

# ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish + Fall Worship Order

Throughout worship this morning, the congregation reads the **bolded text** in unison. When a "page" # is listed, look for the small page numbers in the front of the cranberry colored Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (ELW); "Hymns" are the songs in the second half of the ELW, with hymn numbers in the upper right hand corner.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

***Please stand as you are able.***

### GATHERING SONG (NEW EACH WEEK)

SEPT. 5 "OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE" ELW 519

SEPT. 12 "JESUS LOVES ME" ELW 595

SEPT. 19 "PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE THE LORD!" ELW 875

SEPT. 26 "OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY" ELW 533

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (NEW EACH WEEK)**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **READINGS & PSALM (NEW EACH WEEK)**

### **MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY (NEW EACH WEEK)**

SEPT. 5 "HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL" ELW 612

SEPT. 12 "GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" ELW 290

SEPT. 19 "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER" ELW 781

SEPT. 26 "IF WE ARE THE BODY" PRAISE BOOK

### **APOSTLE'S 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 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 FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS**

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

### **PEACE**

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

# MEAL

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert 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.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*LAMB OF GOD*

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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.

# SENDING

*Please stand as you are able*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONES

### SENDING SONG (NEW EACH WEEK)

SEPT. 5 "THE LORD NOW SEND US FORTH" ELW 538

SEPT. 12 "TO GOD BE THE GLORY" PRAISE BOOK

SEPT. 19 "CHILD OF LOVE" PRAISE BOOK

SEPT. 26 "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER" ELW 471

### 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.**

### DISMISSAL

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September 12, Sunday—Blessing of Backpacks.** Children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a blessing and backpack tag. **First day of Sunday School** at all churches. **Emmanuel Council Meeting** following service.

**September 14, Tuesday—Our Savior's Council Meeting 6:00pm**

**September 15, Wednesday—Confirmation Classes** begin Wednesday, September 15th at 6pm at Our Savior's; youth and parent/guardian attend this meeting together.

**September 16, Thursday—Nazareth Council Meeting at 5:30pm**

**September 19, Sunday—Luther League Meeting 6:00pm** at Our Savior's

**September 22, Wednesday—Bingo & Devotions** at Alfa Holm Pavilion in Withee 6-7pm

**September 22 & 23, Wed & Thurs—Free Will Sale at Emmanuel 8-5**

**September 29, Wednesday—Confirmation Class 6pm** at Our Savior's

**October 3, Sunday—Hayride & Cookout 3:30pm** at Emmanuel—ALL kids & families in our parish are invited to attend!

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# SEPTEMBER 5

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Reader: The First Reading is from Isaiah

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalms 146**

## SECOND READING

Reader: The Second reading is from James.

**James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not

supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)

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

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

Reader: The gospel reading is from the 7th chapter of Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Reader: This is the good news of Jesus.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

# SEPTEMBER 5

## Gathering Song

## Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW 519

- 1 Open your ears, O faithful people,  
open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you. *Refrain*
- 2 They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear;  
they who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God's word. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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## Hymn of the Day

## Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

### *Refrain*

- Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.
- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

- 3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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**ENGLISH**

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

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*

**SPANISH**

Enviado soy de Dios,  
mi mano lista está  
para construir con él  
un mundo fraternal. *Repitalo*

Los ángeles no son  
enviados a cambiar  
un mundo de dolor  
por un mundo mejor;  
me ha tocado a mí  
hacerlo realidad.  
Ayúdame, Señor,  
a hacer tu voluntad. *Repitalo*

# SEPTEMBER 12

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.**

ONE: After months of learning behind screens or separated by dividers and physical space,

**ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

ONE: We may still feel uncertain, seeing so many faces again, but we come together seeking God's peace in this beautiful community.

**ALL: Let us worship together, united in Christ.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Reader: The First Reading is from Isaiah

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

**Psalm 116:1-9**

## SECOND READING

Reader: The Second reading is from James.

**James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,

yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)**

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

### **GOSPEL READING**

**MARK 8:27-38**

Reader: The gospel reading is from the 8th chapter of Mark. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>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?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of 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.”

Reader: This is the good news of Jesus. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Loving God, Coat the year before us with miracles of your mercy and strength, and help us appreciate most of all the bedrock miracle of your presence with us in every single ordinary, sacred moment. May the changes in ourselves and our world through the pandemic bring layers of goodness we'd have never had otherwise. Lead us this school year into life-giving rhythms of grace and light, where our regular routines become the framework for worship and blessing. Amen.**

# SEPTEMBER 12

## Gathering Song

## Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

## Hymn of the Day

## Go, Tell It On The Mountain

ELW 290

### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr.,  
1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

To God, to God, to God be the glory (x4)

To God be the glory, great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done.

To God, to God, to God be the glory (x2)

To God be the glory, great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
(x2)

Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done.

To God, to God, to God be the glory (x4)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

# SEPTEMBER 19

## 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.

## FIRST READING

Reader: The First Reading is from Jeremiah.

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 54**

## SECOND READING

Reader: The Second reading is from James.

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But 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. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 9:30-37**

Reader: The gospel reading is from the 8th chapter of Mark. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for 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.”<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Reader: This is the good news of Jesus. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

# SEPTEMBER 19

**Gathering Song**

**Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!**

**ELW 875**

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!  
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Text: Cameroon traditional, collected by Elaine Hanson

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**Hymn of the Day**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**ELW 781**

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>safely in his bosom gather;<br/>nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>such a refuge e'er was given.</p>                  | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>from the Lord his children sever;<br/>unto them his grace he showeth,<br/>and their sorrows all he knoweth.</p> |
| <p>2 God his own doth tend and nourish,<br/>in his holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things he spares them,<br/>in his mighty arms he bears them.</p> | <p>4 Though he giveth or he taketh,<br/>God his children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>his the loving purpose solely<br/>to preserve them pure and holy.</p>        |

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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## **Sending Song**

## **Child of Love**

## **Praise Book**

### *Verse 1*

I was walking the wayside  
Lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life  
Try'n to satisfy my soul

### *Verse 2*

All the lies I believed in  
Left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven  
And I've never been the same

### *Chorus*

I'm gonna climb a mountain  
I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus  
I am a child of love

### *Verse 3*

I've felt the sting of the fire  
But I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over  
You broke me out of the grave

### *Interlude 1*

Yeah yeah oh  
I am a child of love  
Yeah oh  
I am a child of love

### *Bridge*

Nothing can change the way You love me  
Nothing can change the way I belong to You  
Yes I do  
Nothing can separate

### *Interlude 2*

I'm gonna climb a mountain  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom  
I am a child of love

### *Ending*

Oh yeah oh  
I am a child of love  
I am a child of love

# SEPTEMBER 26

## 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.

## FIRST READING

Reader: The First Reading is from Numbers.

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

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

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So 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? <sup>12</sup>Did 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?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If 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.” <sup>16</sup>So 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.” <sup>24</sup>So 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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. <sup>26</sup>Two 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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But 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!”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

## SECOND READING

Reader: The Second reading is from James.

James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are 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. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>17</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you 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. Reader: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)

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

## GOSPEL READING

MARK 9:38-50

Reader: The gospel reading is from the 9th chapter of Mark. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John 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." <sup>39</sup>But 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. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For 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. <sup>42</sup>"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. <sup>43</sup>If 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. <sup>45</sup>And 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. <sup>47</sup>And 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, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt 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."

Reader: This is the good news of Jesus.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

# SEPTEMBER 26

## Gathering Song

## Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## Hymn of the Day

## If We Are the Body

## Praise Book

### Verse 1

It's crowded in worship today  
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces  
The girls teasing laughter is carrying  
Farther than they know  
Farther than they know

*Chorus*

(But) if we are the body  
Why aren't His arms reaching  
Why aren't His hands healing  
Why aren't His words teaching  
And if we are the body  
Why aren't His feet going  
Why is His love not showing them there is a way  
(There is a way)

*Verse 2*

A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat and quietly  
Sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better  
Out on the road *Chorus*

*Bridge*

Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should  
come  
And we are the body of Christ

*Chorus*

Jesus is the way

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**Sending Song**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW 471**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
*Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual