

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 26, 2021

MUSIC PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING PRAISE SONG COME, LET US WORSHIP- PURPLE #31

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand, and the sheep of his hand.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents.

Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 19: 7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save

the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he
prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the
earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by
another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the
sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia* **RED BOOK, page 142**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

Announcement Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to
stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who
does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is
not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because
you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it
would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown
into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life
maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot
causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to
be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to
enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where
their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can
you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord. Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SONG

OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS (REFRAIN) **PURPLE BOOK, #25**

Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!

Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON & BLESSING

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

RED BOOK, #800

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and
mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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THE 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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After the petition: Lord, in your mercy, ...

The Congregation responds: ... hear our prayer. Amen.

PEACE Response: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:

Kimberly Iese

(Offerings Brought Forward)

RESPONSE: The Queen's Prayer

‘O kou aloha no Aia i Ka Lani,
A ‘o kou ‘oia‘io, He hemolele ho‘i.

Nolai la e ka Haku, Ma lalo Kou ‘e heu,
Ko makou maluhia. A mau loa aku no. Amene

Translation: Your loving mercy is as high as Heaven
And your truth, so perfect.

And so, O Lord protect us beneath your wings
And let peace be our portion. Now and forever more. Amen

BLESSING OF THE OFFERINGS

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth from the rock and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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.**

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:

SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY

PURPLE BOOK #60

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, holy, holy, holy, holy.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

PINK CARD

**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 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

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PURPLE BOOK, #83

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, have mercy on me.

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ADMINISTERING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BLESSING

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.**

SENDING SONG

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

RED BOOK, #543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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