

## Announcements

- **Worship Schedule:** Sunday morning worship will be outdoors, weather permitting. If we need to move inside, we ask that you wear a face mask. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available. If you are feeling ill, we ask that you stay home and take care of yourself, but please let us know if we can offer any help to you.
- There will be fellowship coffee hour every Sunday outdoors following worship!
- Need a good book to read? Our library has many books to offer, including over 4 boxes of fiction books added to the library over the last year!!!
- Please note: Another change was brought to our attention from the newsletter. The Almelund Apple Festival (TODAY) has been canceled.

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**PRAYERCARE** Dan Petersen, the family of Margaret Dale, the family of Cheryl Slattengren, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg, Michelle Lynch, the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, the family of Lowell Nelson, Yutaro Nakanishi, the family of Annie Lindgren, the family of John Solheim, Donna Lindgren, Don Grover, Vicki Ford, Dave Danberg, Caroline Greene, Nia Glynn, Emil Nelson & family, Ron Hackmann, the family of Doris Fors, Helen Swanson, the family of Ann Rue, the family of Kurt Kowarsch, and the family of Joe Mallery.



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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**Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

**Music:** Toni Brekke

**Ushers:** Dennis & Joy Buchholtz

**Vocals:** Natalie Landgreen

**Lector:** Lisa Rudquist

**Fellowship Hosts:** Dennis & Joy Buchholtz

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: Let the Whole Creation Cry**

**ELW #876**

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live.

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The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

#### COMMUNION HYMN: Come to the Table (Sing 2 times)

**ELW #48 I**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**  
Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of  
salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance  
of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity,  
one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

O God, our teacher and guide, **you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.**  
**Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of  
wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that  
they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the  
land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts,  
who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.  
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.  
For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: James 3:13 - 4:3,7-8**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE: Pastor Dwight Rudquist**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father**

**ELW #781**

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**