



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

September 19, 2021 - 11:15 a.m.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE!

We are so glad to have you with us this morning! There is an extended time of praise and worship at the beginning of the service, and we want you to worship your Lord as you feel comfortable. All forms of worship are acceptable, such as singing, clapping, standing, sitting, kneeling, and dancing. Please worship your God in a way that draws you closer to Him!

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, Jesus came to love and serve. Help us to see love and service as the highest priority in life. Help us to find "The Good Life" in humble service. Through the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But 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!"

²⁰But 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.

WORSHIP & PRAISE

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

WORSHIP & PRAISE

TIME OF OPEN PRAYER**BLESSING OF THE OFFERING****THE LORD'S PRAYER****GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for 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." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

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

SERMON:**Pastor Austin Newberry****BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

You may either stand or kneel.

P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.

C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.

P: Raise from death the good that is in us -- and gift us with the good that is not in us.

C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.

P: We have failed you.

C: We have failed our world.

P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

C: Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.

(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)

P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

P: Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died--so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**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 into hell.

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

BENEDICTION

P: Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING WORSHIP & PRAISE**SERVING FIRST TODAY**

Pastor: Austin Newberry

Greeters/Usher: Janet Isbell, John & Mary Ellen Wyman, & Dave Stocks

WOUNDED HEALER PRAISE BAND

Erika East, Annette Hull, Jennifer & Mike Langevin, Matt Pillar

Today's altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.