

August 2, 2020



**...for theirs is  
the kingdom  
of heaven.**

*Matt. 5:10*

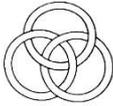


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## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### Today's Worship!

#### Greeting and Prayer

**Hymn 27 (TLH):** *Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul*

**1. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

*Let all within me join*

*And aid my tongue to bless His name*

*Whose favors are divine.*

**3. 'Tis He forgives thy sins;**

*'Tis He relieves thy pain;*

*'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses*

*And makes thee young again.*

**5. He fills the poor with good;**

*He gives the sufferers rest:*

*The Lord hath judgments for the proud*

*And justice for th' opprest.*

**2. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,**

*Nor let His mercies lie*

*Forgotten in unthankfulness*

*And without praises die!*

**4. He crowns thy life with love**

*When ransomed from the grave;*

*He that redeemed my soul from hell*

*Hath sovereign power to save.*

**6. His wondrous works and ways**

*He made by Moses known,*

*But sent the world His truth and grace*

*By His beloved Son.*

**The Invocation** *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

**C** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all

things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

### God, We Praise You! *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #798; tune "Austria")*

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You  
2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their  
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one  
by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;  
grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,  
One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and  
ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 15:19-21*

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

## The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 119:121-128*

- P** I have done what is just and right;
- C** Do not leave me to my oppressors.
- P** Give your servant a pledge of good;
- C** Let not the insolent oppress me.
- P** My eyes long for your salvation
- C** And for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.
- P** Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
- C** And teach me your statutes.
- P** I am your servant;
- C** Give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies!
- P** It is time for the LORD to act,
- C** For your law has been broken.
- P** Therefore I love your commandments above gold,
- C** Above fine gold.
- P** Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right;
- C** I hate every false way.



## **The New Testament Reading: Acts 20:17-38**

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

<sup>36</sup> And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. <sup>37</sup> And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, <sup>38</sup> being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Nicene Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**C** 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 on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

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 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.

**Hymn 473 (TLH): *The Church's One Foundation***

**1. *The Church's one foundation***

*Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.*

*From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His won blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.*

**2. *Elect from every nation,***

*Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.*

**3. *The Church shall never perish!***

*Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.*

*Though there be those that hate her.  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.*

**4. *Though with a scornful wonder***

*Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,*

*Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.*

**5. *Mid toil and tribulation***

*And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.*

**The Sermon: *Matthew 5:10-12***

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Christians Are Happy Warriors**

- I. We're fighting in a righteous cause
- II. We're fighting for a great reward
- III. We're fighting in the best company

## The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 447 (TLH): *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

**1. Fight the good fight With all thy might;  
Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.**

*Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.*

**2. Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace;  
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face.**

*Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.*

**3. Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide  
Lean, and His mercy will provide;**

*Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.*

**4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear.**

*Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is All in all to thee.*

## Prayer of the Church – The 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 Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.

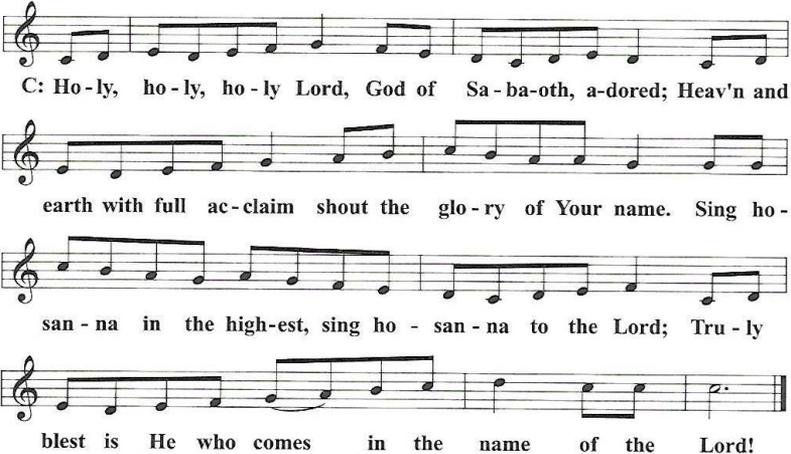
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. 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!

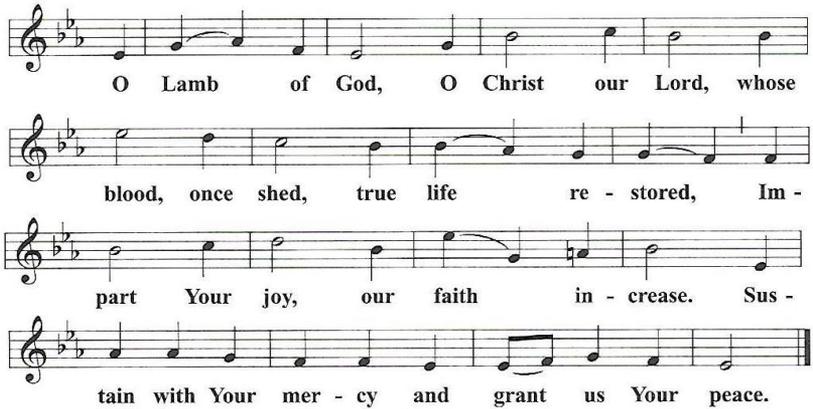
## Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*

# O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 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: A  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 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.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**G** Amen!

**Hymn 451:1 (TLH):** *Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus*

**1. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!**

**Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss.**

**From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead**

**Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

**A CHURCH WORKDAY** has been scheduled by the Board of Trustees for Saturday, August 22, beginning at 9:00am. We have a number of building and maintenance projects that we hope to accomplish before the winter, including: landscaping, caulk shed, siding repairs, replace door locks, seal ramp, planters, and cross, and other things. If you can, please come help beautify God's house!

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church OR use one of the following options: 1) Electronic giving is available through "CashApp." The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". 2) You may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Morning Star, Fairchild; Peace with God, Onalaska; and Trinity, Millston, WI has **accepted** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Prof. Steve Sippert, Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, has **returned** the call to serve as pastor of Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfel, Faith, St. Louis, MO has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Former Pastor Del Maas has **received** the call to St. Paul, Ponsford, MN.

**ILC BUILDING FUND PAID OFF—AND THEN SOME:** A substantial gift was recently given to the CLC, designated for the ILC Building Fund. This special gift completely paid off the entire Academic Center Fund balance, and provided approximately one million dollars for a future building project. CLC President Mike Eichstadt has appointed a Planning Committee to move this forward. Since every building project has to be approved by a convention, the Committee's mandate is to present a plan and cost estimate to the 2021 convention. In recent years some have wondered what the next ILC building project will be. An updated and expanded gym? A dedicated Chapel? The 2006 Planning Committee did some work in that area. Since the current gym's footprint could not accommodate the space requirements of

the new gym, the 2006 Planning Committee recommendation was to build a new gym to the south of the Commons (in the area between the Commons, slab, and amphitheater) and to completely renovate the existing fieldhouse to house functions like morning chapel, mass choir and band practices, plays, musicals, CLC GPC and conventions, storage, etc. Look for more details to be announced in the future.

**SERVING US THIS WEEK**

Church Cleaning: Muellers

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

Outdoor Service/Picnic Attendance July 26, 2020 = 24

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$39,230.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$1,630.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$44,713.22
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$1,910.53

<b>Sun. 8/9</b>	9am & 10:30am	Sunday Worship Services (Layservice—Pastor Naumann out of town)
<b>Sun. 8/16</b>	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
<b>Sat. 8/22</b>	9am	Church Workday
<b>Thu. 9/24 – Sun. 9/27</b>		ManUp Retreat (CLC Men’s Retreat) Wyalusing State Park, Wisconsin
<b>Tue. 9/29 – Thu. 10/1</b>		Great Lakes Pastoral Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI

**IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST**

*Ephesians 6:18 “Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait.

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