

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Welcome to Village Lutheran Church! We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Joel Biermann or Vicar Drew Oswald would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

The Lord’s Supper We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

In Our Prayers:

Strength and healing Alison (friend of Charlotte), Audrey (mother of Lexine), Ava, Carolyn (mother of Molly), Carol (friend of Susan & Stan), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Cindy (friend of Scott and Cheryl), Dan, Darrel, David, Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (mother of Paul), Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Kathy, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie, Michael, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Valerie (wife of Jack); **Those suffering from disasters** especially Tibebe’s family; **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn** especially the family of Al (Luther and Sarah’s father/father-in-law); **Those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **Those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **The community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed.**

Serving Us Today

Celebrant: Rev. Joel Biermann, PhD

Preacher: Vicar Drew Oswald

Assistants: Seminarian Adam Tanney

Coffee Hour: Scott Davis

NEXT WEEK: Eric & Hannah Jackson

Altar Guild: Scott & Cheryl Davis and Gregg & Patty Dippold

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 871

"Greet the Rising Sun"

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7, 39; antiphon: v. 4

- A** Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- A** Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
- C** He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
- A** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!
- C** The salvation of the righteous is | from the LORD;*
He is their stronghold in time of | trouble.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- A** Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18–20

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 54

Be - hold, God is my help - er; the
3 Lord is the up - hold - er of my life._____

A refrain

C refrain

A Save me, O God, by Your name; vindicate me by Your might.
Hear my prayer, O God, give ear to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
They do not set God before themselves.

C refrain

A He will return the evil to my enemies;
in Your faithfulness put an end to them.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

C refrain

A For He has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eyes have looked in triumph on all my enemies.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
through all eternity. Amen.

C refrain

Epistle

James 3:13—4:10

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Mark 9:35b



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

A If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(inside back of hymnal)

Luther's Small Catechism - The Lord's Prayer: The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Sit

The Hymn of the Day

LSB 851

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

As the offertory is sung, offerings are presented at the altar.

Offerings may be dropped in the plate at the entrance to the nave before or after service.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194ff.

Preface, Sanctus, The Lord's Prayer,

The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Sit

Communion Hymn

LSB 845

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Communion Hymn

LSB 683

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Communion Hymn

"There Is a Redeemer"

LSB 971

(LSB Electronic Edition)



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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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Benedicamus

LSB 201

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn

LSB 652

"Father, We Thank Thee"

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Seasonal Insight: Green is upon the altar in confession of the growth that the Spirit works in the Church through the Word.

Middle School Retreat: We are planning a Middle School Higher Things Retreat here at Village!! Jesus calls us to live in the world, but not to be conformed to the world around us. This is a difficult challenge! There are so many different messages given to us about what kind of life we should live today— it can blow our minds! This retreat will focus on what the Bible says about the Christian life and how you as a junior high student live as a Christian today. At this retreat, you will get to think about how to live as a Christian in a 21st century world.

When: Nov.5-6, 2021

Where: Village

Cost: \$35 per person

Registration deadline is Oct. 22.

You will find the registration forms online at <https://www.villagelutheranchurch.org/higher-things-retreat.html>. Please hand registration to Mireya.

Parents, the nursery upstairs is available for your use though currently it is not staffed (ask an usher to direct you if you have need of it). If you would like to make use of a staffed nursery during Worship or Bible Class please contact Deaconess Jostes at deaconess@villagelutheranchurch.org or 314-993-1834. If there is a definite need, arrangements will be made. Thank you!

Katie Luther League: The LWML 2021 Fall Zone Rally (St. Louis West Zone) will be Saturday, October 16 at KFUE Radio Studio, LCMS International Center. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The Ingathering will be collecting Christian children's books for students at Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis. If you are planning to attend, please let Hannah Jackson know by October 8. For more details, see the flyer on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed: The Altar Guild needs at least four volunteers for Holy Communion setup and cleanup. One to two people can set the altar on Saturdays or early Sunday mornings, and another person or couple is needed to clean up after Sunday's late services. The volunteer schedule rotates monthly, and training is available. Volunteers are also needed for other services (Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc.) throughout the church year. If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Marilyn Daughhete (marilyn5162@att.net) or the church office (314-993-1834).

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is currently engaged in a search for a full-time Digital Marketing Coordinator and a full-time Marketing & Development Coordinator to work in their office. For position descriptions, please contact lwml@lwml.org.

Christ For You this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Study Ezekiel 5-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about Mental Health on The Coffee Hour (9/20 at 9:30 a.m.), study Leviticus 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and listen to Concord Matters (9/25 at 10:00 a.m.).

Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

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Sunday, September 19:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service
12:00 PM Voters' Meeting

Tuesday, September 21:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

Wednesday, September 22:

4:00 PM Schola Cantorum
5:00 PM Meal
6:00 PM Education Hour
7:15 PM Psallite

Friday, September 25:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, September 26:

8:15 AM Divine Service
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
10:45 AM Divine Service

Listening to Village---You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

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