

# Welcome

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



## **UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy (WOV Setting 4 page 36)

*The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.*

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.*

*Please stand as able.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

HYMN I Love Your Kingdom, Lord LBW# 368

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Mark 10:47)

Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin. Pour  
out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9) IS OMITTED THIS WEEK.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)*

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble that was among {the Israelites} had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too

heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” <sup>16</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Lay Reader    The word of the Lord.  
**C**                **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 104:28-37\* *sung in unison*

<sup>28</sup>All of them | look to you\*  
    to give them their food | in due season.  
<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;\*  
    you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.  
<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and | they are terrified;\*  
    you take away their breath, and they die and return | to their dust.  
<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;\*  
    and so you renew the face | of the earth.  
<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;\*  
    may the Lord rejoice in | all his works.  
<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth | and it trembles;\*  
    he touches the mountains | and they smoke.  
<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;\*  
    I will praise my God while I | have my being.  
<sup>35</sup>May these words | of mine please him;\*  
    I will rejoice | in the Lord.  
<sup>36</sup>Let sinners be consumed out | of the earth,\*  
    and the wicked | be no more.  
<sup>37</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul.\*  
    | Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: James 5:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

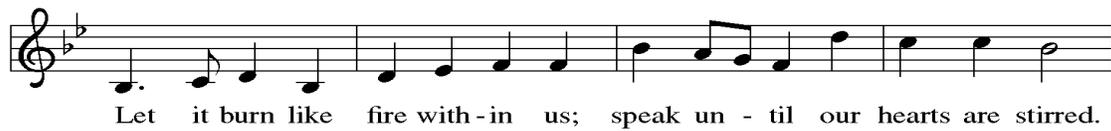
Lay Reader    The word of the Lord.  
C                **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)



Al - le-lu - ia!    Lord and Sav - ior:    o - pen now your sav - ing word.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup>John 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.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

We are “only human” but we expect great things from God...

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN It’s Me, It’s Me O Lord

1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer.

4. Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church,*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

*In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Lutheridge Scholarship Fund. During the month of September a love offering will be offered to assist those whose items were stolen from the trailer. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.*

ANTHEM

Tina Brown, Pianist

For the Beauty of the Earth (arr. Renfrow)

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)



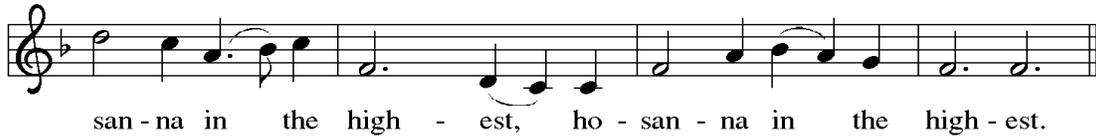
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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 -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P 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.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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

C **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.*

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

*As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say:* Amen

*At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



### Next Week's Readings (October 3):

Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16

\* — Some psalms within the Book of Common Prayer psalter, which the Sola lectionary uses, are numbered differently than the psalms in the psalter of the English Standard Version Bible, on which the lectionary calendar is based. To account for this difference, today's psalm reading begins at verse 28 (the ESV reading will begin at verse 27) and ends at verse 37 (the ESV reading will end at verse 35).

### “A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”



*Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.*

#### **NUGGET #2: What is the DIVINE SERVICE?** (part 1)

The Lutheran understanding of worship is expressed in the **Divine Service**. We follow this order not because we believe it is the only right way but because we believe this ancient pattern of worship most clearly and beautifully serves the purpose of worship, to deliver the gracious gifts of God.

The **Diving Service** uses two distinct elements to create a framework for our worship. Those parts of the liturgy that do not change each week are called the **Ordinary** because they are ordinarily present each week. The **Ordinary** reflects the changeless and timeless texts of the liturgy, some used continuously for more than 1,500 years.

*(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 3, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)*

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 10 (pages 203-209)

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It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

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## Those Serving in September

**Acolytes:** Felisaty and Dusty Morgan, Jr.

**Altar Guild:** Robyn Arey and Jan Huffman

**Communion Assistants:**  
Kevin Huffman, Elbert Kluttz, and Felisaty Morgan

**Lay Readers:** Dusty Morgan Sr. Family

**Communion Pianist:** Brian Sevison

**Ushers:** Phil Cauble (HU), Ken Clifton, Don Davis, and John Kesler

**Offering Counting Team:** Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt,  
Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

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### OUR MISSION:

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### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (please remember to practice social distancing)

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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