

**October 5, 2025**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Ordination Anniversary Celebration**



**Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church- Perry**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church- Ogden**

Pastor Kimberly Belken

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## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*  
Merciful and loving God,

**C 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.**

P 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! **C Amen.**

## Gathering Song: Christ Be Our Light

### Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## Kyrie




1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.




We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!


## Canticle of Praise



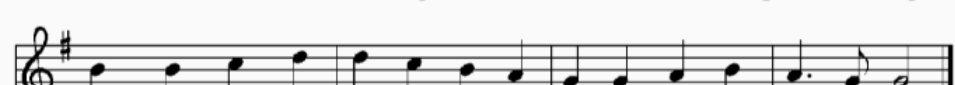
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!



## Prayer of the Day

P Benevolent, merciful God:

C **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.**

## First Reading: Exodus 18:13-26

<sup>13</sup> The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses's father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" <sup>15</sup> Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. <sup>16</sup> When they have a dispute, they come to me, and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." <sup>17</sup> Moses's father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. <sup>19</sup> Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God and bring their cases to God. <sup>20</sup> Teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. <sup>21</sup> You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. <sup>22</sup> Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their homes in peace."

<sup>24</sup> So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. <sup>25</sup> Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. <sup>26</sup> And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves.

L Word of God, word of life.  
C Thanks be to God.


### ***Choir Anthem: That's What A Shepherd Is For***

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup> always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh.

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C Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40**

*P The holy gospel according to Matthew*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

*P The Gospel of the Lord*

**C Praise to you O, Christ**

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon Pastor LeAnn Stubbs, Director for Evangelical Mission  
Southeastern Iowa Synod**

## **Hymn of the Day: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the king of creation  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriends you.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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**

**P** Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw  
us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind  
your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

**C** receive our prayer.

- P O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,  
**C receive our prayer.**
- P O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,  
**C receive our prayer.**
- P O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need (especially). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,  
**C receive our prayer.**
- P O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**
- P O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (especially). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **C receive our prayer. We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you

## ***Choir Anthem: Baptized and Set Free***

### **Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### **Offering Prayer**

**P** Lord of the Harvest,

**C** 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

### Dialogue

- P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C We lift them to the Lord.  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Preface

- P 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

### Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C **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

- P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## Holy Communion

## Communion Song:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Post Communion Blessing

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

**C** Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

**P** O God,

**C** 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

**P** 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.

**C** Amen

***Choir Anthem: Go Ye Into All The World***

**Dismissal**

**P**     Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

**Reverend Kimberly R Belken**  
**Anniversary of 10th Year of Ordination**



*Kimberly Belken was born in Des Moines, IA. Growing up she was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church where she first started sensing a call to ministry as an 8th grade confirmation student. She moved to Fremont, NE to study at Midland Lutheran College in 1998 where she became involved in the ministry of Sinai Lutheran Church. After graduating in 2002 with a degree in English and Religion, Kimberly worked at Care Corps Homeless Shelter and Hallmark for a few years before taking a job in the accounting department of Nebraska Engineering Company in Omaha, NE. While working at Nebraska Engineering Company, Kimberly went back to school to study accounting and business administration, first at Metro Community College and later at Creighton University.*

*Despite working in accounting and going to school, Kimberly continued to be active in her congregation in Fremont where she continued to discern that God was calling her to ordained ministry. In 2011, she could no longer ignore God's call and she began seminary at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. As a student, she*

*completed field education requirements at St. Paul's Lutheran in Stoverstown, PA and Church of the Covenant in Grafton, WV. She completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (chaplaincy) at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE. She served a one-year internship at Peace Lutheran in Fargo, ND before returning to Gettysburg for her final year of studies. During that final year of studies, she served as interim director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lutherville, MD.*

*Kimberly was ordained on August 27, 2015 at Sinai Lutheran Church in Fremont, NE. Her first call was to a pair of churches in east central Nebraska—Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home near Stromsburg and Zion Lutheran Church in Benedict, NE. These two small churches taught Kimberly how to pastor and instilled in her a love for rural and small church ministry. When the Benedict church voted to close in 2019, Kimberly took a new call to Salem Lutheran Church in Ponca, NE where she stayed till 2021.*

*In 2021, Kimberly took a call as a hospice chaplain and volunteer coordinator for Tabitha Hospice in Omaha. Later that year, she began serving as the part-time interim pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Omaha. Finally, in 2023, Kimberly took a call to Mt. Olivet Lutheran in Perry, IA and Immanuel Lutheran in Ogden. She is immensely grateful to be able to serve two unique congregations that challenge her and help her continue to grow in her ministry skills. She is constantly impressed with the deep faith of the congregation members and their commitment to sharing Jesus' love in a variety of ways. She loves being back in Iowa because it means she is closer to her family, her parents George and Jan in Des Moines, sister Katie and niece Nora in Grimes, and sister Kirstin and niece Everly and nephew Jude in Carlisle.*

*Kimberly is currently pursuing her Doctor in Ministry degree through United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. She has completed her coursework and hopes to complete final paper and project requirements to graduate in May of 2027. In her free time, she enjoys reading, art journaling, crocheting, and practicing Tae Kwon Do at Two Rivers Martial Arts in Clive. She is a member of Friends of the Library in Perry, serves on the board for the Perry Emergency Food Pantry, and is co-chair of the Perry Ministerial Association.*



***Reverend Louis G Hoger  
Anniversary of 50th Year of Ordination***



*Louis Hoger was born in Chicago in 1944, moved to Mission, Kansas in the 4th grade and graduated from Shawnee Mission High School in 1962. He married Lois Raabe in 1968 in Winfield, Kansas.*

***EDUCATION***

- *St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas: Associates Degree, 1965*
- *Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana: Bachelors of Arts 1971*
- *Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Exile and the Lutheran School of Theology in 1974*
- *Clinical Pastoral Education and Chaplaincy at the Washington University Medical Center (Barnes Hospital) 1974-1975*

## **MILITARY**

*Lou served in the U.S. Army for 3 ½ years between his college years and seminary education. He was an Air Defense Radar Technician, repairing the radar at the 9 Nike Missile Sites of the Washington DC-Baltimore Air Defense. He was selected as Soldier of the Year for Ft. Meade, MD, and Soldier of the Year for the Eastern Region of the Army Air Defense Command.*

*Following his Hospital Chaplaincy, Lou was ordained at Trinity Lutheran Church, his home congregation, on October 26, Reformation Sunday, as a member of the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He became a charter member of the English Synod of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Church, a predecessor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at his first English District Convention. He joined the Lutheran Church in America in 1979.*

*After serving as a Hospital Chaplain, Pr. Hoger worked as a Chaplain at Menard Correction Center, Chester, IL from 1975-1980 (Chaplaincy Supervisor 1977-1980). For two years he also served as part time interim pastor of two congregations in Sedgewickville, Missouri for the Southern Illinois Synod of the LCA. 1977-1979.*

*Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran, Metropolis, Illinois 1980-1985*

*Pastor, First Lutheran in Chariton, Iowa and Christ the Servant, Corydon 1985-1996*

*Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran, Manson, Iowa 1996-2001*

*Pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Avoca, IA 2001-2003*

*Pastor, Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Perry, IA 2004-2009 until his retirement from full time ministry. During this time, he served as part time Chaplain at the Tyson Pork Plant and Hospice Chaplain for Hospice of Central Iowa.*

*Following his retirement, he did a three-year interim at Christ Lutheran, Jefferson, and Resurrection Lutheran, Coon Rapids. He continued as a supply pastor and presently at Resurrection Lutheran, Coon Rapids serving 2 or 3 Sundays a month.*

*CURRENT COMMUNITY MINISTRY: Lou has served as the Site Manager at the Perry Emergency Food Pantry since 2013. The program has grown significantly and includes 60 plus volunteers in 2025, with a budget over \$70,000.*

*OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES: The Perry Alano Board, Perry Chamber of Commerce, the Perry Ministerial Association and Perry Lions Club where he is Treasurer and active coordinator of Flags Over Perry project. Lou and Lois are members of Mt. Olivet Lutheran in Perry. You will find him enjoying his coffee hour at Burger King and Courtyard Café Coffee shop with the SORE group, Society of Retired Experts. Lou and Lois were blessed with a daughter, Amy and son Joel (Megan) and 6 grandchildren, Logan, Mason, Natalie, Taylor, Paige, and Lilly. They were foster parents to many children including David Masterson who is still part of their life. In 1983 they adopted their foster son, Scott.*

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## **Announcements**

- **Welcome to our guests and visitors this morning.** Today we are celebrating the ordination anniversaries of Pastor Lou Hoger (50 years) and Pastor Kimberly Belken (10 years). Please join us following worship for a special brunch. Thank you as well to Pastor LeAnn Stubbs from the Southeastern Iowa Synod for sharing the gospel with us this morning.
- **Thank you** to the joint choir from Immanuel Lutheran in Ogden and Mt Olivet Lutheran in Perry. Your music added so much to today's service.
- **Reformation Party:** The Reformation Party will be Sunday, Oct. 26 at La Poste at 5pm. Bring a German themed dish to share. Beverages will be available for purchase.
- **Office Hours:** Pastor Kimberly is in the office at Mt. Olivet on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thursdays she will be splitting her time between Immanuel and Mt. Olivet, so if you would like to see her on that day, please call ahead so she can be sure to be in town. You can call the church number (515) 465- 5298 and it will ring to Pastor's cell phone if she is not in the office.
- **Free Community Meal** will be held at Immanuel on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 11:30-1:00. Immanuel members, if you would like to order a t-shirt, please let Pastor Kim know by Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the latest.
- **Bible Study** will meet at Immanuel on Tuesday at 9:30. Prayer group will follow.