



Saturday, September 12, 2020 7 PM
Sunday, September 13, 2020 9 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Setting 8

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG...ELW 835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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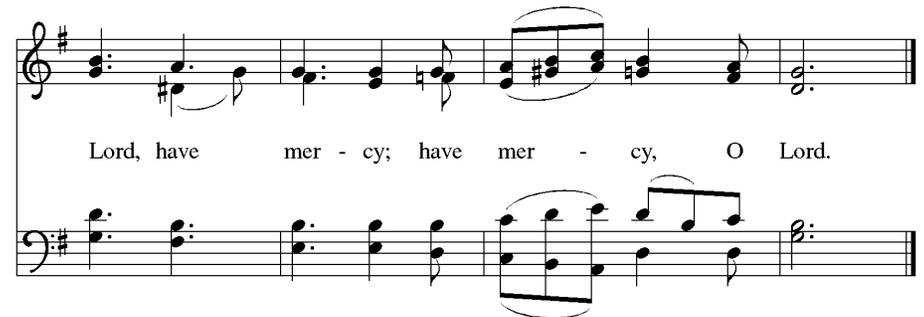
GREETING

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.

KYRIE *Kyrie (Gillespie)*

Kyrie



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...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.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

P A reading from Exodus.

P The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 114

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.

³The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled,
O Jordan, that you turned back,

⁶you mountains, that you skipped like rams,
you little hills like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

P A reading from Romans.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION...Thy Word Is a Lamp...WP 144

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Thy word



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



¹ When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.



² I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain, Michael W. Smith, stanzas
Music: Amy Grant
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GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON...Rev. Adam B. Sornchai

HYMN OF THE DAY ...ELW 864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us say what we believe in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Be with those who are ill or grieving (*especially...Tracy, Robin Baker, Dawn Bell, Drew Fairchild, Chris Fannin, Vincent Fisher Sr., Pat Gantner, Dena Glass, Candace Grimm, Stan Heacock, Doris Hildebrand, Blaine Hunkins, Sullivan Kochy, John Lawler, Maya Lee, Lindsay Lester, Marissa Lynne, the Family of Winona E. Niemann, Michael Nix, Sue Osborne, Rod Pennington, Karen Price,*

Jan Rengert, Atreyu Roberts, Tim Sharrock, Gloria Smith, Tammy Smith, Peerapong Sornchai, Judy Stroble, Meagan Taylor, Rob Utley, Leah Vanderpool, Our Homebound and Armed Services and their Chaplains). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you (*especially John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, whom we commemorate today*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

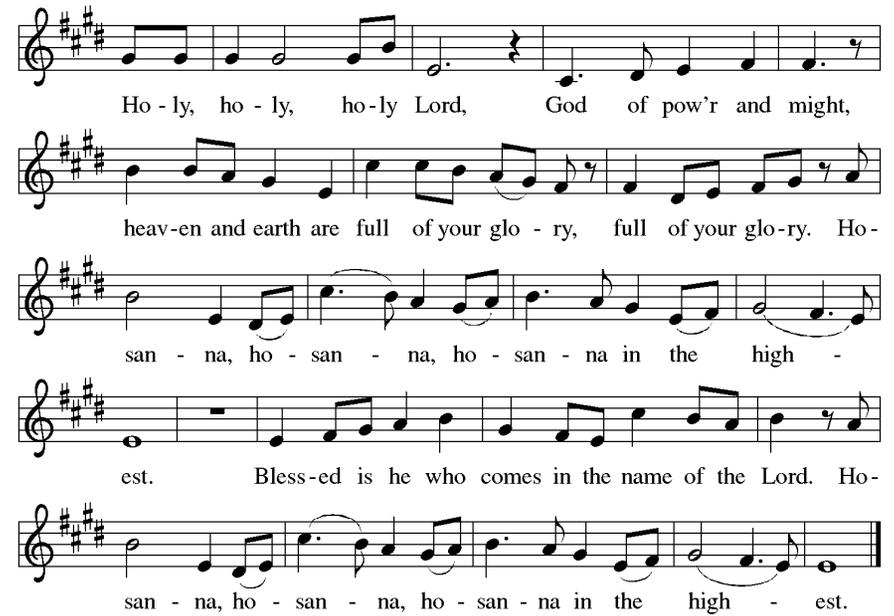
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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. 13

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...*)

P The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

...and each person may respond...Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray...We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P** As Christ sends us out into the world let us recite the mission God has given us.
- C** **St. John Lutheran Church (Windfall) is Centered in the Word, Strengthened in the Sacraments, Sent into the community to share the love of Jesus.**

BLESSING

- P** Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



SENDING SONG...ELW 855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATÁ, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP.... Welcome to worship and Christian education, a time to reconnect and form new connections. May the Lord enrich our time together.

THANK YOU.....Emilee McCabe for serving as our pianist on Saturday!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! ...Thank you to all who have already sent in your “Growing in Gratitude” pledge cards for our Stewardship Campaign. This congregation is blessed with so many folks who take “sharing the love of Jesus” seriously. Whether it is helping families in need, care for our building, and overall support for our mission, you step up and enable us to meet the tasks presented before us.

HOLY COMMUNION...As Lutherans we believe that it is the gathered people of God that come together to celebrate the sacrament, typically in a congregation, but also in other settings such as hospitals, nursing homes etc... I have worked out a way with our Safety Team to offer the Sacrament of Holy Communion that honors both distance and intimacy.

When you enter for our outdoor worship services, ushers will pass out individual (biodegradable/compostable) communion cups. When it is time to distribute the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the presider will come to your circle or vehicle to distribute the consecrated host (dropping it in your hands to avoid hand touching) and a communion assistant will have the consecrated wine or grape juice. There will be an assistant that will have a bowl where you can place your communion cups.

Just because Holy Communion is being offered does not mean you have to receive it. Do not take a cup upon entering and communicate to us that you are not receiving during the distribution of the Sacrament. God is not punishing or excluding you because of your health or safety concerns.

It is widely held in the Christian tradition that when physical impairment means we cannot receive either element, the grace of the Sacrament is still fully available. Whenever the Sacrament is offered to us and the intention to receive is present, so is God's grace.

Please let us know if you are not able or uncomfortable in attending worship gatherings at this time, we can plan to safely provide the Sacrament to you. Pastor or Lay members can safely deliver the Sacrament to you as an extension of our worship service or as your Pastor, I can safely celebrate the Sacrament with you.

IN PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP...will be continuing each Saturday at 7 PM and Sunday at 9 AM. We encourage you to print and download the bulletin for yourselves. This bulletin will be emailed to you at the end of the week. If you need a copy from us (or know someone who doesn't receive the emails), please request by Wednesday. Remember to include which service and if you would like a large print. Thank you!

FROM PASTOR ADAM SORNCHAI:

Community Prayer Service - Cardington Lincoln Schools

Pastor Paul Turner from First UMC and myself participated in a prayer service on Monday evening to pray for our children, families, teachers, administrators and staff before school started this past Tuesday at the Cardington Lincoln High School.

Trinity Connection

On Wednesday I am meeting with Rev. Todd Mills. He is the Director of Congregation engagement for Trinity Seminary and Capital University.

Baptisms

I believe this past Sunday was my first triple Baptism. Please keep Ezra Rittler, Sadie Rittler and Xavier Leonard their parents and baptismal sponsors in your prayers.

Funeral

On Friday I will offer a graveside funeral service for Winona Niemann mother of Sandy Steck. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

OUR SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (We are using the semicontinuous readings in the lectionary): Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY..... is extended to the Family of Winona Niemann (mother to Sandy Steck) on her death last Sunday.

FOOD PANTRY....We are collecting laundry soap for the month of September.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH..... Our September Cause of the Month is Cardington Community Food Pantry. You may contribute through your offering envelope by designating Cause of the Month.

ST. PAUL'S WALDO COMMUNITYDrive-thru Fresh Food Distribution will be held at All Occasions on Friday, October 2nd from 11 am to 2 pm. The church is collecting tissues, paper towels and toilet paper. Items can be brought anytime to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo and placed between the two back doors. Thank you for your support!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2020.....letters were mailed. We ask that the Faith and Promise Cards may be emailed, mailed or dropped by the church today. Thank you!

OFFERINGS MAY BE MAILED IN OR YOU MAY ENROLL FOR

"AUTOGIVE".....Go to our church website:

<http://www.stjohnwindfall.church/give.html>

click on the "Electronic Giving" button.

Currently you can allocate your donation to the following five funds: Current, Benevolence, Building, Cause of Month, or Capital Campaign. Should you want to give to other funds, such as World Hunger or Endowment, etc, you will need to mail or drop off the the donation to the church address or members can use their regular Sunday envelopes to give.

A BIG THANK YOU.....to those who helped with the Cemetery Work Days: Alan & Cindy Harris, Dick McGinnis, Doug Heacock, Matt Clinger, Dusty Smith, Cheryl Harris, Justin Radel, Kraig & Sy Shipman, Rick Fryman who spear-headed the entire operations and Betty Harris for providing lunches! Thank you to all! This will make mowing and keeping the cemetery looking nice.

DISINFECTING WIPES.....Any disinfecting wipes donated may be left on the landing to the choir loft or outside the Church Office. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD.....would like to invite your family to color a poster tile. When we are able to come back together to worship we will invite you to bring your picture and we will create a beautiful giant mosaic. Let us know if you are interested and a picture will be sent to your email for your family to print off and color at home. You may leave your picture in the orange folder outside the Church Office.

JULY, 2020	
<u>Current</u>	
Total July Giving	9,600
Total July Expenses	12,603
Total 2020 Current Giving through July	94,668
Total 2020 Expenses through July	99,880
<u>Benevolence</u>	
Total July Ben. Giving	1,360
Total 2020 Ben. Giving through July	8,570

<u>Current Fund Balance</u>	
January 1, 2020...	\$24,677
July 31, 2020.....	\$19,469
<u>Capital Campaign Balance</u>	
July 31, 2020...	\$30,639
<u>Building Fund Balance</u>	
July 31, 2020...	\$64,567



St. John Lutheran Windfall
Come and See. Serve and Grow.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Reverend Adam B. Sornchai

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 7 PM

Pianist: Emilee McCabe

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 9 AM

Pianist: Jennie Heacock