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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost † July 30, 2023

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship-Green ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

ELW-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE *Gather Us In* by Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND GRATITUDE STORIES

SPECIAL MUSIC *As the Deer* by Martin Nystrom arr. Sondra K. Tucker -Bell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P Righteous God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW # 532 - Red *Gather Us In*

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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Love to Tell the Story* -Bell Choir
by William Fischer arr. James Kimball

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be

numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with ¹all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**
¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.**
¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**
¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. ²⁹For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of the Son of God, in order that the Son might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom God predestined God also called, and those whom God called God also justified, and those whom God justified God also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²The one who did not withhold the very Son of God, who was given up for all of us, how will that God not give us along with the Son everything else?

³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through the one who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  (please stand as you are able)

I love to tell the story: 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

C Glory to you of Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The dominion of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and

sowed in a field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make

nests in its branches.”³³ Jesus told them another parable: “The dominion of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”⁴⁴ “The dominion of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”⁴⁵ “Again, the dominion of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the dominion of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they

drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the dominion of heaven is like a householder who brings out of the household treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 793 - Red *Be Thou My Vision*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND SENDING FOR MV SERVICE LEARNING CAMP

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God’s blessing as we send Lexus, Loella, Raleigh, Lucas, Zac, Pastor Janine, Amanda, Jennifer, Shirley, and Abbie to Maumee Valley Service Learning Camp for the week. The week will be filled with learning and fun, service projects and swimming, opportunities for fellowship, anointing, and thanksgiving for baptism. We will learn and grow and live God’s love into the world.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people.

Bless those who go out from here to all of Northwest Ohio. Prosper the work of their hands.

Bless those who receive us the fruits of their labor, and may those who are sent receive blessing in return.

May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *For the Beauty of the Earth* -Bell Choir
by Conrad Kocher arr. Robert Groth

*** APOSTLES’ CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

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 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. Amen.

PRAYERS *(you may be seated)*

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick especially those on our hearts and minds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER**  *(please stand as you are able)*

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

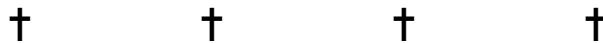
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN ELW # 742 - Red *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune in D Major op. 15* by Craig Sellar Lang

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Maggi Mohler in loving memory of my sister, Mary and my niece, Suzanne.

This week please hold in prayer: Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul Long, Ed & Betty Panning, Garrick Walker, Ronald Hoops brother of Mary Lou Streicher, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Nancy & Ken Lange, Terry Lacy, Matt Von Seggern, Dezarea Harshman, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

PLEASE KEEP Lexus, Loella, Raleigh, Zac, Lucas and Pastor Janine in your prayers as they live God's love into the world at Maumee Valley Service Learning Camp this week.

Thursday Bible Study: Please join us weekly on Thursday at 9:30am in the adult Sunday school room.

Summer Coffee Hour

Thank you to our coffee hour hosts this morning, Adult Sunday School. Please plan to stay after worship as we gather for some refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Next week's hosts: Bell Choir.

Year of Gratitude: This week we give thanks for Mutual Relations. This old team that we find in the constitution has been given new life in the last three years. In addition to being a sounding board for the pastor, Mutual Relations has taken on the task of staff evaluations. They also have the job of stepping in when conversations become difficult between any various parties. We are so thankful for this team and all they do!

Caring Corner for July and August - we would like to highlight the LWR kits we annually put together. Lutheran World Relief collects these kits and sends them to communities/countries that need them. Fabric kits supply fabric and supplies needed for individuals to sew clothing for themselves and others. Personal care kits provide items needed for personal hygiene. School kits provide needed school supplies.

We Belong to God-End of Life Planning Workshop - August 6th after worship

Join us following worship to talk about planning around the end of life. While this isn't our favorite thing to talk about, it helps our dear ones who will be grieving after we die. Elisa Harmon of Newton, Harmon, and Rohrs, LTD will present on Estate Planning. Rodenberger Gray Funeral Home will talk about their pre-planning. We may have a representative from hospice. Pastor Janine will talk about the worship planning pieces that are most helpful, too! Join us just to hear about these resources or bring your calendars and schedule follow up meetings with the presenters. Join us to do this brutiful work together.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Emanuel will join folks from around NW Ohio at the Toledo Mudhens game on Sunday August 20th for Faith and Family day. Pregame activities begin at 2pm with presentations from the team chaplain, some of the players, and a faith band. First pitch is at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and for an additional \$8 you can get a hotdog, chips, and a drink. We are sitting on the 3rd base line. Please sign up and pay in the office by August 1st. Play ball!

Interested in joining a musical ensemble?

Brass ensemble starts on August 23rd at 6pm and the choir starts on August 23rd at 7pm.

LAST TWO OPPORTUNITIES to have Ann take your picture for the directory.

Friday, August 4, 6-7:30pm @ The Bloomfield House

Tuesday, August 22, 6-7:30pm @ The Bloomfield House

A sign up sheet will be located in the hallway across from the office.

This Week

Monday, July 31		MV Service Learning Camp
Tuesday, August 1		MV Service Learning Camp
Wednesday, August 2		MV Service Learning Camp
	1:30-3pm	Open Office Hours at Pocket Park or Coffee Shop
	4-5pm	Puzzles & People
	5pm	Soul Food Café
Thursday, August 3		MV Service Learning Camp
	9:30am	Bible Study
	7pm	Worship
Friday, August 4		MV Service Learning Camp
Saturday, August 5		MV Service Learning Camp
Sunday, August 6	8am	Choir
	9am	Worship with Communion in person or online
	10:15am	We Belong to God: End of Life Planning