

Sunday October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

3 MINUTES OF SILENCE to prepare us for worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jackie Peltier and Randy Zahradka

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES are on Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. All welcome.

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS are available on the table in the Narthex on your way into the Fellowship Hall.

BLESSING BOX: The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. Today the Blessing Box donations will go towards Chad & Dara’s missions in Mozambique.

RAFFLE ITEMS FOR THE BAZAAR if you have items for the Bazaar Raffle, or items for the sale, please bring them to church as soon as possible. Also, if you get your medications shipped to you in Styrofoam coolers, the crafters can use those coolers. Just drop them off in the office. Thank You!

JOIN US! Please join us for cake and coffee today after services, in honor of Pat Becker and wish her well as she moves on to a new address!

MISSING FROM OCTOBER NEWSLETTER “I want to thank all who prayed for me during my shoulder replacement. Thanks again, I’m doing good!” – *Ruth Jaszczak*

TRUNK OR TREAT Get your ‘Boo’ on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB MEETING October 20th, 12:30pm at Wahkon Inn, for women of any age, as well as Men this month. Speaker, Scott Gottschak; “Wrestling with God” & “A Veteran’s Tribute”. \$12 includes lunch and the speaker. See bulletin board in Narthex for more information. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 684-2000. Bring a friend.

FLU SHOT CLINIC Bethesda will have a Flu and bivalent COVID boosters clinic at the church. Tuesday, October 11th from 1-4.

ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Budget Request Forms will be distributed next week to your “In Boxes” (or emailed if requested). These forms need to be filled out and returned to the Treasurer’s In-Box by October 30th,

2022, so Stewardship committee can review them and present to the Council meeting in November.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 6th for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 4th following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk jimjudiebirk@gmail.com with your committee reports.

ELECTRONIC GIVING It's safe, it's easy and it's convenient. Never have to remember your check or envelope on Sunday mornings. There are "Simply Giving" forms available in the Narthex and online at:

<http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf>

GRACE LUTHERAN & IMMANUEL LUTHERAN cordially invite you to attend our Women's Retreat on October 8th at Grace Lutheran Log Church, McGregor, MN (48115 Lake Ave, McGregor, MN 55760). The retreat will begin at 9AM and finish at 3PM. There will be a guest speaker, lots of music, great food, and a wonderful learning experience. This is a free event (free will offering will be accepted). If you're interested in attending, please contact Aileen DeMenge (218-768-4900) or leave a message on the church phone. (218-426-3343). All are welcome!

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda October 3, 2022 – October 9, 2022

Monday	10/3	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/4	9:00 am	Women's Devotion
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	10/5	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA meeting
Thursday	10/6	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	10/9	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream

OPENING HYMN:

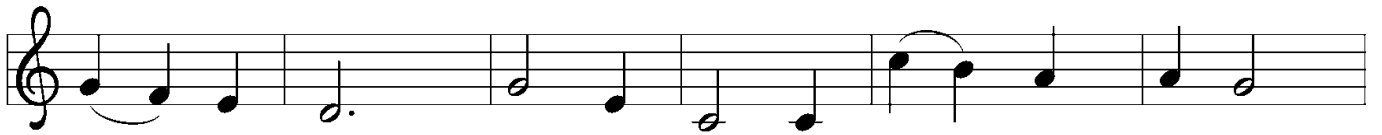
“God Is Here”

#526 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



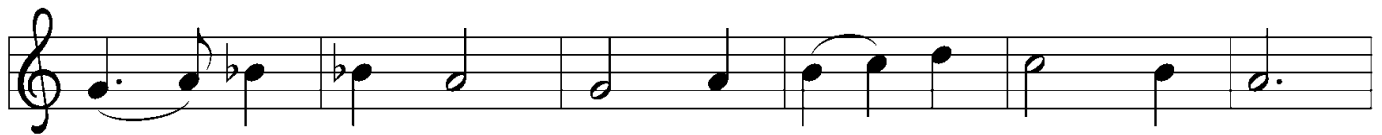
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✚ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Worthy of the Calling"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² **for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord

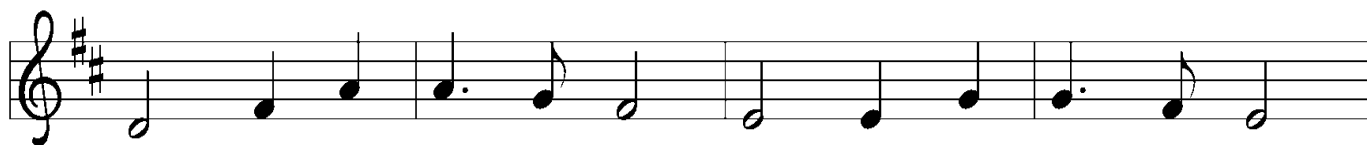
⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 ELW



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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

FAREWELL BLESSING

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your *servants Pat & Jerry Becker* who *have* enriched this *congregation* and have shared *their* gifts with *their colleagues, friends, and family*.

Now bless and preserve *Pat* at this time of transition.

Day by day, guide *her* and give her what is needed,
friends to cheer her way,
and a clear vision of that to which you are now calling her.

By your Holy Spirit be present in *her* pilgrimage,
that *she* may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

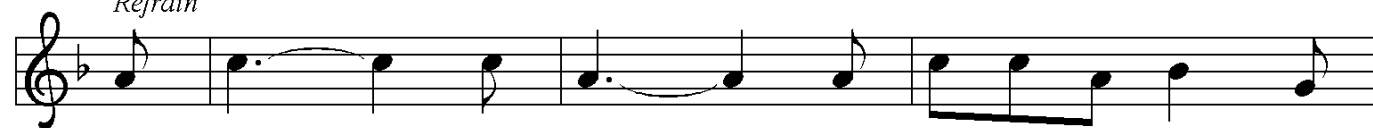
BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.


Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love" #708 ELW

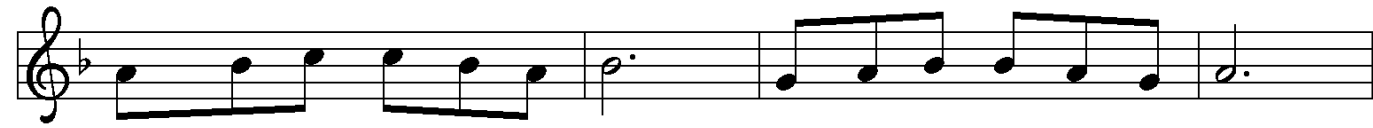
Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

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- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 - 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 - 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 - 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Greeters: Susan Samuelson

Hospitality: Susan Samuelson & Barb Forrester

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 25, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 71 Online: 18