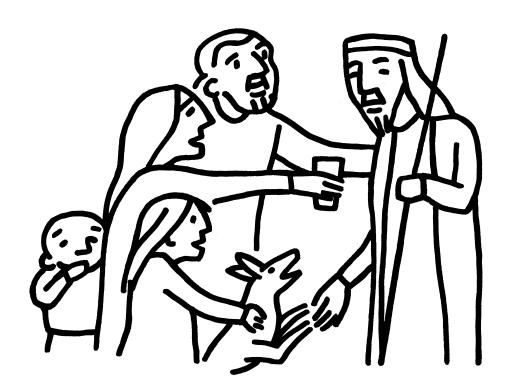


The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

We Greet Our Members and Visitors Warmly In Jesus' Name.

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 29, 2024

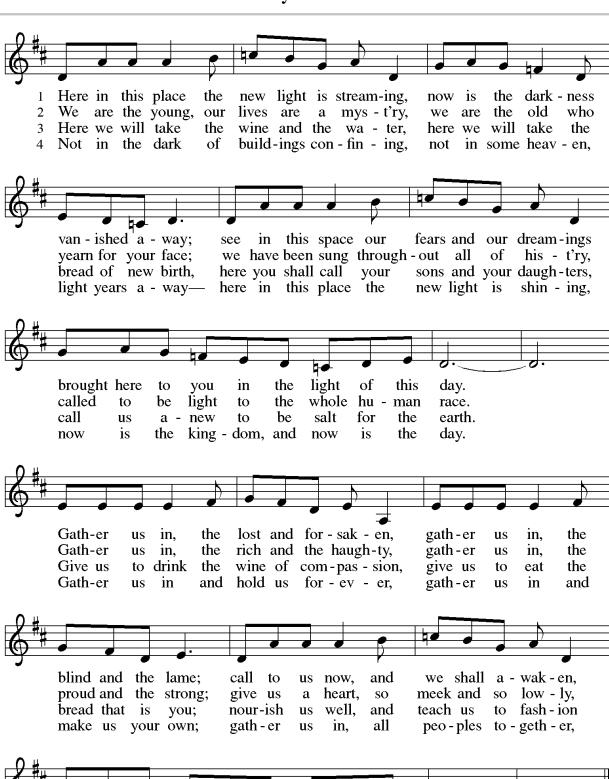


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Prelude

Processional Hymn: "Gather Us In"



we shall a - rise the sound of our name. song. give us the cour - age to en - ter the lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. of fire . . love in our flesh and our bone.

In Today's Liturgy

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy

endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have

harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn

us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By

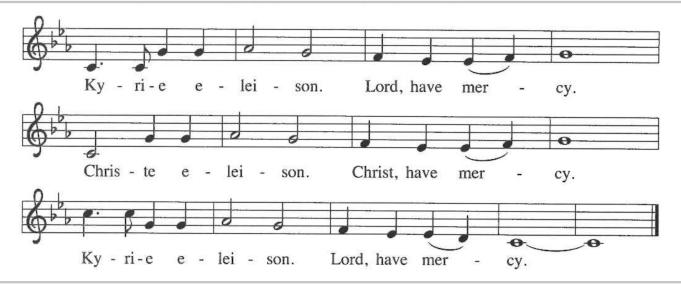
grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of

eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Kyrie



Gloria



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give

us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(You may be seated)

The First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Lector:

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

A reading from the book of the Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. 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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

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. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 54

Lector: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

All: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Lector: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Lector: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

All: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Lector: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Lector:

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

A reading from the book of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

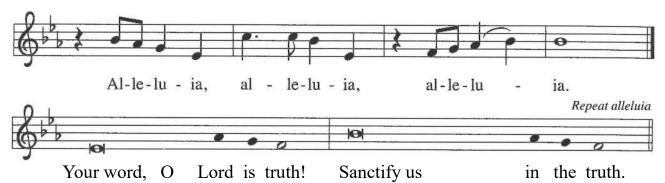
My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able)

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: John said to Jesus.

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." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

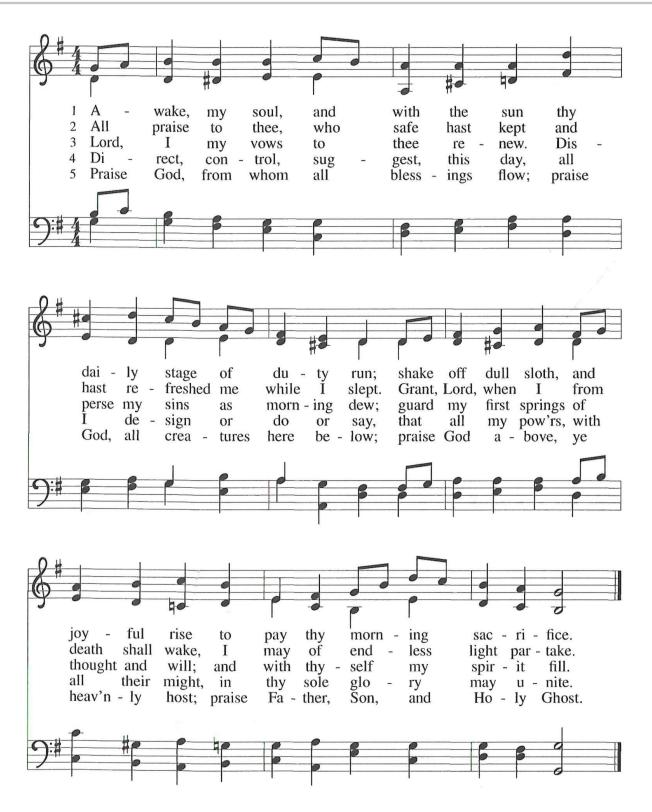
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Announcements & Blessing of the Prayer Shawls



The Hymn of the Day: "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"



(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "Come Down, O Love Divine"



The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: 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 is 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.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for

the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. (a brief silence)

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news

of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we

encounter. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and

estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who

care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all

who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence

known among all who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors,

and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to

build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence.

In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend

them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your be

loved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

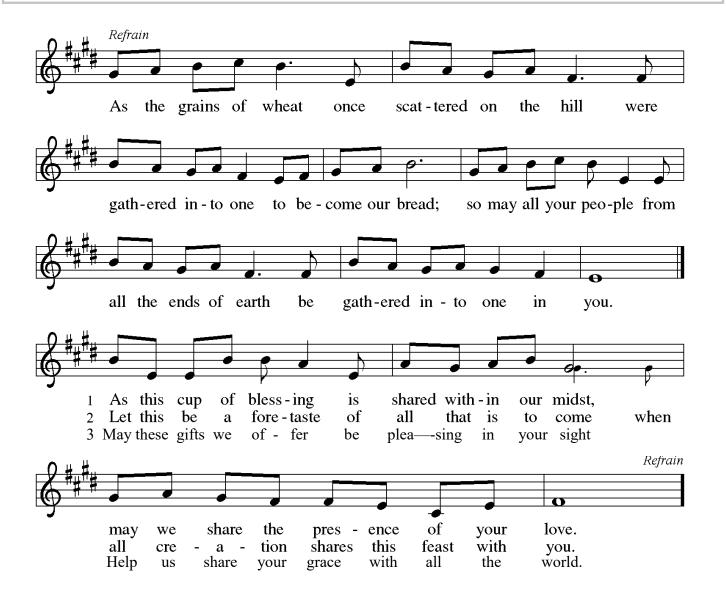
Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(You may be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



Offering Prayer

Pastor:

God of goodness and growth, all; creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wind and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Pastor:

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the

dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we

rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: Amen, and amen.

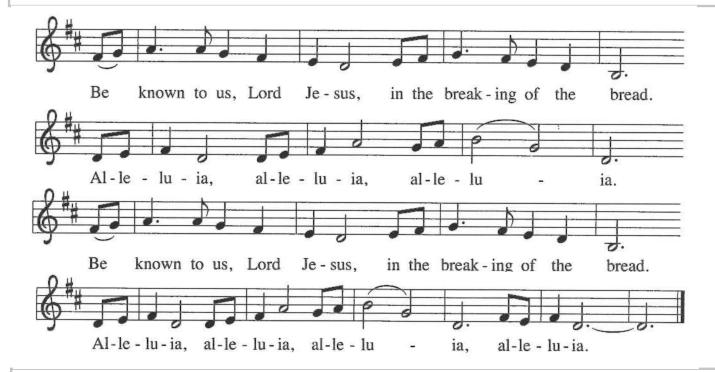
All: Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught.

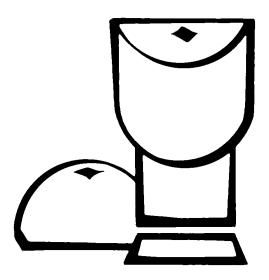
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion



Communion Invitation

Pastor: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



(if you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew, please speak to a service leader.)

Communion Hymn: "For The Bread Which You Have Broken"

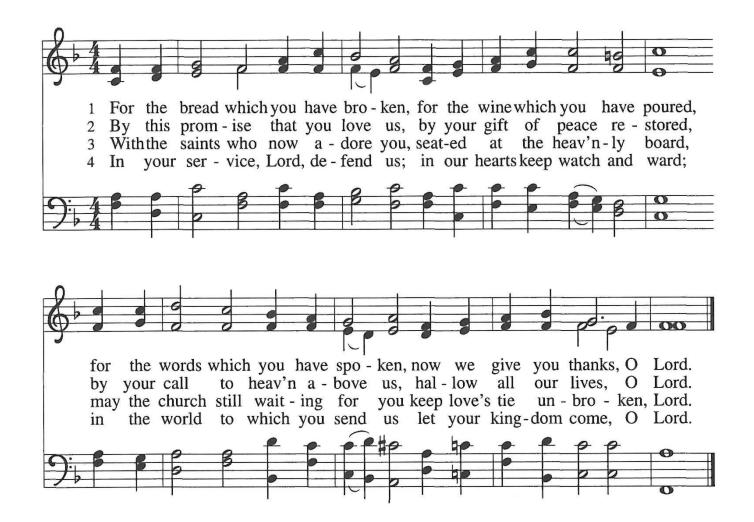
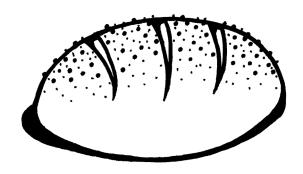


Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.



Post Communion Hymn: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"



Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

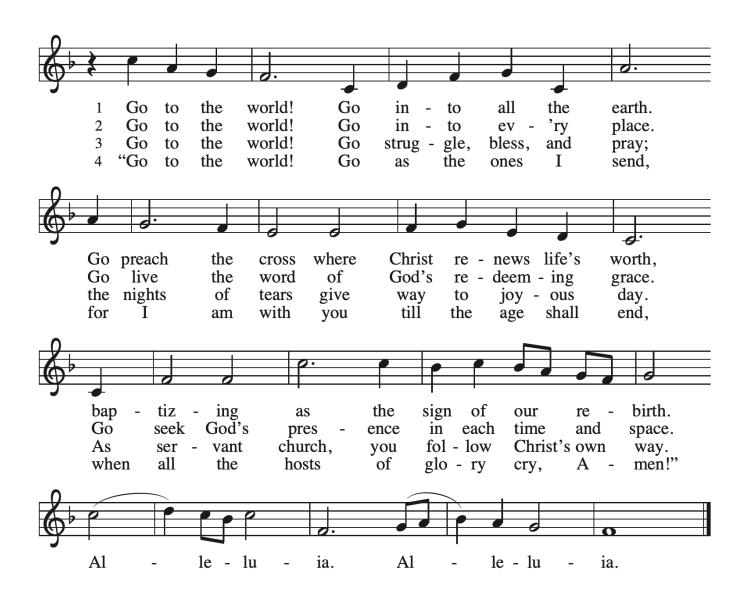
Blessing

Pastor: God, the Source of glory, God the Word of life, God the Spirit of truth † bless

you all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Go To The World"



Peru Presentation by Carol Dannenberg



Missionary to Pucallpa, Peru at SIM USA

Carol is a missionary to Peru, working with two local churches in Women's ministry and discipleship. She also serves with a ministry to teen moms, teaching in local high schools about sexuality, responsibility and abstinence. She seeks to develop relationships with Peruvian students through English tutoring as well.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

In lieu of Postlude Please enjoy continued conversation in the Narthex with Carol Dannenberg.

