

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
22 SEPTEMBER 2024

To  
God  
*be the*  
GLORY



*Great Things He Hath Done!*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN #652 “BUILT ON A ROCK”**

## **GREETING (PAGE 138)**

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 & CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (PAGE 138-141)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the  
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

**C: Amen**

**READINGS**

**JEREMIAH 11:18-20 | PSALM 54 | JAMES 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8A**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)**

♩ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL [MARK 9:30-37]**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**HYMN #712 “LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE (PAGE 143)**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

♩ **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

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.**

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♩ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

### ***CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION***

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♫ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

### **HYMN #781 “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”**

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C:** Amen

#### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #595 v.3)**

**♫ Jesus loves me! He will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #843 “PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

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## **This Week At A Glance**

Wednesday	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior's
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship service at Faith

**Those to keep in prayer:** Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Van Mickelson, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille (Ruth Braet's friend); the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

Pastor Leah will be **out of the office** this afternoon and Monday attending the SE IA Synod's Fall Theological Conference in Coralville. She will be available via phone or text.

**Everyone enjoys a visit.** Four of our parish members are not able to attend worship services on Sunday. If you would like to personally deliver a copy of *Today's Readings* and Pastor Leah's sermon to any of these people, you may collect the items at Sunday worship services. Addresses will be included with each packet.

Betty Schau and Delores Lahann reside at Wheatland Manor.

Carol Christensen lives at Grand Haven in Eldridge.

Vera St. John resides at her home in Calamus.

## Membership Directory

The Calamus Lutheran Parish is creating a membership directory. You are respectfully requested to submit family information using a hard copy paper form **OR** an online Google Form.

- The **hard copy form** was included in the September newsletter. The form is available at each church. You may print a hard copy and submit the completed form to Pastor Leah, an usher, or place in the office at Faith.
- The **online Google Form** was sent by email to all members on September 1st. It will be resent every Wednesday in September. Please call 563-246-2622 for assistance.

Please submit the hard copy paper form **OR** the online Google Form by September 20<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to publish the directory online October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the directory is active, members will have access to the directory, be able to edit their information, and print a hard copy. If you have any questions, contact the church office 563-246-2622. Thank you for your cooperation.

## The True Ambition

*Mark 9:32-35 So they came to Capernaum. When Jesus was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They remained silent. for on the road they had been arguing with each other who was to be greatest. So Jesus sat down, and called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all, and the servant of all."*

Nothing so well shows how far the disciples were from realizing the real meaning of Jesus' Messiahship as this does. Repeatedly he had told them what awaited him in Jerusalem, and yet they were still thinking of his Kingdom in earthly terms and of themselves as his chief ministers of state. There is something heart-breaking in the thought of Jesus going towards a Cross and his disciples arguing about who would be greatest.

Yet in their heart of hearts they knew they were wrong. When he asked them what they had been arguing about they had nothing to say. It was the silence of shame. They had no defence. It is strange how a thing takes its proper place and acquires its true character when it is set in the eyes of Jesus. So long as they thought that Jesus was not listening and that Jesus had not seen, the argument about who should be greatest seemed fair enough, but when that argument had to be stated in the presence of Jesus it was seen in all its unworthiness.

If we took everything and set it in the sight of Jesus it would make all the difference in the world. If of everything we did, we asked, "Could I go on doing this if Jesus was watching me?"; if of everything we said, we asked, "Could I go on talking like this if Jesus was listening to me?" there would be many things which we would be saved from doing and saying. And the fact of Christian belief is that there is no "if" about it. All deeds are done, all words are spoken in his presence. God keep us from the words and deeds which we would be ashamed that he should hear and see.

Jesus dealt with this very seriously. It says that he sat down and called the Twelve to him. When a Rabbi was teaching as a Rabbi, as a master teaches his scholars and disciples, when he was really making a pronouncement, he sat to teach. Jesus deliberately took up the position of a Rabbi teaching his pupils before he spoke. And then he told them that if they sought for greatness in his Kingdom they must find it, not by being first but by being last, not by being masters but by being servants of all. It was not that Jesus abolished ambition. Rather he recreated and sublimated ambition. For the ambition to rule he substituted the ambition to serve. For the ambition to have things done for us he substituted the ambition to do things for others.

So far from being an impossibly idealistic view, this is a view of the soundest common-sense. The really great men, the men who are remembered as having made a real contribution to life, are the men who said to themselves, not, "How can I use the state and society to further my own prestige and my own personal ambitions?" but, "How can I use my personal gifts and talents to serve the state?"

Stanley Baldwin paid a noble tribute to Lord Curzon when he died. In it he said, "I want, before I sit down, to say one or two things that no one but I can say. A Prime Minister sees human nature bared to the bone, and it was my chance to see him twice when he suffered great disappointment--the time when I was preferred to him as Prime Minister, and the time when I had to tell him that he could render greater service to the country as chairman of the Committee of Imperial Defence than in the Foreign Office. Each of these occasions was a profound and bitter disappointment to him, but never for one moment did he show by word, look, or innuendo, or by any reference to the subject afterwards, that he was dissatisfied. He bore no grudge, and he pursued no other course than the one I expected of him, of doing his duty where it was decided he could best render service." Here was a man whose greatness lay not in the fact that he reached the highest offices of state, but in the fact that he was ready to serve his country anywhere.

True selflessness is rare, and when it is found it is remembered. The Greeks had a story of a Spartan called Paedaretos. Three hundred men were to be chosen to govern Sparta and Paedaretos was a candidate. When the list of the successful was announced his name was not on it. "I am sorry," said one of his friends, "that you were not elected. The people ought to have known what a wise officer of state you would have made." "I am glad," said Paedaretos, "that in Sparta there are three hundred men better than I am." Here was a man who became a legend because he was prepared to give to others the first place and to bear no ill will.

Every economic problem would be solved if men lived for what they could do for others and not for what they could get for themselves. Every political problem would be solved if the ambition of men was only to serve the state and not to enhance their own prestige. The divisions and disputes which tear the church asunder would for the most part never occur if the only desire of its office-bearers and its members was to serve it without caring what position they occupied. When Jesus spoke of the supreme greatness and value of the man whose ambition was to be a servant, he laid down one of the greatest practical truths in the world.

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