

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Rodger Prois ~ August 7th 2022



GATHERING

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~ *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* ~ ELW# 523

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family.
Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.
Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have.
Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *Shout To The Lord* ~ ELW# 821

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ Almighty God, you sent your holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING ~ GENESIS 15:1-6 ~ *God's Covenant with Abram*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM ~ PSALM 33:12-22 ~ *The Greatness and Goodness of God*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

SECOND READING ~ HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16 ~ *The Meaning of Faith*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

~ *The Faith of Abraham*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Alleluia ~ ELW ~ Page 171

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal Life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ~ The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

LUKE 12:32-40 ~ *Do Not Worry*

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

~ *Watchful Slaves*

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’ ~ The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.



LUKE 12:35, NRSV

SERMON ~ “*What’s Faith Got to do With it?*” ~ **Pastor Rodger Prois**

Silence for reflection.

Please rise to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Blessed Assurance ~ ELW# 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

THE APOSTLES' CREED ~ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 ~ Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence, especially the nation of Ukraine. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Hear the prayers of this congregation including prayers received from those who follow our ministry online. Be with all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you, especially those we hold in our hearts known only to you and those we name here...

Jacob Bangsberg; Matthew Olesiak; Doug Olesiak; Kathy Hanson; Felecia Kleven; Kylj Kleven; Larry Johnson; Chuck Jackson; Jo Alvin; Bud Rieschl; Jim Gronberg; Bob Tucker; Jane Sluiter; Sue Sleik; Frankie Zenisek; Sharon Rubin.

Please observe a moment of silence reflecting on those for whom we pray.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE ~ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share God's peace with one another.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Please Rise

OFFERING HYMN ~ Make Me A Servant ~ W&P# 96

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today

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OFFERING PRAYER ~ God of abundance you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ S173 ELW Page 173

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ~ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Have No Fear, Little Flock* ~ ELW# 764

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *How Great Thou Art* ~ ELW# 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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Please rise

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ~ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION ~ The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ~ *This Is My Father's World* ~ ELW# 824

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL ~ Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! In the name of Jesus — teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior — I welcome you to worship. **Prepare for Today's Word:** On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29 through 12:2; Luke 12:49-56

THIS WEEK AT LONG LAKE: Tuesday ~ Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday ~ Outdoors Club, 9:00 a.m. Thursday ~ Men's Bible, Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30 a.m. at Rice Lake Family Restaurant, 2411 S. Main St. South.

PASTOR RODGER is leading a study of the "Acts of the Apostles" (often called the Acts of the Holy Spirit) Tuesdays at 9:30am in the gathering room (Narthex) of the church. Come for one; come for all!

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED for Summer Worship. Share a musical talent for our summer worship service (or anytime during the year). We need you! Call Kris at 763-567-1533 or email adlibk2@hotmail.com and Kris will contact you. Fill our services with music!

SUMMER CHOIR sings August 21st. Rehearsal: 8:15 a.m. prior to worship.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAMPAIGN: In the month of August, WELCA will continue the collection of school supplies for the Birchwood School System and Lutheran World Relief. Lists of items needed are included in the August Anchor. Please leave all items in the tote marked "School Supplies" in the church entryway.

Tami Roberg ~ Special thanks to Tami for filling in for Kris and providing the music for our service today.

GARAGE SALE: The Garage Sale is fast approaching (August 18, 19 & 20) and we are looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping out with this years event, please sign up at church or call/text Julie Thomas Telitz at (715)491-5734, or by email at juliejean001@hotmail.com.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: The LLLC Church Council is exploring the need to form a Grounds Committee to be responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the church grounds. Anyone interested in participating on this important committee should contact Ed Knutson, Operations Manager, with questions.



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