

Good Morning!

Sunday, September 22, 2024 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right.



Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →



We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Sunday School Opening	Karla Schettenhelm, Matt Fremder	Rooms 8 & 9
Pre K thru Kindergarten	Dawn Cipa, Susan Weak, Michelle Linderman	Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade	Nikki Shingledecker, Kirsten Galka, Sarah Kittleman	Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade	Laurie Candela, Tom Brunner, Jim Edwards	Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade	Nathan Troike	Room 12
High School Youth	Judy Bruder, Dan Young, Adele Werner, Pastor Joel	Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Bethel Bible Series	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
7 Letters to 7 Churches of Revelation	Pastor Davenport	Gym
Spiritual Disciplines for the Exhausted	Josh Kittleman	Rooms 5 & 6

AS WE GATHER

Sitting down on the Mount to teach His disciples, Jesus described His followers with this image: **salt and light**. Like salt seasons and preserves food, Christ's followers exist for the sake of the world in which we find ourselves. And because of this, the mission Christ calls us to is one that is *not* hidden, private, or personal, but instead it is always as visible. It's as noticeable as a light in a dark room or a city perched upon a hill. Through these images, Jesus gives us a picture of just *where* God is at work: in the world, in the communities where we find ourselves.

Order of Worship

Divine Service, Setting Two

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"
arr. J. Carter/D.L. Schutte

David Crittenden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

LSB 906

1. **O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.**
2. **This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv'n.**
3. **This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.**
- △ 4. **That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

LSB 268

Steven Hobert Parris, Stephanie Lyn Parris, Emery Lynn Marie Parris, Landon Hobert Parris, and Chet Joseph Parris are baptized this morning.

The Parris family sponsors are Christopher and Lauren Lozano.

Elder: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

EXHORTATION

LSB 167

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818

- In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

continued

2. **Since He is ours, We fear no powers,
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
 He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
 With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
 In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:105–112

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your just and righteous decrees.

¹⁰⁷I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

¹⁰⁸Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your just decrees.

¹⁰⁹I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:9–12

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

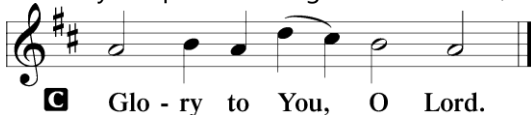


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–16

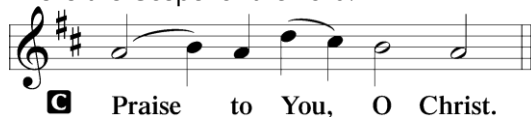
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

1. **On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to Me is given To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send My children, Their witness I will use."**
2. **The Lord who, born of Mary, Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, For us was crucified
This Lord, our living brother, In pow'r at God's right hand,
Has chosen us to carry His truth to ev'ry land.**
3. **His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me, With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.**
4. **And not alone to nations In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches, However great or small
Let them through me see Jesus, Who served and saved us all.**
5. **That ev'ryone He chooses, For reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us Till time no more shall be;
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort Give us His victory.**
- △ 6. **Lord, gather all Your children, Wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere.**

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SERMON

"Salt and Light"

Matthew 5:13-16

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Bless now, O Lord, these gifts and their benefits, that they might be received as evidence of your mercies, and multiplied in effectiveness for Your kingdom. Through this and other acts of giving, train our hearts toward a greater generosity, that the habits of our stewardship lives may be ever more pleasing to You, and ever more expressive of Your holy heart and passions.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then these gifts for works of love and mercy, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, You have taken us from all nations and united us in the Body of Your Son. Send Your Holy Spirit to rid Your children of all bitter jealousy, boasting and selfish ambition. Fill the baptized with Your wisdom, that we may lead peaceable lives with sincerity and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of hosts, give our Synod's leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. Let them sow among us in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, in Your lovingkindness You do not abandon Your children to suffer alone but promise to care for all who call upon Your name. Bless the homebound, the lonely, the depressed and anxious, those preparing for surgery, the ill and the dying. Comfort them in their distress, heal all their ills of body and soul, and grant them Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them into service for You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832

- 1. 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.**
- 2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.**
- 4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

By Jim and Kathy Matusicky, in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

By Cathy Mueller (Flagg), in celebration of what would have been her parents', Harry & Elaine Flagg, 73rd wedding anniversary today.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Liturgist: Pastor Davenport

Preaching: Pastor Werner

Director of Music: Tom Schroeder

Elder: Mike Puterbaugh

Acolyte: Claire Campbell

Lector: Sue Speirs

Altar Guild: Jenny Krauss and Shari Muller

Greeters: Jeff and Heather Schulz

Media Team: Bill Stiem, Dave Kosmalski, Ken Ciscon

Ushers: Team 9; Rick Shingledecker, Captain

Chris Heath, Roger Heath, Tom Hemming, Mike McGrath, Steve Moore,

Brody Shingledecker, Lucas Shingledecker

Welcome Desk: Bonny Shingledecker and Ellie Shingledecker

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