



St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Sunday, September 7th ~ 9:00am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

Turn off phones or silence them.

Also know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation.

You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING SONG.....Hymn #807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW Pg. 101 "This is the Feast"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see insert)

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD (see insert)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21

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KIDS CONNECTION (All children may come up for a special message)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Hymn #685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"

PLEASE BE SEATED

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*****Debbie Taylor, Sue Drake, and the Miller-Stubbendick Family*****

Will you show up with this community for worship, study, prayer, and service to others?

New members: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you practice being curious about Scripture, your neighbor, and God's ongoing creation in daily life?

New members: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you share your sense of call and unique talents with a spirit of generosity in the life of this congregation?

New members: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Prayer

Gathering God, you knit your people together in the body of Christ and form congregations to do your good work. Be present in our feasting and praying and our worship and service, so that this community reflects your abundance and desire for the church on earth today and always.

All: Amen.

Pastor: We give thanks for the unique stories and talents you bring to this community. The church is a living organism, and your commitment adds value and energy to who we are as a congregation.

Congregation Member: We promise to welcome your faith as it flows through life's joys and challenges. We desire for this church to be a safe place where you can

show up as your true self and be received with love and grace.

All: We are on this journey together. In this community of St. Mary's, we choose curiosity over certainty, and strive to honor each other's faith expressions and life experiences with respect and love.

Council Member: We also acknowledge that we will fail you. This congregation will both embrace and resist change. Sometimes we will disagree and make mistakes. So we ask that, on this side of disappointment, you promise to stick around for the healing that surely comes. Because if you go before the listening and the mending, you will miss the holy thing about being the church: the dying and the rising, the forgiving and the living. Do you desire to become members of this congregation, investing in the future of this shared mission and ministry?

New members: We choose the fullness of this community!

All: We welcome you as members of this congregation, inspired and invested in the ministry we all share. You are beloved, and your presence here is a gift! May God bless these new relationships and our common call as agents of God's mercy and the abundance the world needs!

WELCOME! (applause)

Please stand in body or spirit.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adult Choir

“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place” - WOLFE/SCHRADER

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind be—king of my heart;

Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me, never to part.

OFFERING Please stand in body or spirit..... Hymn #712 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” vs. 1,4

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

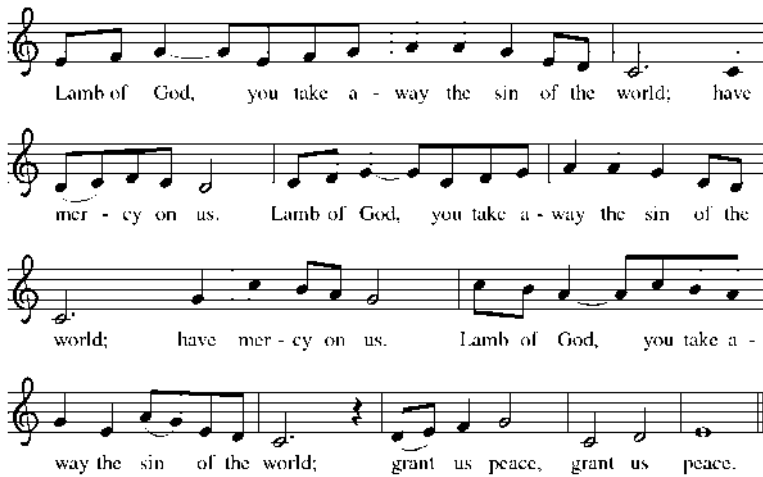
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes all and eats with us. Come to this meal of mercy.

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG (inside front cover) Our Hymn “Singing Promise on the Way”

DISMISSAL

We are God’s people.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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LEAD PASTOR:

REV. DR. JORDAN MILLER-STUBBENDICK

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: REV. DEBBIE HARTFIELD

ASSISTING MINISTER: DI MICHALSKI

READER: DICK SJOERDSMA

MUSICIAN: DEB BLACK

ADULT CHOIR: DICK SJOERDSMA, DIRECTOR

KIDS CONNECTION: JOAN OEHLBERG

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: DAVE & LESLIE SANDAHL,
KAY MANDERFELD

GREETERS: KAY & DAVE MANDERFELD

SACRISTY HELP: PAT GALLO, KAY MANDERFELD

SOUND A/V TECH: ART KOTENKO

Join us outside from 10-12p for Rally Day fun! West lot.