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We are glad you are worshiping with us! If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact information to an usher or the Pastor. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ.*

*According to our 2022-2023 Mission Action Plan:
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

Welcome to in-house worship. Our efforts to mitigate the effects of Covid19 continue. We are gradually resuming activities similar to those undertaken prior to the pandemic. However, we should continue to practice measures that ensure safety. We remain responsive to the best judgment of health professionals and consider the impacts of our decisions on the most vulnerable of our congregation.

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022

Prelude: Owen Polifka

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen. *(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. At times we have harmed your good creation. At times we have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" ELW # 556

**1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

2 Sweet the rain's new fall

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning**

**born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,**

**praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless us everywhere and fill homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of partners to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon

Hymn: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" ELW # 722

**1 O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ, combined in perfect rhyme,
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**2 As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord,
join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

**3 O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that joined by faith with your great heart become love's open doors.
We are your body risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

**4 O Love that made the distant stars, yet mark the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise**

Prayer for Elders

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth. You are God, our dwelling place in all generations. You are the source of holy wisdom, and the fountain of all truth. We give thanks to you for the elders among us. We are graced by their wisdom. We are touched by their knowledge and faith. Bless them, O God, as they are a blessing to us. Pour out your Spirit, that our elders may continue to dream dreams and testify to the Light of their salvation, Jesus Christ. May we find inspiration in their years of faithfulness. May we follow their example by serving you with steadfastness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Passing the Peace while sitting

Offering, for all online givers, please find a card at the usher's station that says "We give our offering electronically."

Offertory: Owen Polifka

Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW #692

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

Holy Communion (pre-packaged elements are available)

"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW #471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Blessing: May God bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always, **Amen.**

Announcements

Please join us downstairs in the carpeted area following worship for Dementia Friendly Training.

Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, weekly bible study at Memorial Park using *The Lutheran Handbook*, the companion for anyone trying to become a well-informed Jesus follower and have a good time learning at the same time. The September 27 topics are: The 5 Weirdest Laws in the Old Testament, Seven Important Things Luther Said (and One Funny One) and What They Meant. This book is intended for learning and enjoyment.

Quilting every Wednesday at 9:00 am in the church basement. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. They would love to have some new people join the group!

GIFT (Generation In Faith Together) meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (Oct. 5 and 19), starting with 5:30 supper.

Messiah Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the choir loft.

Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 pm at Messiah for *Bless This Mess, A Modern Guide to Faith and Parenting in a Chaotic World*, the new book for Messiah's women's group. The next meeting is September 27 at 5:30 pm. New people are wanted and welcome!

Sunday, October 2 immediately following the worship service there will be an outdoor Pet Blessing in front of the church at the corner of 5th Street and 3rd Avenue, all pets are welcome.

Lake Superior Tall Ships, Inc. is looking for volunteers for the Pirate's Ball FUNdraiser on October 15 in Bayfield. Proceeds from the ball support their program that provides positive, life-changing outdoor sailing adventures in the Apostle Island/Chequamegon Bay aboard the Schooner *Abbey Road*. Contact Messiah member Susan Nelson at marina19@charter.net if you are interested in helping out.

Volunteer to be a Zoom Usher! Duties include doing sound and camera checks before worship, monitoring the sound and cameras during worship and adjusting as needed, and co-hosting the Zoom session. We will train! Contact Pastor or Michelle if interested.

Ashland Community Shelter Needs Volunteers To complete an application visit 2300 Lakeshore Dr. in Ashland or call 715-292-6115.

Messiah Senior High School Students are looking for service learning hours. Things like dog walking, window washing, yard clean up, babysitting, reading to Northern Lights residents, and many other things can be used for service learning. You can get creative! Contact the church office at 715-383-5378 if you are interested in having a high school student do service learning work for you.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone Pastor: Nancy Hanson

Reader: Prescott Bell

Altar Guild: Kelly Beirl & Gloria Danula

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Pianist: Owen Polifka

Ushers: Sally Randell and Mary Westlund

Assistant: Michelle Lampson

New people always welcome!

***Ukulele practice** Saturday morning, October 1, 9:30 am

Thank you for your faithful attendance on September 18 we had 35 people in-house and 14 on Zoom.

Prayers for Healing

Terry Morris
Bev & Duane Dehn
Aunt Betsy
Carol Salminen
Joyce Hudson
Mike Garnich
Tammy Sjolander
Mary Cook (July 7 surgery)
Linda Butler
Ken Belanger
Dianne Heapy
Craig Vittone
Julie Vadnais
Terry Nichols
Neil Schnipke
Cynthia Warren
Eric Swansen

Requested by

Cindi Orley
Kelly Beirl
Kate, Emma and Jane
Pastor
Pastor
Sue Nelson
Melanie Sjolander
Pastor
Linda Schoch
Marne Belanger
Pastor
Kelly Beirl
Anna Mendolin
Carol Salminen
Cindi Orley
Gail Ballinger
Pastor Nancy

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Jim Skerik
Phil Tetzner
Barbie Nichols
Mary McGregor
Dick Steel
Landon Young
Robert Lampson
Ruth Koehn
Lou Kern
Alyssa and Khaleesi Ortman
Betty Larson
Raymond Guski
Vera Warmuth

Requested by

Pastor
Diane Tetzner
Carol Salminen
Linda Coleman
Pastor
Pastor
Michelle Lampson
Wilma Lamken
LeAnn House
Pastor Nancy
Pastor Nancy
Lorraine Young
Darlene Anderson

More Prayers -Angel K. and Dan Harvey– healing and housing

-Peaceful resolution regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine

-Verne Pratt is at Court Manor in Ashland

-Sue Grube and Eric Swansen are at Northern Lights.