

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 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 Golden 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), Betty, Brian, Bruce (father of Jonathan), Carolyn (mother of Molly), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Dan, Darrel, David, Don (grandfather of Jonathan), Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (Paul’s mom), Janie, Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), Judy, June, Kathy, Kenny, Kim, London (friend of Linn), Luke, Maggie, Michael, Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Millie (friend of Alan & Judy), Natalie (friend of Joe & Nicole), Paul (nephew of Kathy), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Stephanie, Tammy (friend of Linn), Valerie (wife of Jack); **Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; For those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **For 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 (LCMS-Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **For the community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic.**

Serving Us Today

Celebrant: Rev. Ross Johnson

Sermon: Vicar Michael Stainbrook

Coffee Hour: Eric & Hannah Jackson

NEXT WEEK: (No one is signed up.)

Altar Guild: Mary Jones and Bonnie Bryant

Blessings for the five people from Village who have their birthday on 7/24: Marilyn Daughhete, David Adams, Judy Berger, Mireya Johnson, and Ross Wardenburg.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn

LSB 700

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

Psalms 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5

- A** On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- A** I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- C** **Every day I will | bless you***
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- A** Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
- C** **They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,***
and I will declare your | greatness.
- A** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.



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** On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9

Each verse ends with the congregation singing the following refrain.

The cantor sings the subsequent verse over the congregational hum at the end of each refrain.

REFRAIN

for His stead-fast love en - dures for - ev - er. (hum)

A Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*

C Refrain

A Give thanks to the | God of gods,*

C Refrain

A Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*

C Refrain

A to him who alone does great | wonders,*

C Refrain

A to him who by understanding made the | heavens,*

C Refrain

A to him who spread out the earth above the | waters,*

C Refrain

A to him who made the | great lights,*

C Refrain

A the sun to rule o- | ver the day,*

C Refrain

A the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night,*

C Refrain

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Verse of the Day

Mark 6:50c



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

A Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.



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

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him

and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

(inside back of hymnal)

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Sit

The Hymn of the Day
"Not Unto Us"

LSB 558

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 618*

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Communion Hymn*LSB 683*

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Communion Hymn*LSB 544*

"O Love, How Deep"

*Stand***Nunc Dimittis***LSB 199***Thanksgiving***LSB 200***Benedicamus***LSB 201***Benediction***LSB 202***Closing Hymn***LSB 754*

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

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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.

Voters' Meeting: There will be a short Voters' Meeting on August 8 after late service to confirm the Call Committee.

Thank You: CFW Walther, the founding president of the LCMS and Concordia Seminary, told his students that the congregation where a pastor is called to serve should be the most precious place for him. Thank you for making that a reality for me these past twelve years. And thank you for underscoring that truth during my closing days of pastoral service at Village. Your collective and individual generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated. You remain in my prayers of thankfulness to Christ and my petitions for His ongoing blessings upon you.

Christ For You this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Hear a missionary story from Kenya on The Coffee Hour 7/29 at 9:00 a.m., study Jeremiah 41-46 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study Nehemiah 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

Missouri District News: The LCMS is currently experiencing a shortage of church workers—pastors, deaconesses, DCEs, and teachers. But we'd like to change that. The District is currently giving aid to 48 students entering church work vocations. With your help and support we'd like to reach even more for years to come. Watch for a special offering happening on August 29 as congregations across the District come together to support students on the path to ministry.

Ephesians 3:20 – “**Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...**” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

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Sunday, July 25:

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

Tuesday, July 27:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

Thursday, July 29:

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, July 30:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 1:

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

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