

September 27, 2020

**You Are Always Welcome Here Just As You Are!**



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**Drive In Radio Worship** - If you are in your car in the parking lot and don't wish to come inside, you can tune to 98.9 FM to hear live broadcasts of the 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday Worship Services.

**PRAYER CONCERNS: Homebound:** Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care)

**Healing:** Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Dee Carew, Dave Krouse, Pat Reiber,

John Vance, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Cindy Hensley, Grace Taylor,

Laurie Collins. **Grieving:** The family of Cindy Vaculik, The family of Barbara Keller, The family of Stan Mikolajczyk, The family of Connie Szakovictz, The family of Emma Mcphail,

the family of David Smith, the family of Braylen Noble, The family of Eijah Northcutt, **Military**

**Members:** Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie, **Those in Crisis:** East

Coast hurricane victims, California Fire Victims, Tornado victims in the South, Gulf Coast

hurricane victims, **Those in our Community of Faith:** Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop

Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estel,

Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers

and students in all schools

**Worship Leaders – 9:00am** Reader- Linda McCall, Worship Assistants- Kathy Amon, Children's Message-Sue Peters

**11:00am** - Reader-Cindy Bunch, Worship Assistants-Sandy Hill, Children's Message-Lavisa Gehring

**Volunteer Needed -Counter--**Contact KJ Hermiller at 419-367-9111.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** with Pastor "Joy" 6:30PM, September 30<sup>th</sup> in Sanctuary

**Women's Bible Study** 10AM Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sanctuary.

**Quilt Dedication Sunday** October 4<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 Worship

**Cindy's Retirement Celebration** - Sunday, October 4 following 11:00 worship. Please let Pastor Mary know or call the office if you are attending, so we can plan for food.

**Book available** for the whole congregation: White Fragility by Robin Diangelo-pick up a copy during office hours or ask a staff member for one. Watch your blasts for chapter questions.

**Contributions: Needed Per Week:** \$6,307.25 **Received Last Week:** \$6,708.00 **Pledged thru 8-31-2020:** \$183,083.12 **Received thru 8-31-2020:** \$173,850.68

**Attendance Last Sunday 9:00 (50) 11:00 (52)**

Sunday Sept 27 11am

Gather

**Welcome**

**Song "Jesus shall reign" ELW 434**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their ealy blessings on his name.

**Greeting**

PM 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" ELW 8 PM**

Refrain

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev're day.**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lod, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

**For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain**

## Hymn of Praise ELW 8 PM

### *Refrain*

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

### *Refrain*

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.

### *Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

A: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

## Word

### Readings

**R: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: ‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. <sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup>If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup>But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup>Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

## **R: Philippians 2:1-13**

### **Imitating Christ's Humility**

**2** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Do Everything Without Grumbling**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

### **Gospel Acclamation Alleluia.**

**C: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia. (John 10:27)**

## **R: Matthew 21:23-32 The Authority of Jesus Questioned**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

### **The Parable of the Two Sons**

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ <sup>29</sup> “I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> “Then the father went to the other son and said the same

thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Message**

**Abby Pommeranz "Rescue"**

### **Response**

#### **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People**

A: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A: In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Claudia Sauer, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care) Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Dee Carew, Dave Krouse, Pat Reiber, John Vance, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, Cindy Hensley, Grace Taylor. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Bless our Military Members: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, Reid Leslie, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community especially Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West Estel, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C:hear our prayer.**

A: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us especially Cindy Vaculik, Barbara Keller, Stan mikolajczyk, Connie Szakovictz, Emma Mcphail, and David Smith, Braylen Noble, Elijah Northcutt —tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy, **C:hear our prayer.**

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

### Meal

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

PM. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

PM. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

PM. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

#### **The Words of Institution**

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

**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.**

##### **Lamb of God ELW 8**

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

##### **Blessing**

PM. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and Peace. **C. Amen.**

**Send**

**Announcements**

**Final Blessing**

*PM.* The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **(Psalm 121:7–8) C. Amen.**

**Closing Song "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkiling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

**Dismissal**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C. Thank be to God**