



*"We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."*

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Most merciful God,*

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left**

**undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**HYMN**                      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                      #859

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!**

**My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.**

**Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.**

**Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.**

**Praise the Almighty, o'er all life so wondrously reigning,  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen? All that is needful has been  
sent by God's gracious ordaining.**

**Praise the Almighty,  
who prospers your work and defends you;  
see from the heavens the showers of mercy God sends you.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;**

**Infinite Love here befriends you.**

**Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!**

**All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises outpouring.**

**Let the amen sound from God's people again,  
gladly forever adoring.**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Gracious God,*

**throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence. Make**

**us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## SERMON

### 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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Our hope is in you, O God: O Lord, hear my prayer.*

### 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 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.

### HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

#### OFFERING

*Reminder that the offering plate and the Globe offering can be found on the  
table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for contributing financially to  
the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.*

### BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

#772

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

**to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**

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*Please Pray For ...*

## **We Lift in Prayer...**

- \*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family Margie Winegar ; Gary Ferguson; Duane Donat (Friend of Pastor Deb)
- \*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Jaime Lescarbourea; Rose Bintliff; Jim Schultes; Clay Twitero; Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); Peg Tesch; Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)
- \*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Marsha Vrooman; Hannah (Granddaughter of Peg Tesch); Ron Wagner; David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Betty Tesch; Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Riley (granddaughter of Carmen Lakner); Justin (Friend of Carmen Lakner)
- \*\*For teachers, administrators, school staff and students at all levels as we begin another school year
- \*\*For those devastated by drought or floods
- \*\*For our military members and their families
- \*\*For areas torn apart by violence
- \*\*For those in long-term care facilities
- \*\*For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.
- \*\*For our leaders at every level.
- \*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

# COMING UP



**Sept 6-10<sup>th</sup>**

MONDAY- Closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY- Beef Pot Pie

WEDNESDAY- Porkchops and Gravy

THURSDAY- Chicken Enchiladas

FRIDAY- Closed

12:00 Noon  
SHARP

American Legion Post 303 Building  
East End of Hermosa on HWY 40  
**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME**  
Home-cooked, buffet-style meals  
Main dish, sides, salads, fruit,  
dessert, drink

Adults \$8

Kids \$5

## **Sunday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Worship and Communion @ OSL and live on  
Facebook/YouTube

*Fellowship follows*

**10:30am** Worship Committee Meeting

**2:00pm** HS Youth Group Hike

## **Monday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Labor Day- Office Closed*

## **Wednesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rally Wednesday for DOG Night- Bring the whole family and enjoy a  
meal and play some games and activities

## **Thursday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** WELCA

## **Saturday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Patriot's Day*

## **Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

***God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*** (*Wear your work clothes to church-  
including the black Thrivent shirt you can pick up from the church*)

**9:30am** Worship in building and live online on Facebook and  
YouTube

**POTLUCK FOLLOWS-BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE**

*See list of work projects needing completed on this day-there is  
something for everyone to participate in*

**11:00am** HS Youth Group meets at OSL



## Mission of the Month



The Mission of the Month for September is DOG Night. DISCIPLES OF GOD. This is a main outreach ministry at OSL . We strive to be “the church” for ALL the kids in the community that do not have a church home. The main priorities this year will be: Passing the faith through learning, providing a safe place, have adults and children fed spiritually and physically, build relationships with trusting adults and engage with children. Each Wednesday evening, we provide a meal for the kids as well as volunteers and leaders. We will also be setting up different stations for children to learn more about their faith and the bible stories this year. To contribute financially, please drop your donation in the Globe offering, the Mission Donation Box in the fellowship hall or in the offering plate. Please write checks to Our Savior’s with “Mission” in the memo line. Thank you in advance for supporting this ever-growing ministry for our youth!

## COMING NEW THIS FALL....

**DOG (Disciples of God) Night will be back!!!**

**Rally Wednesday:** Wed. Sept 8th 5:30-7:00pm *BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A MEAL AND GAMES TO KICK OFF BEING BACK!*

**1st Night of DOG Night:** Wed. Sept 15th 5:30-7:00pm

Open to all children Pre-K to 8th grade Home-cooked Meal each Wednesday, followed by an exciting bible lesson taught through scripture, drama, service, games, crafts and videos. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Josie @ 255-4662 or email [osl@mt-rushmore.net](mailto:osl@mt-rushmore.net) WE NEED HELPERS!!

Volunteers are needed from September through Mid-May. You may volunteer for part of the year or the whole year-Wednesday evenings  
**Meal Team** – Volunteers will prepare, serve and clean-up the evening meal. Food and menus are provided. (Approx. 4:30 – 6:30 pm)

**Teachers** – Lead a small group of children in a specific activity (drama, service, Bible, video, crafts, games) Materials, training and support are provided.

**Shepherds** – Direct a small group of children from activity to activity and be an extra set of hands and eyes for the teacher. You will have the same group of children each week.

**Substitutes** – Can you help if needed? We would love to have a list of people to call when extra help is needed.



ANNOUNCING

***“Where Your Work Clothes to Worship” Sunday***

**September 12, 2021**

**9:30 am Worship**

**Followed by Potluck Brunch and a time of serving together**

*The Church Council, Property Committee and Outreach Committee members invite everyone to partake in our “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday activities. Together we can work to ‘fix up’ our building and grounds as well as beautify our community. There are tasks for everyone of all ages and ability levels. (See list) “Live Generously” t-shirts are available at the church to wear as we work together and catch up with each other. The Outreach Committee will grill some meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*



**From the ELCA website:**

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday** is Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



There is even a special hymn that was written for this special Sunday, and you can find it here:

<https://youtu.be/WkUINcJ3KXA>

## God's Work. Our Hands. Day To-Do List

Adjust tool shed door

Adjust gate to the playground

Reposition the west support for the swing set

Tighten the bolts attaching the support at the top

Replace ropes to the rope ladder on playground

Restain the wood on the playground equipment

Restain the picnic tables and swing

Paint the shed's vertical corner boards

Scrape and repaint the white trim on the wood windows

Pick up trash on church ground

Pick up trash around town

Pull weeds around church grounds

Clean light fixtures in church

Replace burned out lightbulbs around church

Clean out window wells

Replace weather stripping on outside doors at church

Pray through the church and church grounds

Pray around town

Work on Christmas Eve candles

Replace basketball net

Scrape/Paint basketball pole

Replace ceiling tiles

Remove dead trees

*\*Are there other things that need to be added? Please contact Property Committee Members, Cleon Diers, Gene Deyo, Jason Virtue, Nancy Schultes or Steve Pendegraft and let them know.*

