



# Worship & Sermon Series

**LEADERSHIP**

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***15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 22, 2019***

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## ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### ***Sunday 8:00 a.m.***

***Elders:*** Mike Bandman  
***Comm/Asst. Elder:*** JJ Jones  
***Acolytes:*** Brooke Ratzburg/***OPEN***  
***Lay Readers:*** Ted & Margie Tatgenhorst  
***Ushers:*** John Kozlik, Christie Kozlik  
***Greeters:*** Mulley Family,  
Scott & Diane Mundrick  
***Fellowship:*** Kathy Schwartz  
***Sept. Altar Guild:*** Becky Anderson  
***Sept. Counters:*** Monte Stoltzman

#### ***Sunday 10:45 AM***

Bob Souza  
Randy Gifford  
Jake Kruse/Kate Kruse  
Shari Hoppe, Michelle Ramon  
Karen Kailer, Scott Mundrick  
Lance & Pat Rasmussen,  
Bill & Midge Ratzburg  
Shari Hoppe  
Bill & Kathy Schwartz

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### ***ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

The Ramon's in celebration of Javier's birthday and  
Bill and Lynda Oesterreich in memory of their grandson Will.

# In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,  
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,  
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

## **Local Churches**

### **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Circuit (area) churches:**

Beautiful Savior-Antioch, Faith-Lake Forest, Good Shepherd-Lake Villa, Immanuel-Glenview, Lord of Glory-Grayslake, St. Matthew-Hawthorn Wood Grace-Northbrook, Community of Faith-Spring Grove, Redeemer-Waukegan Prince of Peace-Waukegan

### **GO! Together partner churches in Gurnee:**

Gurnee Community, Joy!, Lakeland, Life, Village, New Abbey, Immanuel, La Viña, Epicenter, House of Prayer, Rebaño Condado de Lake, Wildwood Presbyterian, New Hope

### **Waukegan Churches participating in the Mosaic Learning Community**

For more info, go to <http://mosaic.tiu.edu>  
Christian Neighbors, First Presbyterian, Iglesia Emanuel, Journey, Living Waters Cathedral, New Abbey, Shiloh Baptist, Sign of the Dove, Vertical Encounter, Waukegan Baptist Bible, Waukegan Christian Faith Fellowship, Waukegan Community Church

## **Congregation Goal: Missional Living**

Living as disciples among our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, families, friends, and daily living

## THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LITURGY

A traditional order for worship celebrating the Spiritual Gifts  
that the Holy Spirit gives to His people for serving the Church and the world.

### Opening Hymn

### God Himself Is Present

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

### **Invocation** (Based on the hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me

**C: To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!**

P: Gifts flow from baptism  
Where He calls us His own;

**C: There He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;**

P: The triune God Himself  
Gives you power to call Him Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Confession and Absolution***

P: Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,

**C: Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,**

P: We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,

**C: Setting aside for Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart.**

P: But we confess unto You, Lord, all our sins and iniquities. We acknowledge how we have neglected the gifts you have given to us—our indifference to Your Word and our selfishness in not using our spiritual gifts to serve You and others, and so we confess before You in prayer:

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;

**C: The pastor's words are Christ's  
For us to trust and know.**

P: Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us here;

**C: Blest words that give us life,  
His words, let us now hear.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

*(Based on the hymns "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848 & "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602, along with collects from LSB)*

# Song of Praise

## "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"



1. All the way \_ my Sav-ior leads \_ me;  
2. All the way \_ my Sav-ior leads \_ me;

Who have I \_ to ask \_ be-side?  
O, the ful - ness of \_ His love!.



How could I doubt \_ His ten - der mer - cy,  
O, the sure - ness of His prom - ise



Who through life has been my \_\_\_\_\_ guide?  
in the tri-umph of His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.

All the way \_ my Sav - ior  
When my spir - it, clothed, im -



leads \_ me,  
-mor - tal,

and cheers each wind - ing path I \_\_\_\_\_ tread,  
wings its flight \_ to realms of \_\_\_\_\_ day,



and gives me grace \_ for ev - 'ry tri - al,  
this my song \_ through end-less a - ges:

feeds me with \_ the liv - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
"Je - sus led \_ me all the \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Bread.  
\_\_\_\_\_ way.

You \_ = lead \_\_\_\_\_ me, and

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keep me \_ from fall - ing. You \_\_\_\_\_ car - ry \_\_\_\_\_ me



close to \_ Your heart, \_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sure - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Your good-ness \_ and mer - cy \_ will \_



\_\_\_\_\_ fol - low \_\_\_\_\_ me.

→ After 2nd verse, continue to last line →



All the way \_\_\_\_\_ my Sav - ior leads \_\_\_\_\_ me.

### **Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray that You would at all times fill the leadership roles of this congregation with upright, honest, and sincere men and women who have the welfare of their congregation at heart. Unite their hearts with all of us in love for the truth, and give them the spirit of prayer for this congregation so that we may in unity and harmony hallow Your name and further Your kingdom in this place and to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Ezekiel 2:8—3:11 (ESV)**

[And the Lord God said to Ezekiel the prophet]: <sup>8</sup>“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” <sup>9</sup>And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.”

<sup>1</sup>And [the Lord] said to me, [Ezekiel,] “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.”

<sup>4</sup>And [the Lord] said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.”

<sup>10</sup>Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup>And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**Ephesians 4:7, 11–16 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...  
<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,  
<sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“He Leadeth Me”**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by his own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.*

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by his own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me*

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Christ Be My Leader**

LSB 861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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**Sermon**

**"The Gift of Leadership"**

### **Confession of Faith from 1 Corinthians 12 & 1 Peter 4**

P: There are varieties of gifts,

**C: but the same Holy Spirit;**

P: and there are varieties of service,

**C: but the same Lord Jesus;**

P: and there are varieties of activities,

**C: but it is the same God the Father who empowers them all in everyone.**

P: To each disciple is given an expression of the Spirit

**C: for the common good.**

P: Just as the body is one and has many parts,

**C: All the members of the body of Christ are one body.**

P: As each of you has received spiritual gifts,

**C: may we use them to serve one another,**

P: as good stewards of God's varied grace:

    whoever speaks,

**C: speak as one who speaks the Word of God;**

P: whoever serves,

**C: as one who serves by the strength supplied by God**

P: in order that in everything

**C: God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Offering & Prayer Requests**

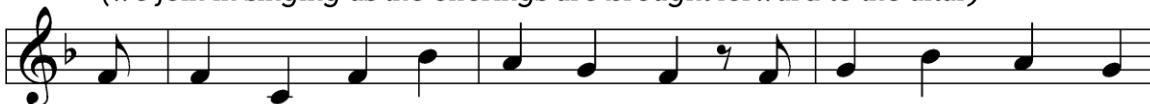
In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### **Offertory**

### **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

LSB 596 sts. 1, 6

*(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)*





Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The  
own vo - ca - tion, Un - til that day when you pos - sess His



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!  
glo - rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for - ev - er!

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## **Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### **Benediction (Blessing)** *(Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)*

P: Come, holy Light, guide divine,

Now cause the Word of life to shine

In you, His people, taught to know our God aright

And call Him Father with delight.

From every error may the Lord keep you free;

Let none but Christ your master be

That you in living faith abide,

In Him, our Lord, with all your might confide.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

**Announcements**

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