

Week's worth . . .

- Today is Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Folk Service Liturgy today. Noisy offering today.
- Thank you Folk musicians Delores Thorton for playing the Flute today.
- Today is Sunday School Gathering Day.
- All students and teachers are being celebrated.
- Today we are taking COVID-19 precautions. Please take this bulletin home or dispose of it in the waste basket. We appreciate your efforts to maintain six feet of distance between households.

Mon, Sept. 28

Confirmation class enrollments due; c/o Pastor Neal 307-315-2916

Wed, Sept. 30

6:30 Men's Breakfast at the Cheese Barrel Restaurant
 10:30am The lectionary Bible study will meet in the library
 6:00pm Confirmation class with dinner

Thurs, Oct. 1

11:00am Hymn Selection meeting in the library

Fri, Oct. 2

Pastor's Day off

Sun, Oct. 4

9:00am worship service
 Sunday School Kindergarten through 6th grade

UPCOMING . . .

Oct. 5—Pastor Gone Oct. 5th through Oct. 11

Oct. 6—7:00am Women's breakfast at the Cheese Barrel

Oct. 7—6:30 Men's Breakfast at the Cheese Barrel Restaurant

10:30am The lectionary Bible study will meet in the library c/o Atchley

6:00pm Confirmation class with dinner

Oct. 11—Sunday School 7th grade through 12th grade

Save the Date—Oct. 25 Council member budgets proposals due.

Oct. 25 Consecration Sunday with light refreshments at 10:15am.

Please call the church at 237-9087 with updates for
The Prayer List

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Jolene Bonander | Jerry Bonnet | Kim DeLauro | Debbie Dzurilla |
| Phill Dzurilla | Parker Fox | Gloria Gustafson | Kody Havens |
| Judy Hunt | Laurie Johnson | Betty Krause | Marilyn Lacy |
| Mel Miller | Don Pearson | Jennifer Schnepfer | Konner Traylor |
| Lesa Washenfelder | Merna Montgomery's family | Youth Ministry | All Faith Communities |

**I would appreciate the updates of your loved ones. Please contact Atchley in the office.

September 27, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Chicago Folk Service



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church ELCA

God's mission for Our Saviour's is to joyfully share God's love with all.

Pastor Jo Ann Neal

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Welcome to Worship at Our Saviour's

*Indicates when to stand

Prelude "Arioso" Folk Musician Delores Thornton on flute

Welcome

Anthem "Revelation Song" Praise Team

***Gathering Hymn** "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW 531

***Greeting**
P: Lord be with you
All: And with you too.

***Prayer of the Day** Pastor Jo Ann Neal

First Reading Word
Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-31

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Backpack blessings for Students and Teachers of all ages See Insert

Noisy Offering (will benefit Self Help Center)

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *IA brief silence.* In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit (especially those who requested our prayers). Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Backpack Blessing

God of all knowledge and wisdom,
Bless these backpacks and each student that will carry them
every day of this school year.

**As students carry these backpacks,
may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation
that surrounds them each day.**

Help them to do their best, guide them to make right choices,
and remind them that your love and presence are always with them.
Fill them with curiosity, understanding, respect for their teachers,
and care and compassion for other students.

**Help us encourage our children and understand the challenges
and fear of failure that can come with each new year.**

**Help us to have realistic expectations of children
that are neither unreachable nor unchallenging.**

We give thanks for teachers, administrators, and staff
that work with children each day, and ask a blessing
on these that we name before you now...

Bless the briefcases and totes of the teachers and administrators
of our schools. Bless the schools, the children, and teachers of our
congregation who attend the schools throughout our city, our nation,
and our world.

**May these teachers and staff be reminded
that this congregation supports them in their roles,
and surrounds them with our love and care.**

Help the teachers and administrators care for every student,
find the best in each one, and understand those who have special needs.
Give them patience and strength to never give up,
and assurance that you are always with them.

**In your love and mercy, surround our children and our schools
with your protection that they may be safe places for all who
enter.**

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Rev. Kathie Wilkinson, Mt. Sylvan UMC, Durham.

*Alleluia

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!
Allelule, alleluia!
Play music to praise his name!
Allelule, Alleluia!

*Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon

Pastor Jo Ann Neal

*Hymn of the Day

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

ELW 535

*Apostles’ Creed

ELW p105

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 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 life everlasting.

Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy,
All: *hear our prayer.*

*Share God’s Peace

Offering

“Panis Angelicus”

Folk Musicians

*Offering Song

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Congregation: Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your spirit free. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Offering Prayer

*Thanksgiving

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

*Invitation to the Meal & Instructions on Coming Forward

This is the table of God. All who are hungry for God's presence in their lives are invited to the meal of bread. (communion wafers and juice) Communion will be served at the foot of the altar forming a single file line down the center aisle and exiting either left or right for social distancing between families. Please place your empty cups in baskets provided.

Communion Hymns:

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW 733

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

ELW 818

*Prayers after Communion

SENDING

*Blessing

*Leader: Lord, we have your peace.

* Congregation: Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace. Just as you said we have heard it. Just as you lived we have felt it. Lord we have your peace. Sustain us in your peace, O Lord, as we go to our separate worlds. Keep this peace with us as we try to love in our troubled worlds. Send us forth in peace. Send us forth in peace to be a light to show your beauty forever.

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Carter

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Communion Hymn "**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**"
ELW 818

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

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Gathering Hymn---"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"
ELW 531

- 1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.
- 2 Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy He brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine.
- 3 The hungry heart He satisfies,
Offers the poor His paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord.

Chorus:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.

Hymn of the Day---"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" ELW 535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

1 Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

2 Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

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Communion Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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