



# GREATNESS *Redefined*

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

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

September 19, 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**                      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*                      #461

**All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and wand'ring.**

**Here in truth we will be fed.**

**You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness and roaming.**

**Here in joy we keep the feast.**

**We that once were lost and scattered**

**in communion's love have stood.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.**

**Come from loneliness and longing.**

**Here in peace we have been fed.**

**Blest are those who from this table**

**live their days in gratitude.**

**Taste and see the grace eternal.**

**Taste and see that God is good.**

## OPENING PRAYER

*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.**

## SCRIPTURE 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.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

**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 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**

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our 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**     *Children of the Heavenly Father*     #781

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.*  
**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**



### We Lift in Prayer...

- \*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Mike Boll.
- \*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Cathi Twitero; Rose Bintliff; Clay Twitero; Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); 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); Peg Tesch; 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.



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 UP



**Sept 20-24**

MONDAY- Meatball Sandwiches  
TUESDAY- Shepherd's Pie  
WEDNESDAY- Mixed-Grill Fajitas  
THURSDAY- Oven Fried Chicken  
FRIDAY- Closed

**Sunday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:15am** Property Committee Meeting

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

**10:30am** Church Council Meeting

**1:30pm** HS Youth Group and Parent Meeting @ OSL

**Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Fall Theological Conference-Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*First Day of Fall*

**5:30-7:00pm** DOG Night

**Sunday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Potluck After Worship*

**6:00pm** HS Youth Group @ OSL

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



**Potluck Sunday  
September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship  
Bring your favorite  
dish to share!**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday  
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