# Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 30, 2023

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

#### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God For the gift of marriage by David and Wendy White

## **Serving Today**

Pastor Phil McLain		<b>Robert Hamrick, Organist</b>		
	Craig	Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor		
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>		
Elders	Rick Sanborn	David White		
Lectors Ushers	Jerry Kaufman	Wendy White		
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook		
Altar Guild	Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leyer		
	-	Michele Escude`		
		Debby Zagone		
	Serving Next Week			
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>		
Lectors	<b>Paul Mincer</b>	David White		
Ushers				
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook		

#### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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## The Divine Service: Setting Four

Prelude I Love Your Kingdom, Lord Austin Lovelace, Emma Lou Diemer

#### Stand





The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood. Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise. Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand. For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end. The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

## Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### Kneel/Sit

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### Service of the Word

Stand

Introit Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

tell of all his wondrous works!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

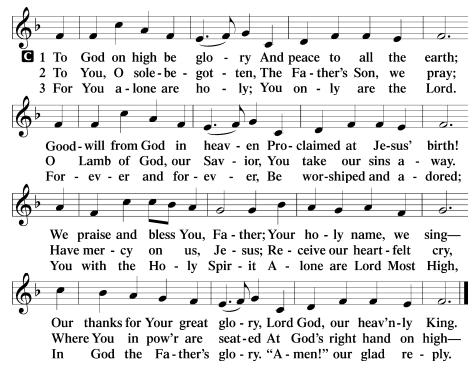
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray.

  Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** Psalm 125; antiphon: v. 2

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest

on the land allotted to the righteous,

lest the righteous stretch out

their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

and to those who are upright in their hearts!

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways

the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Epistle Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

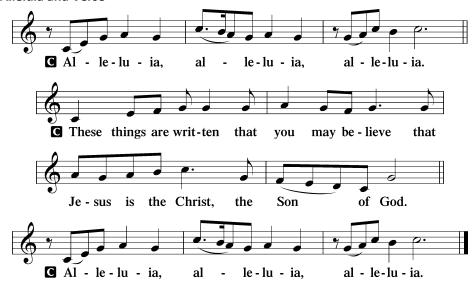
<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 13:44–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.





5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
 My heart with comfort filling
 And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm,

I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

#### Sermon

#### Stand

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You have redeemed us out of Your steadfast love. Grant that the Gospel may go forth unhindered and Your Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

- P Heavenly Father, You have revealed to us the true treasure of Christ's cross and resurrection. Grant that we may pursue Your kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You justify us for the sake of Christ. Comfort any who are troubled by the memory of past sins or visited by the temptation to believe they cannot be forgiven. Give them confidence in Christ, that He died for them and still intercedes for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, bestow Your comfort upon all who are burdened by sickness and affliction. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, grant that all who partake in Holy Communion today do so rejoicing that the Christ they receive in this Sacrament also intercedes for them at Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love. As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod, we pray, for the sake of Your name. Lead our delegates and members, gathered in convention, according to Your good pleasure and will, that in word and action we

may love You and keep Your commandments, confessing Your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering God Himself Is Present Max Reger

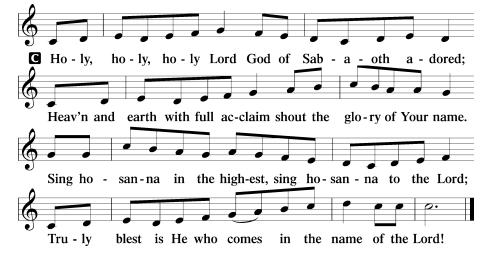
## Service of the Sacrament

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Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 208



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### Lord's Prayer

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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

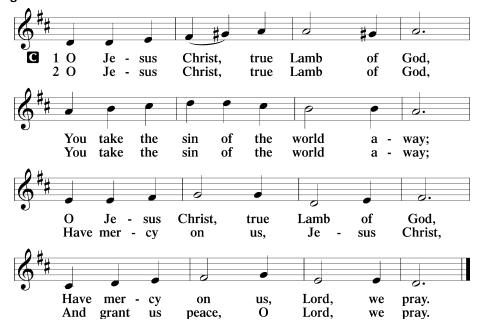
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** 

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:* 

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.







- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
  Help me when doubts assail me.
  Remember that I am but dust,
  And let my faith not fail me.
  Your supper in this vale of tears
  Refreshes me and stills my fears
  And is my priceless treasure.

- 7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
  Be praised throughout all ages!
  Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
  The world against it rages.
  Grant that this sacrament may be
  A blessèd comfort unto me
  When living and when dying.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith

toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

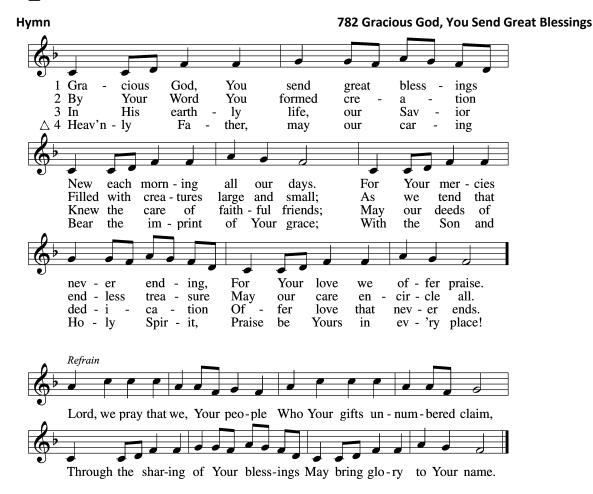
C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- C Amen.



## **Handicapped Parking Area**

<u>Protecting New Asphalt:</u> When using the Fellowship Hall handicap parking area,

please make sure that your vehicle <u>is in motion when turning the</u> steering wheel.

Also **avoid sharp turns or sudden braking.** This will help prevent scuffing or divots in our new asphalt. It will take several months for the asphalt to cure.

## **Prayer List**

## **Long Term Illness**

Cynthia M. (Lundquist)	Brenda Ridgeway	Mike & Suzie Characky
Michael Terzian	(Amato)	(Steen)
(Keeney)	Gretchen Sweetser	Annette & Jim Bodden
Brian Keeney	(Mincer)	(Heaphy)
Joyce (Kruse)	Mary Coffman	
Stacy Olson (Ryel)	(Coffman)	

## **Surgeries and Illness**

Donald Young	Kurt Dellutri	Joanne Blanchard
(Rappley)	Madeline Biddle	(Clancy)
Mike Everhart	Patty Metcalf (Luecke)	David Hawthorne
Michele Escude`	Jan Tharp	Vicki Fisher
Dietrich Fabricius	Wally Rose Mincer	Mary Hill
Karen Lundquist	Joe Gabriel (Amato)	Louise Bauer
Dewayne Grooms	Agapia Dragan (Luecke	Betty Ude
(Gonzalez)	B)	

## **Personal and Family Concerns**

Roger & Kay Joann Kapugi Wayne & Karen Mathis

Lund (Heaphy) Kaufman Family (Steen)

John Renick Debbie Leger Teresa Fisher & children

Nancy Stang Sandi Rivers (Ryel) Colby & Audrey

(Kaufman)

## Homebound

Albert & Marianne Kathleen Fox Jan Nelson
Bugner Joann Kapugi Sue Smith
Louise Bauer Suzie Karnatz Nancy Stang
Warna Berryman Dianne Luecke Betty Ude

## **Compassion and Sympathy**

## **Ministry Concerns**

Our Preschool staff, children & families

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti

Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)

Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)

Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Dominion Republic)

Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

Josiah and Hannah Schultz (Seminarian)

Jacob and Caroline Moede (Seminarian)

# **PARISH LIFE**

Parish Life will be hosting a pot luck dinner for Friendship Sunday on August 6, 2023 after second service. A signup sheet will be in the narthex. Please let us know many of your family and friends will be attending and what dish you plan to bring.