



18th Sunday after Pentecost – September 26, 2021

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S

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 love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

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OPENING HYMN – 100 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you Shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON – *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

¹⁸The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying:

“Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit.
Let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered.”

²⁰But, LORD of Armies, you judge righteously.
You test the heart and mind.
Let me see your vengeance on them,
for I have presented my case to you.

SECOND LESSON – *James 3:13-18*

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

VERSE OF THE DAY – 2 Corinthians 12:9a

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”

³² But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN – 486 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

- 3 Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
 In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."
 Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
 Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view
 Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you,
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay
 Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.
- 5 Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
 Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;
 But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–89, alt.

SERMON – James 3:13-18 “Who is wise and understanding among you?”

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – 315 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon you lean.

2 This is the hour of banquet and of song; Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

3 I have no help but yours nor do I need Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in your might, your might alone.

4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness; Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear. The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here, Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, abr., alt.

C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.

**For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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 – 484 *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly*

1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion; Come before him with a song.

2 By his mercy, by his bounty, By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us, What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us, That his wisdom all controls.

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, Praising you forevermore.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

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We're happy you joined us! May God richly bless your week.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today (9/26)	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion
Monday		<i>School Pictures Day</i>
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
Sunday 10/03	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship

Anniversary Blessings Thank you to DuWayne & Shirley Marquardt for today's altar flowers, given with thankful hearts in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary (Sept. 22). May our gracious God continue to shower them with his rich blessings. Happy anniversary!

Memorials Thank you to Violet Schmidt for her gift to debt reduction given in memory of Linda Wiederhoeft. *Blessed be her memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.*

Unbudgeted Major Maintenance Items Many thanks to those who have contributed toward repairs to the choir loft flat roof and the gym wall. The estimated cost for these unbudgeted repairs is \$7,500 and we've received almost \$2,000 so far. Praise God!

Portals of Prayer The latest issue is available today.

Sign Up to reserve a 2022 God's Creation Calendar!

October 16 Project Upcoming project: 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.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Sept. 19, 2021				
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Bldg & Grounds</u>	<u>Publications</u>
\$2,313.00	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$1,460.00	\$2.00

Attendance: Thursday – 16, Sunday - 43, online – 14 Total - 73

2021 Men of His Word Conference “I know the plans I have for you,” God says. Wouldn't it be nice if he let us in on the specifics of those plans? It's true that there is so much about God's plans for my life that I cannot see. But there is One who can. One who loved you by dying on a cross and now assures you that his thoughts towards you are one of peace and his plans for your life are ones of love. Let's be encouraged by our hope for the future by looking at the things we can see! With God's vision for our future, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities, and the world. This year's theme is “GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE.”

Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (David Scharf, Professor of Theology at Martin Luther College in New Ulm), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (12 to choose from), or the worship experience with 300 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you.

The 6th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 300 men. Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$30 – These rates increase to \$60 for adults and \$40 for youth after October 17th. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!



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