



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

You are one of God's
beloved children
and our honored guest.
We pray you remain safe
and well during this time.

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday through Thursday
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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

-----**GOD WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP**-----

“Joyfully learning, living and sharing God’s Word”

Prelude

Words of Welcome (*Please have a cracker/ bread ready for communion*)

Confession And Promise of Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

P: Faithful God,

All: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world and forever.

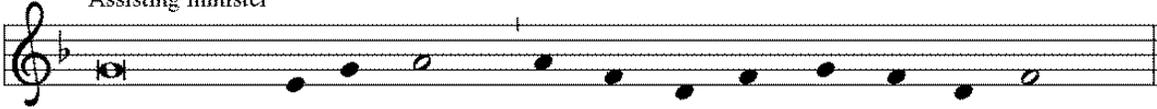
All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

ELW Setting Three

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



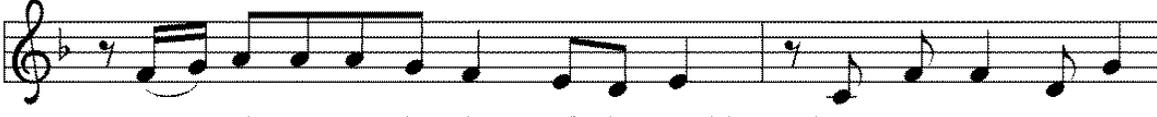
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray (*pause*): O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

-----GOD SPEAKS TO US-----

Introduction to the Day - *In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

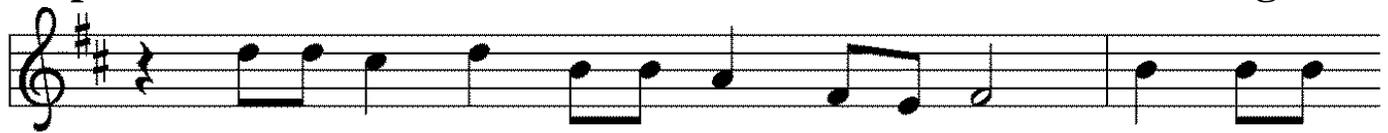
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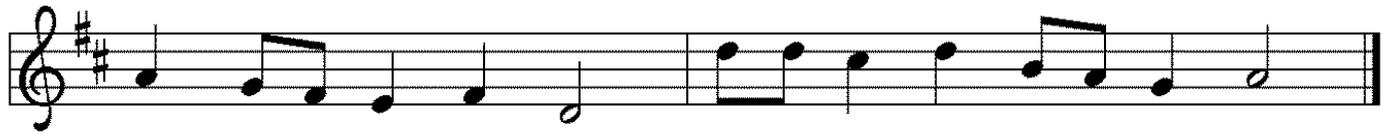
We continue with the Gospel acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting Three



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

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

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Barry Neese

-----**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**-----

Apostles Creed

All: **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 (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

*Each petition will end with the phrase, “Lord, in your mercy.”
Your response is “Hear our prayer.”*

Prayers conclude with:

A: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

P: Please share God’s peace with God’s people. Wherever you may be at, remind yourself that God’s peace is with you with a self-hug.

Offering

*Please continue to support our ministry by mailing an offering, using your bank’s Billpay, or setting up a payment at glclex.org. Click the “Tithely” button. **Thanks.** Contact Denny Roberts with questions.*



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

----- GOD FEEDS US -----

Holy Communion

P: The Lord is with you. **All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

Please lift up your host at this time.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Together we pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**All: 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: Come to the banquet table where
Christ gives himself as food and drink.

All: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

We welcome ALL to receive the sacrament, celebrating in the belief that in, with and under the bread & wine, we receive Christ's true body & blood.

Until we are allowed to gather in person again, we will commune in community online, and only use the host. Be assured, Christ's body and blood cannot be separated. You received both elements in your cracker or piece of bread.

P: This is the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you

All: Thanks be to God. (*Ingest host at this time.*)

Communion Table Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen us and keep us forever in His Grace. **All: Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

-----**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**-----

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.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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**Thank you for joining us for worship this day!
Our lessons for next Sunday, September 20th, will be:**

**Jonah 3:10--4:11; Philippians 1:21-30;
and Matthew 20:1-16.**

Flowers on the altar are given by the People of Gethsemane in honor of God’s Glory.

Worship Service Participants

- Rev. Laura Altman Pastor
- Rev. Barry Neese Presider
- Lisa Schmidley Office Administrator
- Kelly Peterson Music Director
- Sharon Secord Assisting Minister
- Meghan, Samantha, & Charlotte Knapp Liturgists
- Holly Sherwood Video & Sound Technician
- Jeff Forsyth Director

A special thanks to Rev. Barry Neese for presiding at worship this morning while Pastor Laura is on retreat.

Birthdays This Week

September 13 ~ Carol Stuckert
September 15 ~ Abigale Roberts

Announcements

BLESS Service is TODAY – September 13th at 6:00 pm – OUTDOORS! Caitlin Schoepfer will be our speaker, and a small ensemble will provide a prelude. Please note that we are now setting up for BLESS worship on the elementary school side of the building, under the big shade tree. Feel free to park closer to that area. Hope to see you there!

Book Club – Sundays this Fall at 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM: Next Meeting is TODAY! This fall, our BOOK CLUB will be reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson. Please join us as we discuss this book on Sunday mornings at 11:30. The amazon link for the book is below, as well as the ZOOM Link. Please reach out to Haley Bergstrom or Mel Eichner with questions (haley.bergstrom@doane.edu, meleichner@gmail.com). **We look forward to meeting with you! For the next meeting, September 13th, we will be looking at Chapters Two & Three.** Find the book on Amazon [here](#).

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82605612782?pwd=a1I5UHYZTS9zR21zSHFoUDZNVHZ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 826 0561 2782

Password: glclex

Important! Regarding In-Person Services: This month, the Task Force and Church Council will be reevaluating the possibility of returning to church for services. **Until further notice, we will continue to live stream our services online, remembering that we are all together in spirit, wherever we are worshiping.**

Mary Circle Bible Study – Monday, September 14th – 11:00 am on Zoom:

The group will meet Monday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m. by Zoom. The study is the first of a three-part series titled Holy Time, specifically focusing on Holy Memory: Why we remember and how God remembers us. The study Guide is found in the September issue of GATHER magazine on pages 20-25. If you do not have this issue, please contact our Office Administrator, Lisa Schmidley, and she can e-mail a copy of the study to you. She can be reached at 859-277-6096 or by e-mail at gethluth1@gmail.com. The Zoom host will be Patti Meacham. You may contact her for the meeting link and password information at meacham.patricia@gmail.com. All women are welcome!

CALLING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! We need an update of those willing to serve when we return to worshiping in person. Please contact Penny Zimmerman or the church office to let us know your current willingness to help as Greeter, Usher, Reader/Assistant Minister, Counter, or part of the Altar Guild so that we can share your gifts & skills. Please contact Penny Zimmerman, Worship Chair, at 317-416-7187 or pzimm1@sbcglobal.net

Cleaning Supply Drive for Woodstock Animal Foundation – with GLCW:

The Woodstock Animal Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, and now more than ever they are working to positively impact the companion pet population, making every pet a wanted pet. In order to maintain their low prices, The Foundation does supply drives to request donations of items they use on a regular basis. To help, Gethsemane Lutheran Women are organizing a collection of cleaning supplies. To contribute, please bring supplies to church during the month of September. Contact Lisa S. in the church office to set up a drop-off time or leave on the coffee counter in the narthex. Thanks for your help! Right now, the Animal Foundation is in need of the following cleaning supplies:

Bleach

Laundry Detergent

Dish detergent

Distilled Water

Paper Towels

Rubbing Alcohol

Peroxide

50 gallon garbage bags

13 gallon garbage bags

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers for Pastor Laura while she attends her silent retreat 9/11-9/20;
- Jennifer Kohonen Conklin (*daughter of Debbie Kohonen*), praise that doctors feel they removed all cancer from her arm & healing is going well;
- The Family of David Leonard (*Holly Sherwood's Cousin*), who passed away on 6/20 at home, surrounded by family;
- Jonathan Warren, as he is being interviewed for a new position as Youth Director;
- The church – our congregation, IK Synod, ELCA, and Bishops Bill Gafkjen & Elizabeth Eaton;
- Our congregational council, committees, and Pastor Laura. And our following members, friends, and family:

Page Anderson;	Alberta & Dan Fronczak Jr;	Denny Roberts;
Don Blevins;	The Fronczaks;	LuAnn Schmuck;
Geoffrey Buhlig;	Lavreen Hall;	Jill Selzer;
Lisa Carr;	Beth Janecek;	Family of June Smith;
Craig Cook;	Janet Koerner;	The Staib Family;
DeAnne Olsen Cravaritis;	Patty Navarro;	The Stevenson Family;
Amanda Curtis;	Gail Pederson;	Katie Thompson;
Tom & Ruth Dooling;	Mike Popadic;	Mackenzie Webb;
Bailey Ford;	Eunice Quast;	Rochelle Williams;
Nancy & El Frantsvog;	Georgia Rigsby;	Kara Wilson;

- Those who struggle to or are unable to attend services, including:

Carla Greathouse;	Toni Steinke;
Ray Roe;	Shannon Talley.

Please remember to pray daily for the families listed on Gethsemane's monthly newsletter calendar, those who are serving in the military; for all those wishing to return to the work force; for the countries in conflict; and for all those whose needs are known only to God.