

WELCOME, Dear Guest! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering box and come back soon!

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP: Almighty God, in this time of worship, please help us to be thankful of the salvation which You have so graciously given us. This we ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements + Please silence your cell phones +

Prelude "Now That Daylight Fills The Sky" (Wood/Ore)

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol

souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:

To God all praise and glo - ry!
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Stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



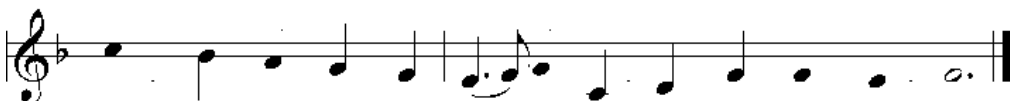
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are scat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir (11:00)

“This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made”

(Behnke)

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. -5-

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen

Sit

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. -6-

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit
Distribution

For our visitors this morning:

Our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us in a special way in Holy Communion. As Lutheran Christians we believe and confess that our Savior Jesus is truly present in this holy meal, sharing His forgiveness, life, and salvation with us and with all who come in repentant faith. Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Sacrament and share this belief and understanding are invited to join us in the Lord's Supper. If you are unsure about your participation please speak with the Pastor before the service.

To receive the host, please extend your hand clearly, so that the distributing elder can place it in your hand. Then Pastor will distribute the individual cups of wine (you will dispose of the empty cup in the basket as you return to your pew). If you are not partaking, please cross your arms in front of you so that Pastor can give you a blessing.

Special Choir Music (11:00) "Take of the Wonder" (Wetzler)

Stand
Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen.

921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Silent Prayer

Postlude

“Rise, Shine You People”

(Wood/Peterson)

Offering - please place in offering boxes near sanctuary exits

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

FAMILY PRAYERS: We give thanks that our all of our regularly scheduled activities have had resumed or will start soon. We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Gloria McGrath, Larry Schneibel, Renita Gormley, Diane Clark, Lawrence Kettel, Erik Simpson, Linda Bruce, Deacon Tim Bruce, Tom & Bonita Hoskins, Dorothy Ludke, Bob Schoessler, Fred Swenson, Bob Barclay, Patti Weizel and son Kelly, Carolyn Stephens, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Rev. Tim & Heidi Norton & their children Philip & Leslie serving at a mission site in Navajo, N.M.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by the Marcy/Roth families in loving memory of Spencer Marcy & Hermina Reardon, and in celebration of Ken & Danielle's 23rd wedding anniversary, and the birthdays of Frances & Eloise (Dinius) & Stuart Marcy.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Elder:** (8:30) Jon Wendt; (11:00) Norm Drewett

Greeters: (8:30) Rev. Bill & Karen Cwirla; (11:00) Jon & Stephanie Swensson

Altar Care: Jackie Dawley; **Counters:** Greta Kocol & Lynn Thompson

Lectors: (8:30) Vicki Schneibel; (11:00) Brenda Cantelow

Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Ron & Greta Kocol

Audio/Visual Team: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, George Haslett



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: [Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am]

TODAY: 9:45 – 10:45 am Coffee, Fellowship, & Adult Bible Class; **Sunday School**

MONDAY: 1 pm Line Dancing Class in the multi-purpose room

WEDNESDAY: ~~8:45 am~~ **Preschool Chapel**

6 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal; 7:15 pm Voice Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 5-7 pm Women's AA Group

8:45 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Chapel

10 am & 6:30 pm Living Way Bible Study; 12 pm Quilting Group



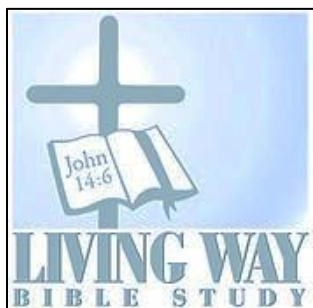
Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1st Sunday of the month in support of national & District Mission Projects.

SHARE TABLE ITEMS: Home produce may be shared with others on our "Agape" Table. The other "Share" table will remain up for another two weeks and then given away.

LWML LAUNDRY MISSION: Volunteers are needed to support our LWML's local mission of helping people with laundry services on Monday mornings from 10 am – noon. New volunteers will be paired up with an experienced LWML helper. Please contact Judy Norton if you can volunteer on a Monday morning. *Thank you.*



Living Way Bible Study Resumes This Week!



Our study on **Great Miracles of the Old and New Testaments** begins this Thursday, September 19th at 10 am & 6:30 pm. Registration continues today in the narthex before and after the services. You will receive your 1st set of home study questions upon registration.

This study consists of home study questions, small group sharing, lecture, and opportunities for fellowship.

Our Quilting Group Resumes This Week Too!

New members are welcome to join our quilting group which meets after Living Way Bible Study on Thursdays at noon in rooms 3-4, & 5. (the piecing room & the sewing room) It is very handy to bring a sack lunch with you if you are in the Bible class. For those involved in both activities, it is fun and easy to simply eat lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Last year over one hundred quilts were produced and given to various charity groups. For more information, please talk to coordinators: Sylvia Baxter & Sandy Emerson.



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: On Sunday, Sept. 29th, between the services, our Church Council will be conducting a special voter's meeting to either approve or disapprove a proposed landscaping plan for the entire Cedar Street side of the church. Vice President Marty Adickes is available to answer questions here in the church library before and after the Sunday services today and next Sunday. He can also be reached by phone at home.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Information to be included in the Oct. / Nov. issue of Faith Hi-lights is due this week! Send to faithnewsletter@hotmail.com, or contact the office.

MUG MATE PROGRAM: All women of Faith are invited to participate in this fun prayer activity. Simply bring a mug with a prayer form in a brown paper bag to the church narthex after church services on Sunday, Sept. 29th, or to the church office the following week. On Sunday, Oct. 6th, pick up a mug for yourself in the narthex. Each morning when you use that mug for a cup of coffee or tea, talk to the Lord about your prayer sister and pray for her.

