

Whoever causes one of these  
little ones who believe to  
stumble, it would be better for  
him if, with a heavy millstone  
around his neck, he had been  
cast into the sea

*Mark 9:42*

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024

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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.

# Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang

## 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. 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

## The Peace

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**



## 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*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*This is the feast . . .*

**Women vs. 1, 3; Men vs. 2, 4**

*Refrain*

**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

**Women:**

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

**Men:**

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

**Women:**

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
**Men**

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

**All:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Prayer of the Day

- A. Generous God, 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.
- C. Amen.



## First Reading

## Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

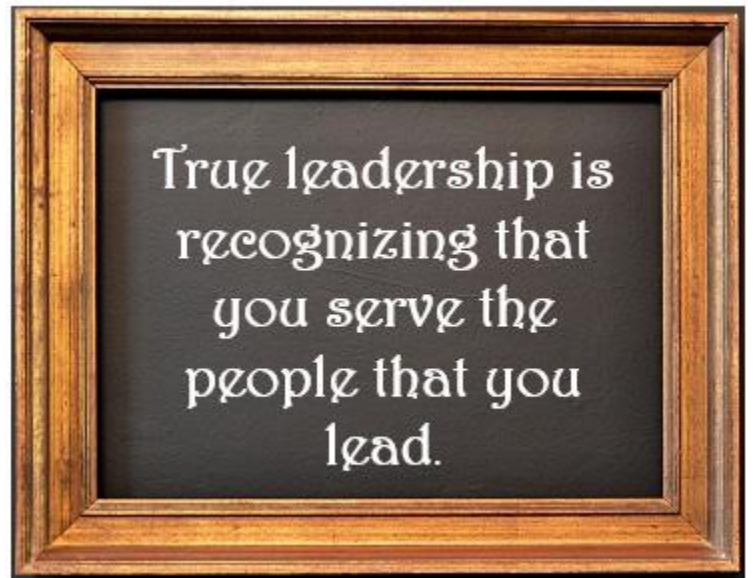
<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is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

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So 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? <sup>12</sup>Did 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’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If 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.”

<sup>16</sup>So 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.”

<sup>24</sup>So 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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.

<sup>26</sup>Two 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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But 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. Word of God. Word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**



<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer**

## Second Reading

## James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are 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.

<sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>17</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you 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. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Acclamation**



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 St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

**Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John 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." <sup>39</sup>But 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. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For 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.

<sup>42</sup>"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. <sup>43</sup>If 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. <sup>45</sup>And 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. <sup>47</sup>And 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, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.



<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt 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.



**Sermon** "Say what? Are you kidding, Jesus?" **Pastor Wolfgang**

**Hymn of the Day** *Take My Life, That I May Be* **ELW 583**

## The Apostles' Creed

**L.** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C.** **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 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**

# Installation of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

**P.** After prayerful deliberation, we, of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, have appointed Sheryll Albert, Bob DeVito, Sharyl Eggert, and Sylvia Lambert to serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

## Address and Questions

**P.** Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as ones invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Christian friends, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourselves to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**C. Amen.**

*Congregation Stands*

**P.** People of God, will you receive Sheryll, Bob, Sharyl and Sylvia into this ministry as ones sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

**C. We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P.** Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C. We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P.** Sheryll, Bob, Sharyl and Sylvia, I now declare you installed as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

**C. Amen.**

### **Prayer**

**P.** Let us pray.

O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servants Sheryll, Bob, Sharyl and Sylvia, who are tasked to share your precious body and blood with those in need, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**P.** People of God, I present to you Sheryll, Bob, Sharyl and Sylvia, your new Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Let us welcome them in the name of Christ.



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A.** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

**A.** We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones (*other caregivers or individuals may be named*). Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

### *Other Prayers*

**A.** We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P.** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

## **The Offering & Blessing of Personal Care Items and Cleaning Supplies**

**Anthem**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Choir



### *Let the Vineyards...*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### **Offertory Prayer**

**A.** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**





## The Great Thanksgiving

**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.

**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:

*Lift Up  
Your  
Hearts*

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are 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 in the high - est.



## Words of Institution

**P.** 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.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.  
All are welcome, no exceptions.

## C. Alleluia!

### *Jesus, Lamb of God*

**L**amb 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.

## Communion Hymns

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
*Come Down, O Love Divine*

ELW 608  
ELW 804

## Post Communion Blessing

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

**C. Amen**

## Post Communion Cantic



**☩** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**



## Blessing

P. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

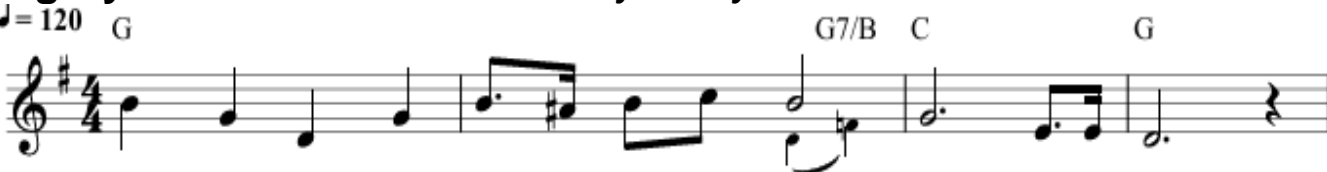
C. Amen.

## Sending Hymn

### *I'll Fly Away*

TFF 176

♩ = 120



1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.

### CHORUS



- To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -  
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.  
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



- way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,



## Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
~ arr. John G. Barr

Gail Hrobuchak



# Servers for Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister/Reader ..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Rena Bogle  
Altar Guild ..... Sarah Watkins  
Greeters/Counters ..... Neil Brennecke / Matt Himmeger  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.



**Flowers** this week are provided by the Flower Fund.

**Candles** this month are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in honor of their children's Baptisms.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



*Pray for peace in our world.*

Donna Hanna

Thomas Isaacs

Jerry Hart

Connie Fortmeyer

Tom Harrison

Phil Garoutte

David Van Benschoten

Ian Lambert

Bob DeVito

Mike Ritts

Patti Flynn

Donna Stone

# STAY IN THE LOOP

## MEMBER NEWS

After worship you are invited to our "Mission Conversation #2" during the fellowship hour. As during our first conversation back in July, we will hear an update from the Visions & Dreams Team. Our guest facilitator, Randy Youngquist-Thurow, will then lead us through an exercise imagining what God has in store for LOL. **Don't miss it!**

**We need Candy, Candy, Candy!** LOL will participate in the Town of Garner's Trick-r-Treat the Trails event at White Deer Park on October 31 and needs to prepare goodie bags for 2,000+ children. Please deposit your contributions (individually wrapped, no nuts) in the collection box in the lobby for this Halloween outreach event.



**LOOKING AHEAD:** October is just around the corner, and it promises to be an extraordinarily busy month here at Lord of Life. Please mark your calendars:

- Sunday, October 6, 2 pm: Annual Blessing of the Animals
- Friday, October 11, 5-7 pm, Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Social Concerns
- Saturday, October 12, 10:30 am, Habitat for Humanity Wall-Build ceremony in Raleigh
- Sunday, October 13, 10 am: Islamic Divan Center visiting LOL and providing Turkish refreshments
- Saturday, October 19, 10 am - 2 pm: "Martin Luther & the Reformation" workshop
- Sunday, October 27, 10 am: Reformation Sunday, Confirmations with Bishop Tim Smith
- Sunday, October 27, 2 pm: Raleigh CROP Walk
- Thursday, October 31, 3 - 6 pm: Trick-R-Treat the Trail in White Deer Park with Outreach Team



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