



September 15, 2024

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Third Sunday of the Season of Creation

WELCOME, GUESTS

Welcome to all who worship with us today. We are thankful for your presence and invite you to share in “the food which endures for eternal life.”

Please sign the visitor’s book at our Welcome Center in the narthex. If you’d like to know more about us or are considering becoming a member, please complete the form found in each pew, return it to an usher or simply put it in the collection plate. There is a cry room down the stairs off the narthex where the service can still be heard. Busy-bags, children’s bulletins and magazines and are also provided in the narthex.

We’d like for you to learn more about us!

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation: We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and we are committed to work for racial equity.



A Green Congregation: for being stewards of the earth.

In Covenant with Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin St. Louis), lcmstl.org

SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 to October 6



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

In support of our goal of being a caring, inclusive, Christ-centered community, we

- ❖ care for God’s creation
- ❖ promote the non-violence of Christ and care for those who suffer
- ❖ participate in the Spirit toward a global religious community

+ The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost +

Lectionary 24

The Third Sunday of the Season of Creation

September 15, 2024

Setting One

10 AM

The responses of the assembly appear in **bold** type.

“ELW” refers to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry-colored book in the pew racks.

Standing and sitting are corporate acts of the assembly.

When the assembly stands, those who are able stand on behalf of those who cannot.

Three weeks ago we heard John’s gospel’s version of Peter’s confession of faith. This week we hear Mark’s version, when Peter says, “You are the Messiah.” In John, the stumbling block is Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus’ words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus’ words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of “messiah”) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

PRELUDE

from *Voluntary in C*, Op. 5 no. 1

I-II. Adagio – Andante

Music of John Stanley (1713-1786)

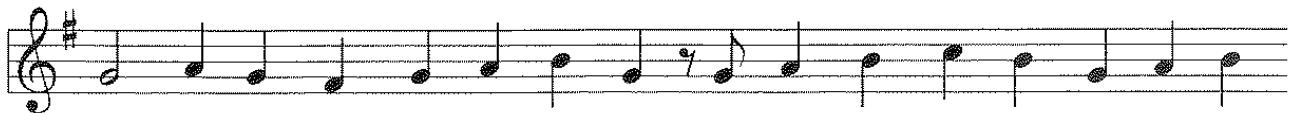
The assembly stands for *Confession and Forgiveness*, which begins at the bottom of page 94 near the front of the cranberry book.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pages 94-96

GATHERING HYMN *Take Up Your Cross*

NUN LASST UNS DEN LEIB BEGRABEN



- 1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav - ior said, “if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
- 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
- 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
- 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”
his strength shall bear your spir - it up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
for you the Lord en - dured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.
for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

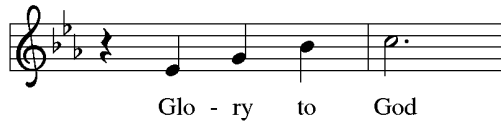
GREETING *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.

THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

ELW pages 99-100



*The canticle begins in the middle of page 99
near the front of the cranberry book*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning the Lord GOD wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Cantor I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my / supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me whenev- / er I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave / came upon me;
I came to / grief and sorrow.

Assembly **Then I called upon the name / of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, / save my life.”

Gracious is the / LORD and righteous;
our God is full / of compassion.

Cantor The LORD watches o- / ver the innocent;
I was brought low, / and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, / O my soul,
for the LORD has dealt / well with you.

All **For you have rescued my / life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my / feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence / of the LORD
in the land / of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.

A reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my dear family, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our bodily parts as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My dear family, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my dear ones, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for preparation precedes the gospel acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A cantor sings the verse:

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous, *
in order to bring | you to God. [1 Peter 3:18]

All repeat the alleluia.

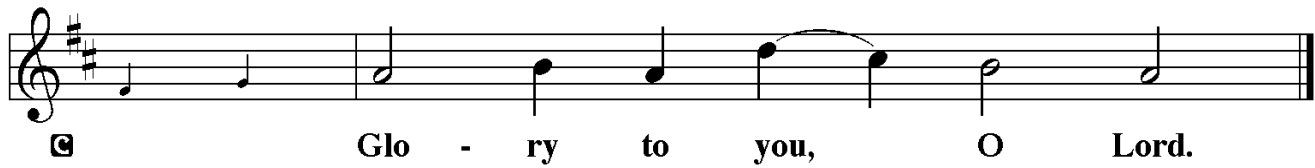
HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's confession of faith

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The ☩ holy gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

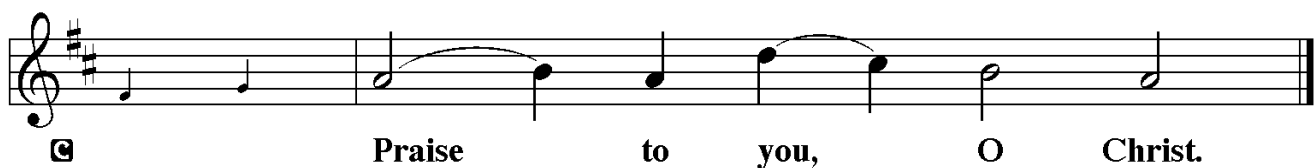


Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” Jesus asked them, “But who do you say that I am? ” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son-of-Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. Jesus said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son-of-Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Scott Benolkin

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lift High the Cross*
CRUCIFER

ELW # 660

1. All 2. High voices 3. Low voices 4. All

All sing the refrain.

High voices = soprano/alto Low voices = tenor/bass

APOSTLES' CREED

United in Christ, let us confess the faith we hold in common.

**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 OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church,
God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Jane, Jef, Mark, Katrina, Joe, Bill, JoAnn, Bill, Daniel, Angie, Wayne, Will, Tom, Charlene, Richard, Steve, Jack, Rudolph, Brittany, Mary, David, Julie, Nick, Meredith, Joe, Michael, Marcie, and Anne-Marie.

We give thanks for the life of Jim.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,
in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE PEACE *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. After greeting one another, the assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please see the schedule and written announcements on the last inside pages.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

An offering is gathered, and the table is set.

VOLUNTARY

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

COVENANTERS

Setting by Kenneth Staton [1972]

An anthem in praise of God's Creation.

*I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Believing in the real presence of Christ in the holy meal, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality.
All are welcome at God's table.*

The assembly stands. The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

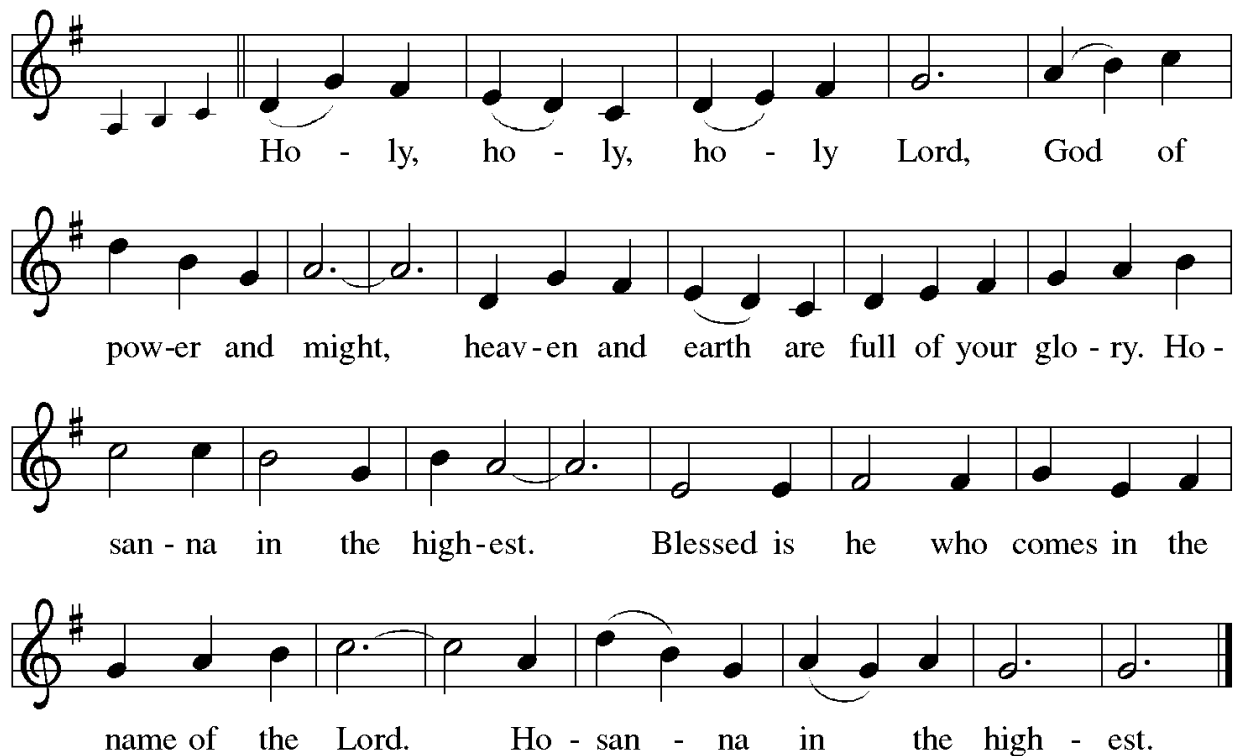
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your \dagger Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

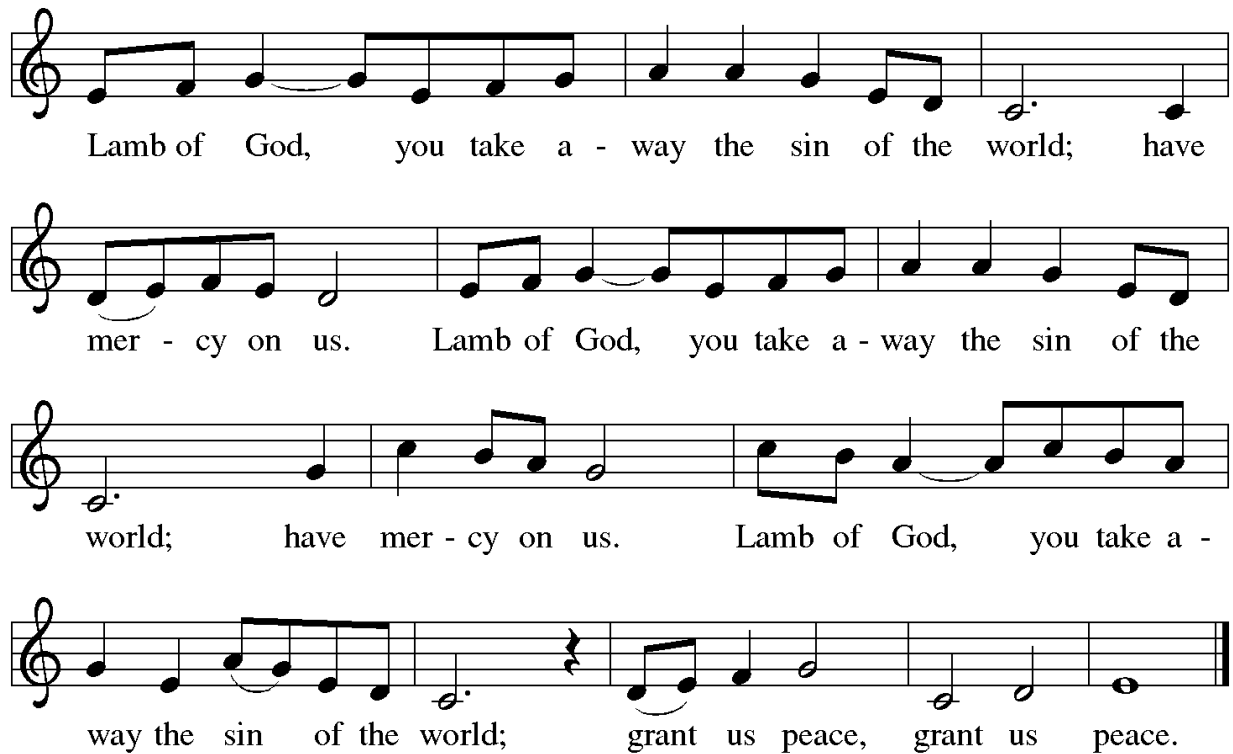
The presiding minister invites the assembly to Christ's table, where all are welcome.

Creator God, you fed us from the beginning. Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.
You are welcome at Christ's table.

The assembly is seated.

We invite all persons to share in Holy Communion. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The silver chalices contain wine. In the individual cups, wine is clear; grape juice is a rose color. For sanitary reasons, we do not practice self-intinction: please do not dip the bread into the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If any need to commune under one element (only the bread or only the wine/juice), know that the fullness of the sacrament is present in the one element.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MEDITATION from *Voluntary in C*, Op. 5 no. 1
III. Slow
Music of John Stanley (1713-1786)

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* ELW # 750
HERZLICH LIEB HAB' ICH DICH, O HERR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace, and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

FARWELL AND GODSPEED TO JODY AND TONY KLUENDER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake

ELW # 799

MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT

Prelude: chorale setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Love and serve God's Creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

from *Voluntary in C*, Op. 5 no. 1

IV. Allegro

Music of John Stanley (1713-1786)

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Organ music for this service is by the Englishman John Stanley (1713-1786). He was a contemporary of George Frideric Handel, and his music bears Handel's influence. Stanley is particularly significant as a composer for the organ, and is remarkable in that he enjoyed a productive musical career despite having suffered blindness from the age of two.

Stanley composed some thirty voluntaries, in three volumes. The present selections are from his Opus 5 collection, dating from 1748. As the name implies, a *voluntary* is a free-form piece which typically alternates slow then fast tempi.

IN OUR PRAYER CONTINUALLY

We give thanks for the life and witness of **Jim Orling**, who died Thursday. May God bring comfort to his family and friends.

We pray for **Jane Gilchrist**, who has been in the hospital.

We pray for healing for **Jef** (son-in-law of the Kluender family) after surgery.

We pray for **Mark** (nephew of the Kluender family), who will have surgery and chemo.

We pray for **Katrina Wong** (friend of the Kennedy family), who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We pray for **Joe Collman** (friend of Roy Ledbetter and Tom Dewey), who is in hospice care.

We pray for **Bill Vaughan**, who is recovering from a broken neck.

We pray for **JoAnn Foote** (mother of Cindy Gross) as she heals from a bad fall.

We pray for **Bill Nierman** (uncle of Matt Kuhlmann), who is coping with chronic health issues.

We pray for **Daniel Cierpiot**, (friend of Dr. Mager), who had major surgery for a brain tumor.

We pray for **Angie Brlas** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer), who is going through rehab.

We pray for **Wayne Grupe** (brother of Mike Grupe), who is diagnosed with both Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia.

We pray for God's guidance and peace for the **Grenda family** during a difficult time for their son **Will**. Heidi and Dave Grenda are dear friends and former members of Bethel.

We ask for continued prayers for **Tom Dewey** as he's undergoing immunotherapy treatments for a recurring health condition.

We pray for **Charlene Reimann** in her time of need.

We pray for **Richard Jones**, help in seeking renewed living arrangements and employment.

We pray for **Steve Bristol** (father of Christian, Heather, and Zachary), who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We pray for comfort, strength and support for him and his family.

We pray for **Jack Williamson** (father of Jennifer Williamson), who has dementia. May he and his family find support in learning to find joy in the new.

We pray for God's comfort and peace for **Rudolph Mueller**, who is now under hospice care.

We pray for **Brittany** (niece of Ann and Bob Mottl) for her continued healing as she begins radiation treatments that will be followed by five months of chemotherapy.

We pray for God's comfort and strength to be with **Mary Baker Findley** (sister of Vicki Baker Lottes) with stage 4 cancer and her husband **David Findley**, whose Alzheimer's is progressing rapidly.

We pray for **Julie Murthy** (cousin of Emily Pelcak) as she starts her battle with cancer.

We pray for strength and wisdom for **Nick Peppes** (colleague of Gail Heyne Hafer), who is facing personal challenges.

We pray for **Meredith Sallee** (sister of Katy Koontz) during her treatment for cancer.

We pray for **Joe Whelan** (stepson to Tim Gutknecht), who is dealing with a genetic condition.

We pray for **Michael Moentmann**, who lives with chronic illness.

We continue our prayers for **Marcie Dowell** as she lives with a heart condition. May God's peace comfort her during this time.

We pray for **Anne-Marie Bogdan** (sister of Nathan Schroeder) as she lives with long-standing health conditions. May God's comfort and strength be with her and her family.

Announcements

Bethel Choir Information

Bethel's Chancel Choir invites interested singers to participate in the worship of the congregation. The choir sings for worship each Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 PM and Sundays before services at 8:45 AM. Midweek rehearsals have resumed, and visitors and prospective singers are welcome. We welcome new members. To learn more, see Dr. Stephen Mager, Music Director, or send an email to scmager@yahoo.com.

Caring for Our Neighbors

We continue to collect food for Good Ground Pantry during the summer, along with cleaning supplies (easy-to-carry sizes) for God's Helping Hand. See the poster on the bulletin board for items needed, or grab a bag with a list attached.

Bible Study

It's a new year to dive into God's Word together! The Tuesday morning Bible study started September 10. And we're launching a new Bible study with an organizing meeting Tuesday, September 17, at 1:00 PM at church. Please talk with Pastor Scott for more details.

Season of Creation 2024

During the Season of Creation 2024, we are called to hope and act with Creation. One of the ways we plan to do this at Bethel is to offer an adult education series to study the ELCA's recent social message on Earth's Climate Crisis. We hope you will join us as we consider our call for discernment and action in response to the climate crisis. We will use "Our Kairos Moment", an ELCA study guide which provides a variety of learning activities to facilitate our reflection and discussion. This series of 90-minute sessions, offered on four consecutive Saturday mornings, will be facilitated by Cindy Gross and Brenda Light.

- 4 Saturday sessions, 9:30-11 am: Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28, and Oct 5. Come when you can; not everyone will be able to come to all 4 sessions.
- Bring your coffee cup or a water bottle, and your passion for creation.
- A reminder that in September you are asked to turn out your exterior lights to facilitate the safety of migrating birds this Fall.

Tenants Wanted

For many years Bethel's church building was also home to A Growing Place, a Montessori preschool. This summer, the preschool closed. Now that space is open for new tenants or other opportunities. Please share the news with anyone who might be interested, share your ideas with Pastor Scott or another member of the council, and let us know if you feel called to work with a team to address this challenge.

SCHEDULE

bethelstl.org/events

- SUN 9/15 **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** *Lectionary 24*
8:30 AM Adult Forum: The ELCA's Draft Statement on Civic Life and Faith
8:45 AM Faith Formation Hour
10 AM Holy Communion *Season of Creation: Week 3*
- SAT 9/21
9:30 AM Season of Creation Study Group
- SUN 9/22 **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** *Lectionary 25*
8:30 AM Adult Forum: ELCA Youth Gathering Recap
8:45 AM Faith Formation Hour
10 AM Holy Communion *Season of Creation: Week 4*
- SAT 9/28
9:30 AM Season of Creation Study Group
10 AM Tower Grove Pride in the Park
- SUN 9/29 **Festival of St. Michael and All Angels**
8:30 AM Adult Forum: The ELCA's Draft Statement on Civic Life and Faith
8:45 AM Faith Formation Hour
10 AM Holy Communion *Season of Creation: Week 5*
11 AM Tower Grove Pride in the Park
1:30 PM CROP Hunger Walk
- SAT 10/5
9:30 AM Season of Creation Study Group
- SUN 10/6 **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
10 AM Holy Communion *Season of Creation: Week 6*
11:30 AM Blessing of the Animals – Holy Communion (on the front lawn)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
September 22, 2024 – Lectionary 25
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Creation

On September 22 we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Jeremiah 11:18-20	The prophet led like a lamb to the slaughter
Psalms 54	God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	The wisdom from above
Mark 9:30-37	Prediction of the passion



To make an offering electronically, go to bethelstl.org/give

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Email it to submissions@bethelstl.org by 9 AM Monday morning.*

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Pastor Scott Benolkin
Assisting Minister	Jody Kluender
Lectors and Communion Assistants	Sue Flesch Tony Kluender Evelyn Meyer
Musicians	Stephen Mager, organist and music director Bethel Chancel Choir
Ushers	Mark Scharff Gail Heyne Hafer
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Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

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Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos - om bear me home,



with ten - der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake



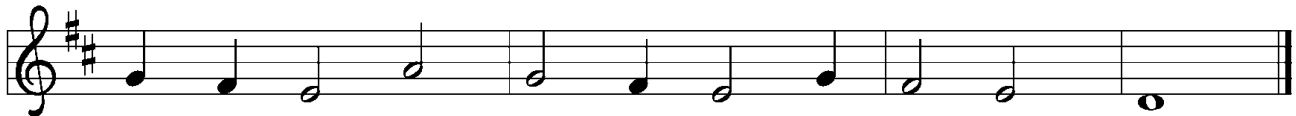
1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my way a -
 2 “I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - ’ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide.”
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low.”
 of the soul and lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”
 bat - tle’s strain the crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630