. Support this cause by walking and/or contributing to raise funds for hunger both locally and globally. Sign-up in the Gathering Space.

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am. Help beautify our one-mile stretch of the NW Arterial. This should only take a couple of hours. Many hands make light work! Sign-up in the Gathering Space.

Asbury Halloween Parade

Once again, LOL will be hosting the starting point of the parade on Friday October 20 at 7:00 pm. Please see the sign-up in the Narthex for the chance to bring treats. Thanks for your help!

Confirmation Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, October 29 (Reformation Sunday) there will be only one service in order for our congregation to support our confirmands on their Affirmation of Baptism. We will begin the celebration with a brunch at 9:00 am. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for an opportunity to assist with bringing food for this brunch.

Card Showers

The following people in our congregation would love to receive cards/letters to brighten their day. Please consider helping your fellow congregants in this way.

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Butler Suites Skilled Care #119
5300 Grand Meadows Drive
Asbury, IA 52003

Rich Klinefelter
2050 Winne Court
Dubuque IA 52002-3743

Inspired Living, Ramona Kartman #136
1320 33rd St. SE
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Prayer List

Dale & Jan Helwig-Schrobilgen
John & Vonda Hermesen
Gretchen Hong and family
Jenny Huseman
Steve & Megan Ingalsbe and family
Gerald Jecklin
Brandon Johnson

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Worship Servants:

Sunday, October 1

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM		Al Simms	Sandy Heer	Gilbertsons
10:30 AM	Troy T. Timothy T.		Barb Lindecker	Tim Shade

Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM		Larry Croghan	Sam & Sue Deaver
10:30 AM		Sandy Arp	Phil Granovsky

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