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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

**\*GATHERING**

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

**\*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of overflowing grace,  
**we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

There is joy in heaven over every person who repents. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen**

**\*GREETING**

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 32:22–31

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 121

*Prayed in unison by the congregation.*

**I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the One who watches over you fall asleep.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;  
the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.  
The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*

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**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.**

**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 OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of all faithfulness, keep your people awake, always searching for situations and people that long for your mercy. Form us to be faithful in prayer and service. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With your almighty power shape mountains, carve rivers and streams, and enrich fields to yield abundant harvests. Help us see your good works throughout creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Be present in colleges, universities, trade schools, teaching hospitals, and seminaries. Fill institutions of higher learning with your wisdom and a thirst for knowledge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your abundant grace on all who call upon your name, especially... Heal their sicknesses; comfort them in sorrow; support them in grief. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mercifully engage those who wrestle with faith or belief in you, especially those who have been hurt by the church. Hold them fast, and draw them into your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and in silence.*

Living God, remembering with gladness the saints who put their trust in you, especially... , we pray you increase our faith to live according to your ways for the sake of your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

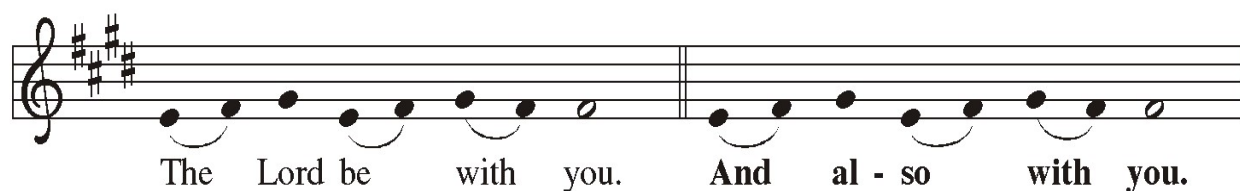
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

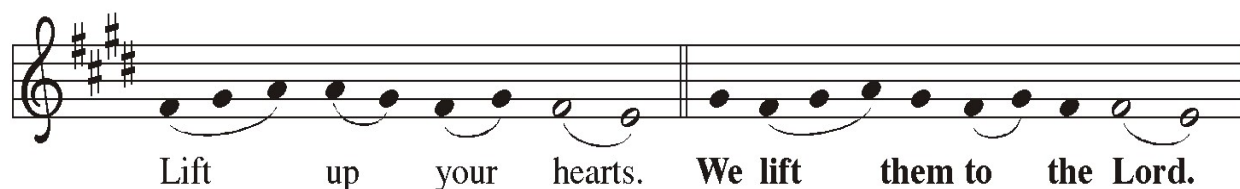
**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen**

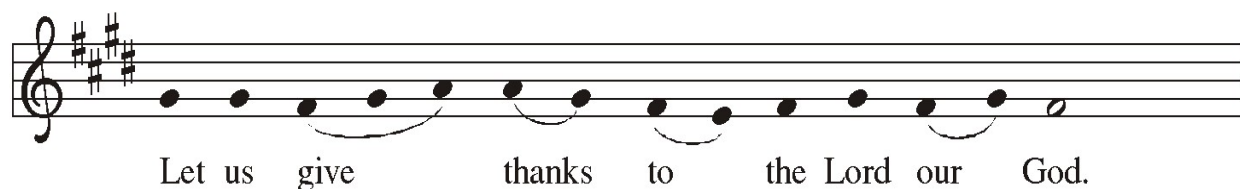
**\*DIALOGUE**




The Lord be with you. And also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



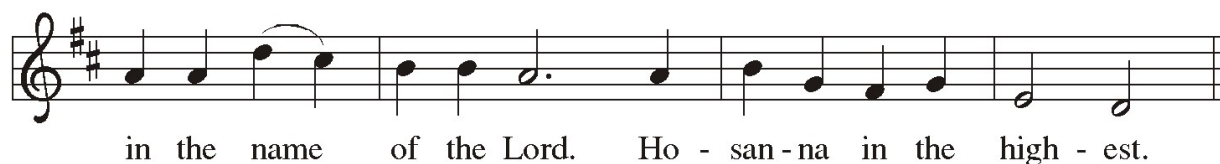
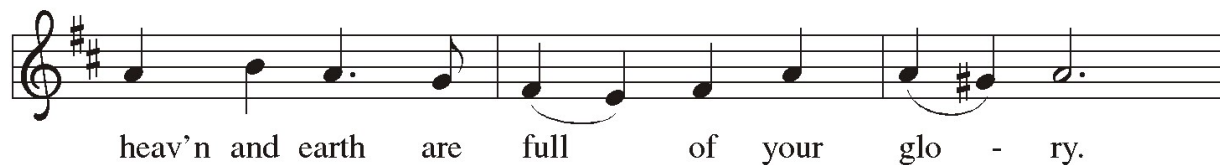
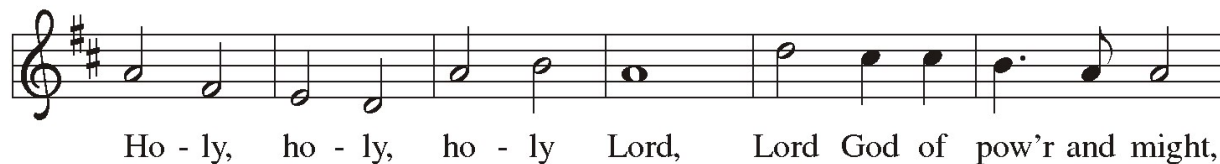
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen**



## \*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**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus invites us to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the wedding feast which has no end.

## DISTRIBUTION

## \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### \*BENEDICTION

God Almighty send you light and truth  
to keep you all the days of your life.  
The hand of God protect you;  
the holy angels accompany you;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever.  
**Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

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### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

John Broussard

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Carrie Watkiss

LECTOR

Fred Kuzel

GREETER

Fred Kuzel

USHER

Rafael Martinez

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Janice Hapgood

## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel.

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson and Mike Yavorski.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of beloved father and grandfather **+William Stastny+** on the anniversary of his death by remembering daughter Audrey Bucz and her family, and granddaughter Adrienne Gana.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$0.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$0.00



Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way toward making the **Fall Fest Rummage and Bake Sale** a wonderful community outreach and fellowship event. Thanks especially to event coordinator Vera Borysek for her months of preparation!

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115*

*Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

*Luke, Evangelist*

*Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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