

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Offer My Life" (v. 1 and chorus) *see insert*

### HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Be Still (for the Presence of the Lord)" *see insert*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW, #759

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" ELW, #592

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW, #697

CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Cindy Josephson **Hymnist:** Heidi Davison

**Reader:** Kevin Malle **Greeter/Ushers:** Rich Richmond and Rick & Norma Breiding

**Communion Asst.:** Kevin Malle & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich



Altar Flowers were given by Carol Kirkegaard in honor of her granddaughter Lauren Sasscer's birthday.



# Sunday Worship Service



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## *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**September 29, 2024**  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**September 29, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” ELW, #708  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW, #807

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:  
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & OPENING HYMN:  
“O Come to the Altar” *see insert*

GREETING

KYRIE “Have Mercy on Me” *see insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: James 5:13–20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38–50

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW, #793

SERMON “Sugar or Salt?” Pastor Barb Lemke

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 into hell.\***  
**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 THE CHURCH

Ukraine, Israel, and South Korea, our prayers are with you  
John & Casey Howshar  
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen  
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank  
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Leisa Mortenson (friend of Lynn Hampton) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Trudi (Debbie Diedrich’s friend) – Donna (Debbie Diedrich’s friend) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Donna Haight’s sister Cathy) – Rodney Steggs (friend of Hamptons)

Ray Johnson Danny Cowan  
Carol Kirkegaard Linda Washington (stroke)  
Dan Dunn, friend of Hamptons Kaylee, friend of Hamptons  
Virginia Miller, Marv Kelley’s sister (growth on shoulder)  
Sydney, Vicki Florer’s granddaughter (heart transplant recovery)  
Breanna, friend of Kim Gednalske Evancho  
Susan Armor (healing of broken legs)  
Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)  
Glenis and Pat, Delores Rasmussen’s sisters (health)  
Cindy and Randy Peters (heart issues)  
Vaselissa, friend of Laura and Vern Thompson’s granddaughter (car accident)  
Ron Freund (broken ankle)  
Joyce Wilming, Vicki Florer’s sister (recovery from heart attack and bronchitis)  
Brooke Anna Harris, friend of Weaver family (surgery recovery)  
Bill Schmidt (kidney health)  
Mike Murphy, acquaintance of Lohmer family (post-operative infection)  
Kerry Armor, Johnnie’s brother (kidney injury)  
Dennis Schmidt, Kathy Harrison’s brother (hip infection)  
Patty, Jesse, Reyna, and all the family of Aurelia Garcia

**Homebound members:** Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Kevin Malle  
Robert & Dawn McBride  
Rita Collins

## Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

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

## James 5:13–20

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

## Mark 9:38–50

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

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!”

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.

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.”

## Welcome!

*We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God’s blessing on our time together!*

*Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space. All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.*

## Upcoming Events

**Worship Helpers Needed** – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. *New sign-up sheets for the remainder of this year are now posted.*

**Missions for September** – We are collecting canned and boxed food, as well as monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith Food Drive as this month’s Missions focus. Please place food in the red bucket in the narthex; please mark your checks as Missions so your gift is credited to this food drive.

**Missions for October** – We will be collecting money for Lutheran World Relief and ELCA World Hunger as October’s Missions focus.

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals are every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. The choir will sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. The choir is also preparing for their Christmas Cantata, which will be on Dec. 8. ***Come join us!***

**“The Chosen” Bible Study** – We would love to have you join us on either Sundays (11 a.m. at church) or Mondays (6 p.m. on Zoom). *The Tuesday and Thursday sessions are on hold until the end of October while Pr. Barb is on vacation.*

## This Week at Bethel September 29–October 6, 2024

**Sun** 8:15 a.m. Choir Practice  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Tongans

**Mon** 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:00 p.m. TOPS

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu** 11:00 a.m. Prayer Team

**Fri** 6:00 p.m. Tongans

**Sat** 4:00 p.m. 4 p.m. Mila’s Students’  
Recital

**Sun** **World Communion Sunday**  
8:15 a.m. Choir Practice  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Tongans

**Church Office Closed** – With both Pr. Barb and church secretary Mary Katherine on vacation at the same time for a few days, the church office will be closed October 3–4 and 7–8. You may still email the office or call and leave a message, as messages will be checked periodically, but please be patient with any delay in receiving a reply. *Pr. Michael Mortvedt of St. Mark’s will provide pastoral care during Pr. Barb’s time off; contact the office if you need his care.*

**Aurora CROP Hunger Walk** – *October 20* See Kathy Harrison to ‘adopt’ a rice bag; to sign up to walk or to sponsor someone who is walking, visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/auroraco>.

## O Come to the Altar

### VERSE 1

Are you hurting and broken within,  
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself,  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

### CHORUS:

**O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.**

### VERSE 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;  
From the ashes a new life is born.  
Jesus is calling.



## Have Mercy on Me

### VERSE 1

Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world.  
Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world.

### CHORUS:

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy on me.  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy;  
(Lord) have mercy on me.**

### BRIDGE

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.  
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

### VERSE 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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## I Offer My Life

### VERSE

All that I am, all that I have,  
I lay them down before You, O Lord;  
All my regrets, all my acclaim,  
The joy and the pain,  
I'm making them Yours.

### CHORUS:

**Lord, I offer my life to You,  
Ev'rything I've been through'  
Use it for Your glory;  
Lord, I offer my days to You,  
Lifting my praise to You  
as a pleasing sacrifice,  
Lord, I offer You my life.**

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## Be Still (for the Presence of the Lord)

### VERSE 1

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

### VERSE 2

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendor He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,

Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

### VERSE 3

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

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