

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome as we worship, learn and fellowship together.

Please greet one another in friendship.

Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 8:30am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

Temple Talk

God's work. Our hands.

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve If this life I lose I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone *(Chorus)*

In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow *(Chorus)*

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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Prayer of the Day

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.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

Lesson

James 3:13-18

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for 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." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Church

in the Chapel with Karla Christensen

Sermon

"The Measure of Greatness"

Pastor Kent Stillson

Song

“Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

(Chorus) Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again
I give my life to follow Everything I believe in Now I surrender *(Chorus)*

(Bridge) Shine your light And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory Of the risen King
Jesus Shine your light And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory Of the risen King *(Chorus)*

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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.

Offering

Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit”

(Chorus) Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: Judean Schwinger, Robyn VanMeter, Holly Schimmel, Diane Hane,
Geri Mahlen, Kathy Hibbert, Drake Rounds,
Carol VanHeel, Kathy Carstens, Stan Peterson,
Ron Holter, *father of Brian (Deb) Holter*
Donnie Ammon, *cousin of Nancy Slostad*
Shirley Olson, *sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey*
Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison*
Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*
Cheryl Olson, *sister of Marshall (Tiffany) Olson*
Joshua Anderson, *grandson of Merle & Teri Bruner*

Marriage: Britney Friedrichsen & Matt Friese (9/15/2018)

Baptism: Rowan Marie Kinnander and Lennix Denise Russell

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Holy Communion

Words of Institution – The Lord’s Prayer – Distribution

“Oceans”

“Jesus We Love You”

Post Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

(Pre-Chorus) Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

(Chorus) You are the everlasting God The everlasting God

You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles *(Repeat All) (Pre-Chorus & Chorus)*

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Call to Service

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

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Serving This Morning

Presiding: Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Preaching: Pastor Kent Stillson

Worship Team II: Julianne & Grace Decker, Brian Bak, Mike Johnson, Greg Dubois, Alan Lawrence, Amber Dahl, Brooke Lammle, Justin, Cody & Madison Hanson, Don Armstrong

Head Ushers: Darwin Brinkman and Steve Kjellsen

Acolytes: Charles Lenox, Shelby Spilde

Greeters: Monte & Michele Hopper

Sound & Projection:

Lector: Pam Raeder

Ushers: Dave & Bodae Elliott, Al & Pam Raeder

Communion Assistants: Dave & Badae Elliott, Al & Pam Raeder, Monte & Michele Hopper

Coffee Servers:

Welcome Center: Deb Ernst, Nancy Rogers, Barb Frentz

Flowers on the altar are given by Britney Friedrichsen & Matt Friese
in memory of their family and friends who were unable to
attend their wedding on September 15.