

WELCOME!

Everyone is invited to receive communion!

- Noncommuning children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you would like **to receive communion in your pew**, please let an usher know. The silver chalices contain wine, the brown chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available if you prefer. Grapes are available for children who do not receive communion. Pick up a cup from basket on way to the railing.
- If you would like **a prayer included in the prayers**, please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks** and **put it in the offering plate**.
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community as we *follow in the footsteps of Christ*. You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength & hope
- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace & justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

Bold print indicated responses spoken by the congregation.

Photographs may be taken during the service and at various church events. These photos may be used in a variety of written and electronic materials, including our website. If you do not want your picture used, please notify the church office in writing.

Gathering Music

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

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P With faith in a loving God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P God of kindness and compassion,

C We are not always quick to claim you as our God. We fail to care for each other with the compassion you have shown us. Forgive our thoughts, words, and actions, and all that we have failed to do or say. Cleanse us from the inside out and make us new. Amen.

P Our God is faithful even when we are not. Today we are forgiven. Today we are cleansed of our sins and made into new beings. Today we follow the Lord, whose compassion never fails. Receive newness of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P God of blessing, You blessed your servants Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz with the birth of a son, an ancestor of Jesus. Bless us now as inheritors of Jesus' kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our reigning Lord.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Welcome & Announcements

First Reading: Ruth 4:1-22

R A Reading from the book of Ruth

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. ² Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city,

and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. ³ He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." ⁶ At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹² and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name

be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David. ¹⁸ Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, ²¹ Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, ²² Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le. hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le. hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel: John 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not

yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Verses 1, 5, 6, and last

For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:

Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.

All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Ruth

5 For Ruth who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
we praise you, God of Israel,
and pray for hearts set free
to bind ourselves to others
in love and loyalty.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

6 We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
who came to save our race.
May we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Apostles' Creed

P Let us affirm the faith of the Church, the faith into which we are
baptized,

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**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Offering Music

Offering Response

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
 yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
 Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Offering Prayer

P Holy God, by your great generosity you have given us so much. You have filled our lives with people who love us and who love you. You have planted the seed of your word on our hearts. You have given us faith beyond imagination. Receive these gifts that we gratefully return to you; signs of our great love and hopeful faith.

C Amen.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
 Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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Prayers of the Church

A Confident that God acts on our behalf, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A God of promise, with the birth of a son, Obed, to Ruth and Boaz, the hope of new life in your earthly kingdom was born.

With the birth of his descendant, Jesus, the hope of new life in your heavenly kingdom became a reality as well. Bless us with the hope that one day we will become inheritors of all that is yours. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A All the things that you have created, both big and small, carry the hope of newness of life. Show us how to be intentional caretakers of all that you have made so that this earth sustains life long beyond our years. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A All the leaders that you have chosen and equipped carry the hope of new ways of living with justice and peace. Make them stewards of your people so that peace reigns in this world. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A All the children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit carry the hope of healing. Bring to health and wholeness all who cry for your healing touch, especially Patty, John, Scott, Joe, Sandy, Ray, Scott, Kenny, Howard, Craig, David, Alex, Joan, Clarence, Del, Lois, Betty, & Steve. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A All the people who wake each morning in parts of the world that suffer from oppression, exile, or torment, carry the hope that one day soon you will bring an end to their suffering. Make that day a reality soon so that all may live without fear or pain. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With grateful praise we thank you for the saints who have gone before us, teaching us how to live with mercy, kindness, and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P With gratitude for your faithfulness, we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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Meal

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, 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 Lord



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.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

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 Our communion table is open and all are welcome! Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

P Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne in
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
 our future great reward;
 our only glory, may it be
 to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
 all glory ever be
 to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
 through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Announcements

God’s Work. Our Hands. – Sign up today to serve our community with the three other ELCA churches in Elgin. There are opportunities for inside & outside work.

Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Zion Lutheran
 Begin work projects at 9:00 a.m.

Caring Meeting – Saturday, 9/28/19 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us to learn more about this important ministry!

Save the Date! Crop Walk 2019 is Sunday, October 20th. Plan on walking and supporting this important event!

Special Offerings

Bulletins, Flowers, Radio, and the September newsletter are given by Marilyn Murphy in celebration of her 90th birthday on 8/31/19!

Bulletins & Radio are given by Gayle Strohmaier for blessings received!

Offerings & Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Offering Needed</u>
8/24&25	110	\$2211.70	\$6454.00

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska
Deaconess	Andrea Delaney
Musician	Matt Wahl

Worship Assistant	Jackie Kutina
Reader	Kristen Kolakowski
Greeter	Steve Linstrom
Ushers	Noel Borrows, Paul Engen, Nathan Kolakowski
Communion Assistants	Pam Zoller, Hannah Kolakowski, Kris Benson
Radio	Melissa & Ryan Read

Special Offerings

7 day candle: \$8

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Altar Flowers: \$25

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Worship Folders: \$25

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Bread & Grapes: \$5

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Name

Given For

**PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING OR RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE.
THANK YOU!**

Wine: \$8

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Radio Broadcast: \$100

- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29
- _____ October 6
- _____ October 13

Newsletter: \$50

- _____ October
- _____ November
- _____ December
- _____ January

Fellowship Hour

- _____ September 1
- _____ September 8
- _____ September 22
- _____ September 29