



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 19, 2021

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing you praise. Amen.

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD, P. 38

### OPENING HYMN – CW 236      *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

- 1 All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills—  
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!  
For death he gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me—  
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand He leads his own, his chosen band—  
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 All who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory!  
All who the Father's pow'r proclaim, To God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 Then come before his presence now And banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow And sing with joy and gladness.  
Though great distress my soul befell, The Lord my God did all things well—  
To God all praise and glory!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–90, abr.; tr. composite.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**M:** Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON – *Jeremiah 38:1-13***

Shephatiah son of Mattah, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah had told the people when he said, <sup>2</sup>“This is what the LORD says. Whoever remains in this city will die by sword, famine, and plague, but whoever goes over to the Chaldeans will live. He will escape with his life, and he will live. <sup>3</sup>This is what the LORD says. This city will surely be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the officials said to the king, “This man should be put to death because he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in the city. He is demoralizing all the people by saying these things to them. This man is not seeking the welfare of the people. He wants to hurt them.”

<sup>5</sup>King Zedekiah answered, “Very well. He is in your hands. The king cannot do anything to stop you.”

<sup>6</sup>So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king’s son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They let Jeremiah down by ropes. There was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

<sup>7</sup>Ebed Melek the Cushite, an official in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, <sup>8</sup>Ebed Melek left the palace and said to the king, <sup>9</sup>“My lord the king, everything that these men have done to Jeremiah the prophet is evil. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he is likely to die because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city.”

<sup>10</sup>Then the king gave orders to Ebed Melek the Cushite: “Take thirty men from here under your command and lift Jeremiah the prophet up out of the cistern before he dies.”

<sup>11</sup>So Ebed Melek took command of the men and entered a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothing from there, and he lowered them with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. <sup>12</sup>Ebed Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put these rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes.” After Jeremiah did that, <sup>13</sup>they lifted him up with the ropes and pulled him out of the cistern. After this Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

**PSALM 116** CW p. 107

*Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

*Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain:* I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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**SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 4:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

<sup>14</sup>If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And if it is hard for the righteous to be saved, where will the ungodly sinner end up? <sup>19</sup>So let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to their faithful Creator while doing what is good.

**VERSE OF THE DAY – Romans 15:4**

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 8:27-35**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went away with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>They told him, "John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others say one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>"But who do you say I am?" he asked them. Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach

them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **HYMN – CW 453** *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke*

- 1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.  
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,  
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,  
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1–3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

### **SERMON – Mark 8:27–35**

### **Who Do You Have in Mind?**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## HYMN – CW 428

*Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God's Son For me won When his life was given?
- 2 When life's troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sees them;  
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.  
God is good; his love attends me  
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.
- 4 Since I know God never fails me,  
In his voice I'll rejoice When grim death assails me.  
Trusting in my Savior's merit,  
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav'n inherit.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, st. 1–3, abr.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 4; tr. composite, st. 1–3. St. 4 © 1993 Harlyn J. Kuschel. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

## CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN – CW 434

*Lord, You I Love with All My Heart*

- 1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from me depart;  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share; Heaven itself were void and bare  
If you, Lord, were not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in you no one could shake.  
You are the treasure I have sought; Your precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

- 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have  
 In this poor life of labor.  
 Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify your lavish grace  
 And serve and help my neighbor.  
 Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile.  
 Give strength and patience unto me To bear my crosses willingly.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
 Forsake me not! I trust your Word.
- 3 Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home  
 That I may die unfearing.  
 And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep  
 Until your reappearing.  
 And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,  
 O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
 And I will praise you without end.

Text: Martin M. Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

***Thank you for worshipping with us!***  
***Please join us again.***

<b>This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ</b>		
<b>Today (9/19)</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship / WELS Connection Voter's Meeting – Pastoral Call
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	Board of Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
<b>Sunday 9/26</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion

**WELCOME PASTOR FRANZO** We welcome Pastor Andrew Franzo as our vacancy pastor. He serves as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Weston. Please thank him for serving our congregation during our ministerial vacancy.

**Pastoral Call / Voter's Meeting Today at 11:45** All members are encouraged to attend. A Pastoral Call will be issued from a list of candidates, and the Vacancy Pastor call will be ratified at this meeting. Since we're meeting near lunch time, we'll have refreshments to tide you over.

**Church Library** Many thanks to a member who donated a large number of books to our church library. There are inspirational, romance, suspense, and Amish books - something for every interest. There are also new books by Karen Kingsbury and Deb MacDonald. Many are large print for easier reading. *Stop by and check out our great selection of books!*

**Save a Little Time in October** Upcoming project in October: one classroom on the west wing never had the baseboard installed. On **Saturday, October 16** we plan to install the baseboard. Your help that AM would be greatly appreciated. (The carpet is being cleaned so the furniture will already be removed.) Please let Bill Unruh know if you would be available.

<b>Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Sept 12, 2021</b>				
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>
\$3,740.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$47.00	\$25.00
<u>NLHS Operating</u>	<u>Building Repairs</u>	<u>School Fees</u>		
\$5.00	\$320.00	\$550.00		

**Attendance:**

Sept.12: 18 & 76, online - 5      Total = 99



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