

Mark 9:30-37

Emil Nolde, "Christ Among the Children" (1910)



17th Sunday after Pentecost
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ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

Opening Hymn

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



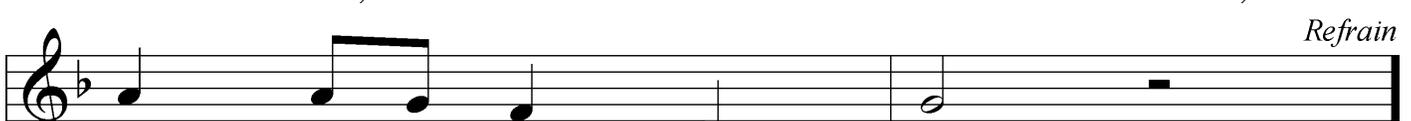
Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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Invocation

P: In the Name of God the Father: **C: Praise to our creating God!**
P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus: **C: Praise to our redeeming God!**
P: In the Name of God the Spirit: **C: Praise to our renewing God!**
P: Let us join our thankful voices, **C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!**

Confession (based on Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us. Amen.

Absolution (based on Psalm 103)

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with you according to your sins,
nor repay you according to your iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove your transgressions from you.

According to this Word from the Lord, and by the command of our Lord Jesus
Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in
the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.

Song of Praise

Glory to our Great redeemer

LSB



1. Glo - ry to our great Re -
(2. Glo - ry) to our great Re -



-deem -er, spot-less Lamb for sin-ners slain; my par-don pur-chased, my _ ran-som paid. Glo-ry,
-deem -er, died my death that I might live; such cost-ly grace He so _ free -ly gives. Glo-ry,

1. 2. Refrain



glo - ry to His name. 2. Glo - ry name. Glo - ry to our per - fect
glo - ry to His



Sac - ri-fice, a Lamb whose blood cov - ered my _ shame. The wrath of God poured out and



Repeat refrain

sat - is-fied. Glo-ry, glo - ry to His name.

Words of Praise

P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Let the redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, 'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

James 3:13—4:10 (ESV)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You

covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

As A Little Child

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.

O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.

Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.
Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.

O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.
Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.

Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.
Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.
All people come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.
O you can share the kingdom of God. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37 (ESV)

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

There Is a Redeemer

LSB 971



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Sermon

“Jesus and the Children”

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Hymn of Response

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785, sts. 1&3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

P: The wisdom of God transforms our “heart life.”

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

P: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

P: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

P: May the body of Christ be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

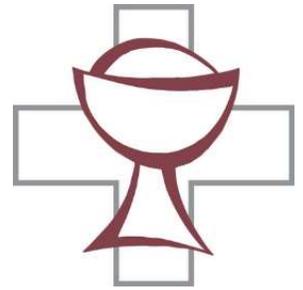
C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.***

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Ushers on either side will indicate when it is your time to approach one of the railings on your side of the Gym.
- Family members may be at the same railing.
- Individuals commune at their own railing.
- Pastor will give you the bread, gently dropping it into your outstretched hand.
- The Elder will bring you the tray and you may take an individual cup of wine. The purple cups on the inside are alcohol removed wine.
- After you have received the bread and wine you may return to your seat.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

C: ***We lift our hearts to the Lord.***

P: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ***We lift our hearts to the Lord.***



P: We give thanks to the holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient to God's will including dying on the cross. And because He rose from the dead, we, too, will have new life. So let us sing and praise Him with the song the angels sing.

Sanctus (Holy)

LSB # 507, st. 2

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

Lamb of God

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

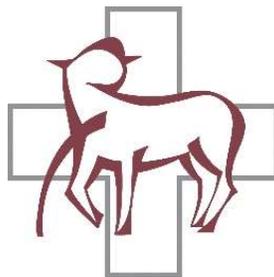


O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Second Distribution Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB 633 sts. 1-4, 8



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Thanksgiving Prayer

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise this day for all of your blessings, especially for giving us your body and blood. Keep us through this meal to always be under your care. Watch over us as we go throughout the day, so that we may never wander from your way. This we pray in your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Announcements

Fuller Road Clean-Up Today!

Fuller Road needs a good fall cleaning! Wear your walking shoes, work gloves and come out to help spruce up our adopted road **Today, September 19th, at Noon**. Anyone age 10 years and older is welcome to help. If you have any questions, contact John and Karen Kozlik.



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, September 19

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM
Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, September 26

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM
Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, October 3

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM
Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Sunday, October 10

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM
Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

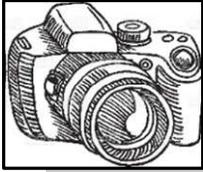
Sunday, October 17

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM
Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM
Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

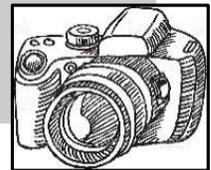
Contact the office if you have any questions about the schedule. Ushers, Readers, and various other volunteers are always needed for in-person worship and communion. If you are interested in volunteering for one of those roles, please contact the office at office@bethelgurnee.org.

*For in-person worship and/or communion in the gym, seating and/or communion will be physically distanced with masks required. For in-person worship there will be Live liturgy, readings, sermon, singing and prayers. whenever possible, we will livestream through Facebook each week and will post the recording on Monday to the Bethel website.

We Need to Take Your Picture!



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Today, Donna Stutzman will be taking pictures after the 9AM service and during Fellowship. She will be located in the back of the gym. Nothing fancy! We just want missing/updated pictures for Church 360, our secure site where we maintain important information on all Bethel Members. With your permission we will also use your picture as we explore creating a printed Church 360 Member Directory for all members. You will have the option to opt out of the directory when we take your picture. You can also send your own picture of you or your family to the Bethel office at office@bethelgurnee.org.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

With Pastor Squires
Fellowship Hall

10:30-11:30AM

Beginning September 12

**Could it be that the Way of Jesus doesn't match up
with either side of political battlelines?**

**How does the Way of Jesus actually embrace...
social justice AND moral order?**

**This book will guide us into Scripture and see how God is a God of
Law AND Gospel, Righteousness AND Mercy, Conviction AND Compassion.**

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HAVE YOU EVER FELT TOO PROGRESSIVE FOR CONSERVATIVES, BUT TOO CONSERVATIVE FOR PROGRESSIVES?

Too often, political questions are framed in impossible ways for the faithful Christian: we're forced to choose between social justice and biblical values, between supporting women and opposing abortion. As a result, it's easy for Christians to grow disillusioned with civic engagement or fall back into tribal extremes. This state of affairs has damaged Christian public witness and divided the church.

In simple, understandable language, *Compassion & Conviction* lays out the biblical case for political engagement and helps Christians navigate the complex world of politics with integrity, from political messaging and the politics of race to protests, advocacy, and more.

The book isn't required to participate in this study,
but if you're interested go to: www.andcampaign.org