

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ RUSSELL, KS

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 8:15 am

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter/Usher..... Kurt & Lois DeWald
Lector Lois DeWald
Musician Glenda Phillips
Altar Guild Rhonda Kuhlmann, Courtney Krug,
Gina Langhofer, Crecia Reeves

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 ~ 8:15 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

(Congregation may stand as able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING AND KYRIE

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.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Generous God,

C: your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation may be seated)

READING OF THE FIRST LESSON: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And

Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 19:7-14

L: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

READING OF THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Congregation may stand as able)

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9, verses 38-50.

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Congregation may be seated)

O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

THE SERMON

(Congregation may stand as able)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With our faith in Jesus Christ, let all the people of God confess their faith of the church:

C: 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 to the dead. 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 CHURCH

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. ...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

*The congregation will extend to one another the greeting of peace -
we will not be passing the peace.*

C: The LORD be with you all. And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, brining new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN.....“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”; Verses 1 & 4
LBW #492

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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RE-ESTABLISHING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

I want to encourage each and every one of you to protect your health and the health of others.

We are in that time of year when the risk of contracting an illness increases. Flu season has started, strep throat is going around, and COVID-19 infections are on the rise county wide.

I encourage us all to reduce our exposure by reducing our touching of communal items and going back to elbow and fist bumps – even just waves – rather than shaking hands.

I encourage you all to resume wearing masks for your protection, not only in worship but when you are out in public. If you cannot wear a mask or are not comfortable doing so please remember use social distancing.

I am as COVID tired as all of you, but I also do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable and unable to attend worship because of concerns for their health.

St. John will have masks and hand sanitizer available for member's use.

Pr. Teri



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **10:30 service will be broadcast** on KRSL 990 AM and KRSL 98.1 FM; and on Nex-Tech Cable Channel 130 in memory of Clarence and Frances Wagner.

St. John Women of the ELCA invite all women of St. John to the **Fall Women's Cluster Meeting** on Sunday, September 26 at First Lutheran Church in Dorrance. Registration begins at 1:30 pm - if you would like to carpool, please meet at St. John no later than 1:00 pm.

Janella Eck, 2x5s Youth Group Leader, invites all St. John youth from SECOND through FIFTH Grades AND their parents to the **2x5s Ice Cream Kick Off** on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite ice cream topping to add to the Sundae Bar (vanilla ice cream will be provided). Questions? Call the church office (785-483-5358).

Pastor Teri will begin offering **weekly Healing Services** on Thursdays starting November 11, 2021. More information will be forthcoming.

After his most recent visit, and some additional fine-tuning, the elevator (lift) repairman recommended passengers wait until doors **close completely before pressing a floor button.**

The family of Marjorie Pohlman invites everyone to send birthday wishes and blessings to celebrate her 90th Birthday on October 10. Cards may be sent to: Marjorie Pohlman, 430 N. Ash, Russell KS 67665.

The family of Robert & Lyla Schmitt welcome everyone to a come and go 60th Anniversary celebration on Saturday October 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Chet's Place (713 N. Main, Russell). No gifts, please - just your presence! Cards may also be sent to: Robert & Lyla Schmitt, 17655 4-Corners Rd, Gorham KS 67640.

OUR SYMPATHY AND GOD'S COMFORT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Tianna Bays-Broils

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE:

Care Center Residents

Larry Bernard
Caroline Chatham
Debbie Dumler
Cari Estep
Cheryl Harrison
Joetta Mai
Penny Radke
Keven Schneider
Janice Stoppel
Mary Ulrich
Kristen Windscheffel
Samantha Woods

Homebound Members

Faye Brunner
Barbara Dietz
Nancy Dunning
Wayne & Janet Funk
Doug Karst
Katie Northcutt
Vernon Radke
John Seay
Kenny Strachan
Janice Vanderbur
Darlene Woelk

Charles Bayles

DeAnna Carter
Janice Dow
Twyla Ehrlich
Robert Groff
DJ Kuhn
Mary Parkhurst
Thurlene Ruggels
Gladys Standley
Kaden Towery
Mike Waymaster
Richard & Karleen Wolf

Connie David (daughter-in-law of Pat David); **Dwaine Flegler** (brother-in-law of Juanita Flegler); **Kevin Gregg** (nephew of Kayla Meyer); **Cathy McClain** (friend of Ruth & Dean Keil and Juanita Flegler); **Martha Mink** (sister of Margaret Finkbeiner); **Virginia Mitchell** (sister of Bonnie Beuhler); **Brennan Soukup** (grandson of Tina Schaad-Claussen)

To keep weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters current, we review the "Prayers for God's Presence" listings from time to time. If a loved one's name is removed in error, please accept our apologies, and notify the church office.

Your help is needed! YES, YOU!!

Each of us is called to serve and participate in our Faith Community.

St. John is participating in a Synod pilot project focused on helping churches in transition. We need FIVE members who are willing to step up and represent the congregation as a team to help define the needs of the Church presently and in the future.

We would like as much representation as possible:

- a) individuals willing to represent each worship service
- b) representatives who can speak to the needs of the diversity of our members - from newer members to lifetime members
- c) representatives willing to listen to new ideas and engage in conversation with the Faith Community as a whole.
- d) individuals willing to commit to a couple of hours a month to engage in the process (which will also include some leadership training)

If you feel called to serve your congregation in this process, please let Pastor Teri or Blaine Maier know as soon as possible.

We also need help with weekly worship. Each week there are fewer and fewer volunteers to help with worship. It is a weekly struggle to have enough folks to assist with worship.

Every service needs more folks who are willing to be greeters, ushers, readers/lectors, as well as those who can share the gift of music, whether as accompanists or as liturgists/song leaders.

As Paul said, we are all united as the body of Christ and all are equal members, so there are no limitations - age, gender, etc. - to serving. All that is needed is a willing heart!

A sign up sheet will be available starting October 3, 2021. Please enter your name on the Sundays you are able to assist.

Thank you - Pr. Teri

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEETINGS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, 09/27 10:00 am.... Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:30 am.... Heart2Home Deliveries

Tuesday, 09/28 1:30 pm..... Sewing Circle

Wednesday, 09/29 6:30 pm..... 425 Youth Group (Junior/Senior High)
6:30 pm..... St. John Ringers
7:30 pm..... Agape Choir

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Saturday, 10/2 6:00 pm..... Worship; Quilts and Personal Care Kit Blessings

Sunday, 10/3 8:15 am..... Worship with Holy Communion; Quilts and Personal
Care Kits Blessings
9:15 am..... Sunday School and Confirmation
10:30 am.... Worship with Holy Communion; Quilts and Personal
Care Kits Blessings

Worship Assistants for October 2 and 3

6:00 pm Saturday: Greeter/Usher - John & Mary Boxberger
Reader - Sheryl Krug
Song Leader -
Musician -

8:15 am Sunday: Greeter/Usher - Gordon & Cheryl Kraich
Lector - Cheryl Kraich
Musician -

10:30 am Sunday: Greeter - Mike and Diane Waymaster (N Door) and
Irene Coffeen (S Door)
Usher - Mike and Diane Waymaster
Acolytes - Angelina Bonaccorso and Tytin Bay
Lector - Judy Holmes
Liturgist - Judy Holmes
Musician -

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, 10/6 6:30 pm..... 2x5s Youth Group - Ice Cream Kick Off (Parish Hall)