



19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 3, 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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OPENING HYMN – CW 471 *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.
- 2 Destroy in me the lust of sin;
From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
To strive against my flesh and blood.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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 – Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶ So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.

²⁴ Moses went out and told the people the LORD’s words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵ The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

²⁶ Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

²⁹ Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD’s people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses returned to the camp along with the elders of Israel.

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Refrain

Come, Ho-ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

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SECOND LESSON – James 4:7-12

⁷ So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹ Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

VERSE OF THE DAY – Philippians 2:10,11

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you

to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN – CW 191 *Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender*

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, Advocate, Defender,
Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity sacred, Unity unshaken;
Deity perfect, giving and forgiving;
Light of the angels, Life of the forsaken;
Hope of the living;
- 3 Maker of all things, all your creatures praise you;
All for your worship were and are created.
Hear us, Almighty, hear us as we give you
Our adoration.
- 4 To the all-ruling triune God be glory,
Highest and greatest, over all exalted;
We, too, would praise you, giving honor to you
Now and forever.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th century; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

SERMON: Do not stop him (stop yourself)

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 121 *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing In your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,
Let me think about your passion, And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me think about the load
You were willing to endure; Then I'll flee all thoughts impure,
Mastering each wild temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm weak, your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power Since you crushed him in the dust.
Savior, let your agony Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. composite.

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 462 *Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

- 2 Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.

- 4 Make me to walk in your commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Thank you for worshipping with us!
God bless your week.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today (10/3)	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship
Tuesday	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	OSS Home Volleyball vs Zion, Rhinelander Board of Education
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
Saturday		NLHS Grade School Volleyball Tournament
Sunday 10/10 <i>-Food Pantry</i>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM Noon	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion OSS Packer Party

Pastoral Call On Sunday, Sept. 19, voters extended a Divine Call to Rev. Matthew Kuske. Pastor Kuske serves a dual parish in Lomira, WI. Please keep him, his family, and Our Savior's in your prayers as he considers where he may best use his gifts and talents to serve our Lord. If you'd like to offer words of encouragement, you may call 920-488-4131 or send an email: mdkuske@hotmail.com

Greetings members of Our Savior's,

What a humble privilege to be called to serve as your next Pastor. Right now I'm serving a dual Parish outside of Lomira, WI. My wife teaches 3rd-4th grade at the Lutheran grade school in Oakfield, WI. We are blessed with 3 children. Two are in college and one is in high school. Please keep my family and myself in your prayers as I consider your call and the one I'm currently serving.

In Christ,
Pastor Matthew Kuske

Anniversary Blessings We thank Bill & Sue Unruh for their gift to the Vision fund, given with thankful hearts in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary (September 11). May God continue to graciously shower them with his rich blessings.

Packer Party You are invited to join OSS students and parents to watch the Packers game at school on Sunday, October 10th at noon. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Chips, dessert, etc. to share are welcome. Let Mr. Lemke know if you plan to attend.

NLHS Bus Drivers Urgently Needed for the Merrill/Wausau and the WI Rapids routes. These are paid positions with training included. They also need a part-time **custodian**, also a paid position. Call NLHS at 715-359-3400 if interested.

God's Creation Calendars Sign up today to reserve your copy. These calendars also make great gifts.

Food Pantry The second Sunday of the month is our Food Pantry Sunday. Help those in need in our community by bringing non-perishable and non-expired food items next Sunday. Donations may be placed in the grocery cart in the office entryway. Food is donated to The Neighbor's Place.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Sept 26, 2021					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>School Fees</u>
\$4,955.00	\$606.00	\$390.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$12,288.33
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>Building Repairs</u>			
\$270.00	\$20.00	\$175.00			

Attendance: Sept.26: 81, online – 15 Total = 96



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