

MORNING WORSHIP

Live on Facebook at 10:00 AM

Coffee hour at 11am after service via Zoom

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning “the people”) People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greetings & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

It is good to give thanks to God,

To sing praises to God’s name, O Most High.

To declare God’s steadfast love in the morning.

And God’s faithfulness by night

We proclaim God’s love in music and praise,

For great are the works of our God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, **we confess that in our desire for freedom, we have ditched our responsibility. In our pursuit of peace, at times we have sacrificed justice and truth-telling. In our acceptance of Your gifts of the world, we have created a world for ourselves, where resources are exploited and the marginalized continue to suffer. Call us into accountability, O God. Remind us of our responsibility to care for the earth and our neighbors. Hold us to truth, and the work of justice. Lead us into the difficult work of stewardship, of doing the work of dismantling oppressive systems and our own privilege. In the way of Jesus, may we lay down our power and privilege, and work together for the beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Jesus calls us to come to him, to hand over our burdens, and that we will be given rest. Be awakened to the sins in the world, the sin we participate in, but know that in Christ the work of forgiveness has already begun. Pursue the work of justice, and reconciliation will follow. Pursue the work of dismantling oppression and privilege, and know that Christ is at work in you. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that we are all works in progress. **Amen.**

Gathering Song #526 vs. 1 & 4 ELW “God Is Here!”

God is here!

As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Greeting

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise #878 ELW "Soli Deo Gloria"



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Readings and Prayers of Intercession are found in the **Celebrate** insert.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 25:1-9; refrain, PS. 25:6

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:23-32

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #818 vs. 1 & 4 ELW "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
tell me you secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit especially Ed, Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Sam, Kay, Bridget, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Miriam, Audra, Barb. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share with one another a sign of God's peace.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have made with us, your chosen people, a new and everlasting covenant. Help us to be worthy of your trust and to give you a response of deep faith expressed in service. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Consecration

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. 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

No matter who you are, no matter where you came from this morning, no matter what you bring with you... you are welcome, here, at this table, and in this community.

Communion Hymn #712 vs. 3 & 4 ELW “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

As we worship grant us vision,
till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good-will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

Prayer after Communion

O holy one, you are our host as well as our shepherd. You invite us to the banquet of life. All parts of the world are invited - enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful, those close at hand and those far off. We thank you for offering the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and shared, and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

May the blessing of God be upon you. May the light of Christ illumine your way. And may the gifts of the Holy Spirit abound in your life to the glory of God and the good of ALL creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song #538 ELW “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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

[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.] (Repeat)

Dismissal

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our worship. Now send us out to love. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Birthdays— Sunday Sept. 27 Kevon Dietel
Tuesday Sept. 29 Al Reedy
Friday Oct. 2 Fred Faye Jr & Barb Sieling**

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