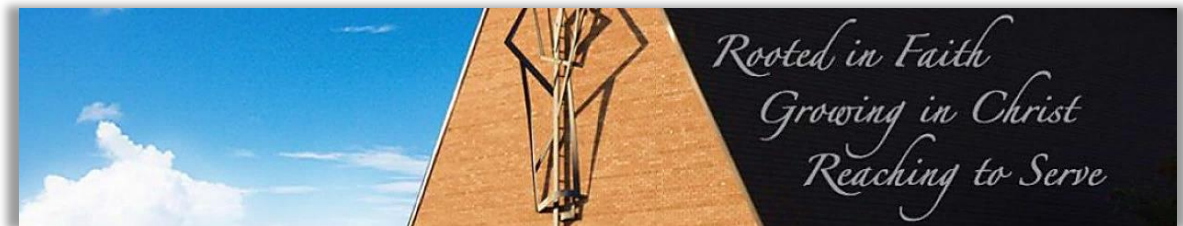


**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**



Pastor Liz Cheney  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Virginia, MN



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

ELW 765

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

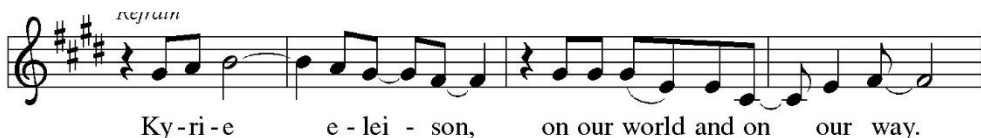
**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## KYRIE VERSES 1 &amp; 3



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
→ 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*  
 let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
 then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
 so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,  
 let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
 those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

**SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. We begin our prayers by singing the refrain below, and we will return to the refrain after each petition: *Let Justice Roll Like a River...*

*Refrain*

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -  
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,  
that we might live just - ly like you.

## OFFERING

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- + Online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
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- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
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**OFFERING PRAYER** 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. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** 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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. All are welcome!

## LAMB OF GOD

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff across four lines. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

**TABLE BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** 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. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**ELW 843**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Kris Weikum**

*“We finally meet one another,  
not in our agreements or disagreements,  
but at the foot of the + cross,  
where God is faithful,  
where Christ is present with us,  
and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we are one in Christ.”*

*-Reverend Mark Hanson, previous Presiding Bishop*

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Svea, Nicole, Deb, Luddy, Bruce & family, Andrew T., Sharon P., Sue, Tyler, Gerilyn, Andrew, Alexandria, Diane, Courtney, people impacted by the flooding, the people of Guatemala, Jill & husband, Amelia, Archer, Kim, Gordy, Sarah, Nancy, Jarie, Nicole, Thomas, Kathy M., Pastor Erika, Phyllis, Roya, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas). Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally, Deb, Adeline, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Matt. Call Ginny Ahrlin @ 218-749-0056, for prayer needs

***If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.***

### **CONTACT US**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office Admin hours are 9am - 5pm, Tuesday - Friday.

**There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!**

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

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### **STAFF**

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**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

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**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, and Ginny Ahrlin



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**FAITH FORMATION TEAM MEETING** We will meet shortly after worship today so grab yourself a coffee & treat and look for Pastor, Morgan, Nina or Tamera in the hallway!

**SPECIAL MEETING OCT. 6<sup>TH</sup>** If you are a voting member please be here! We will have a special congregational meeting to vote on the upgrades for the sound system in the sanctuary, as well as information on Livestream upgrades. *We will meet briefly after worship.*

**L.I.F.T. YOUTH PROGRAM** Last Wednesday we had a great turn out for the kick-off and our next meeting will be October 2nd 6-8pm!

**ADULT FORUMS** The first Sunday of each month we plan on hosting Adult Forums **after worship**. **October 6<sup>th</sup>** (right after the Congregational Meeting) Morgan Klatt will start us off with "Acceptance with Life, Differently." **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Angela Sipila will be here to share information about Wills, etc. And **December 1<sup>st</sup>** Shelley Svatos will talk about prayer practices & Labyrinths.

**ELCA-50 YEARS OF WORLD HUNGER** We are celebrating the last 50 years joined together as Lutherans in support of the ministry "World Hunger." Our Synod has a goal of raising \$500,000 the next 3 yrs for ELCA World Hunger! There are special envelopes in the back of the sanctuary to use if you would like to provide a gift toward this amazing ministry. You can learn more online about *World Hunger*, watch videos, and ways to give at [ELCA.org/WH50](http://ELCA.org/WH50).

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** This work belongs to **all of us**, as ministers of the congregation ~ prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up and assist. *Your presence makes a difference in creating a wonderful worship service for all.* There are different opportunities: **servicing communion, being a lector, ushering or greeting, and Coffee serving.** The sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex.

**TECH TEAM** Are you more of a "behind the scenes" person? If you're comfortable recording nature, or your children/grandchildren with a phone, using a computer, or using the options on a smart tv, it may be in your skillset to join us! Let Pastor, Dan Peliska, John Elofson or Colleen know if you think you could serve occasionally. There are small tasks that only take a minute or two before or after the service.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** Today's broadcast is sponsored by Sharon & Butch Panula in thanks for the many prayers and for the broadcast ministry of OSLC. If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, and/or the tech equipment, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. **Sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

## EVENTS & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- 9/22 Faith Formation Meeting after Worship
- 9/24 5:30 pm Fun-Duh Mentals Bible Study Fireside Room
- 9/24 5:30 Cub Scouts Den Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 9/25 9am Quilting until approx. 2-3pm
- 9/25 WELCA Fall Gathering Aurora OSLC
- 9/25 6:30 pm Adult Forum @ Messiah Lutheran, Topic: Gaza & Israel

There are sign-up sheets to help with the Fall Festival under the monitor in the narthex.  
Take a look and see where your talents might be of help!

### Fall Festival

Join us for WELCA'S 2nd Annual Fall Festival!  
Saturday, October 5th, 9am - 2pm

Our Fellowship Hall will be filled with Fall favorites  
Household Treasures, Bake Sale items, Coffee An',  
a Silent Auction & a Kid's Corner with fun activities!



### Adult Forums

AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR GETS UNDER WAY,  
WE'LL BE HOLDING **ADULT FORUMS** MONTHLY AFTER WORSHIP.  
OUR FIRST ONE WILL BE PRESENTED BY  
**MORGAN KLATT, SUNDAY, OCT. 6TH.**  
GRAB A COFFEE & JOIN US!

### HALLOWEEN

TRUNK OR TREAT

CANDY NEEDED

Drop off candy  
in the youth room.  
Look for the  
candy donation box!



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

SUNDAY  
OCT. 6<sup>TH</sup>

AFTER  
WORSHIP