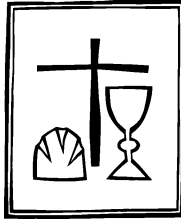


IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- Masks are optional and six-foot physical distancing is suggested.
- Hand sanitizer will be on-site.
- Worshipers will need to bring their own lawn chairs for seating and cups for communion. Small paper cups will also be available.
- Parking will be in our upper lot; the service will be held in our lower lot. The lower lot is the one closest to the playground and parsonage.
- The service will be a service of Holy Communion, and the Assisting Minister and Pastor will commune people where they are seated.
- Being outdoors and safely distanced, we'll resume singing along with the hymns and service music.
- Bulletins will be sent electronically for viewing on phones, and paper copies will be available on a table for you to pick up as you arrive.
- An offering plate will be on a table for you to give your gift as you arrive.
- Pastor will continue to record and post our remote services each week for those who are unable to attend our outdoor services, and Alla will continue to provide the prelude and postlude music for each service.
- In the event of rain, the service will be indoors.



Time After Pentecost
ELW setting 3

September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “October” (Autumn Song) from *The Seasons* P.I. Tchaikovsky

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

HYMN #526 GOD IS HERE!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. Amen.**

WORD

THE LESSON

James 5:13-20

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14

read responsively

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to ¹the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's¹ own offenses?
Cleanse me from my¹ secret faults.

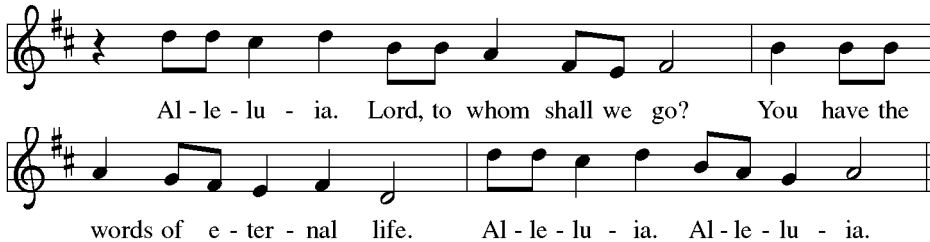
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion¹
over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a¹ great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable¹ in
your sight,

O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer.

* 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

“Of Salt and Water”

Pastor Derrick Fallon

HYMN # 712 LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,

by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with one of these responses:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lord, in your mercy, | Hear us, O God. | Bless we the Lord |
| hear our prayer. | Your mercy is great. | Thanks be to God! |

(The prayers conclude:)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *In This Very Room* Words and Music by Ron and Carol Harris

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

* PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
 we have received from your table
 more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Song without Words no. 10, op. 30

Felix Mendelssohn

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Request books can be found at each entryway. Requests written in the Prayer books will be included in today's prayers; someone is added to the Prayer List by a note to Pastor or the church office, and will run for **four consecutive Sundays**. Requests may be renewed.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING are offered for all those celebrating birthdays this week including **Deb D'Arinzo, Thomas Depping, and Nelli Holtappels (Sept 27)**.

CARE AND HEALING: John Beggs, Joan Behre, Kimberly Bernardo, Ken Bielemeier, Roy Evensen, Jim Falcha, Jordan Ferenc, Doug Haak, Rita Hausdorff, Charles Isaacs, Kathy Koch, Liam Ledbetter-Dunn, Lauren Levin, Ann Moores, Joey Peter, Toni Rohde, Tracey Roberts, Marlene Schoustra, Al Stauderman, Antonio Vitiello

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ETERNAL LIGHT

The eternal light is given by **Elaine Utley in memory of Ruth Garrod's birthday.**

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Phil Evensen
Agneta Aspinwall, Pam Fallon
Melba Grieshaber, Roger Heine
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