

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 2018 - 10:45 AM

Men's Sunday & Blessing for E-Outreach Ministries



Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

G.I.F.T. Zone Worship-Learning Area For Parents

We offer the parent-friendly G.I.F.T. Zone (in the left-hand transept of the main sanctuary) so that parents may share the worship experience with their children in a meaningful, stress-free way. This parent-friendly worship experience is located in the left-hand side area of the sanctuary. **Every child in the G.I.F.T. Zone should be accompanied by a family adult**—as the purpose is to provide an area for parents to help teach their children the routines and meaning of worship (until they are old enough to worship in the pews for the entire service).

For families who wish to take advantage of the G.I.F.T. Zone, there is child-friendly worship furniture plus adult chairs for parents. Feel free to sit in the special area throughout the service with your child - or come to the area with your child following the Children's Message. Parents and children use guided activities to help our youngest worshippers follow the readings, sermon, hymn, creed, and prayers. This is an awesome way for parents to share the rhythm of worship and have children/ parents engaged together in worship with the whole congregation, while learning the liturgy. At the 10:45 service, our nursery is also available for ages 0 - 3 (for children who have not yet reached the point to focus and benefit from the G.I.F.T. Zone activities).



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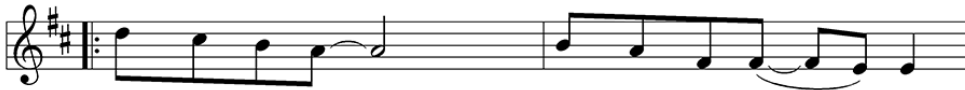
GATHERING SONG

"God Has Done Marvelous Things"

As we gather, we remain seated and join in singing to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Baptismal Anniversaries: Jerry Appleton (10/1), Ashley Ramsey (10/1)

(Individuals meet the Pastor at the font for a special blessing in recognition of their anniversary.)



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
3 Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
4 En - gines and steel!	Loud pound - ing ham - mers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!



Oh, vic - to - ry!	Loud shout - ing ar - my!
Flow - ers and trees!	Loud rust - ling dry leaves!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams!	Loud build - ing work - ers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



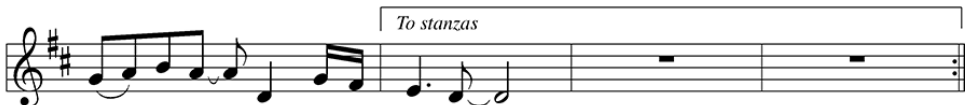
God has done mar - vel - ous things. I too, I



too sing prais - es with a new song!



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new song! I too sing prais - es with a new song!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)

Pastor: Source of all life,

People: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn ourselves inward, rather than moving outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be your people powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

Pastor: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

We face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. We turn to follow the cross as it enters.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

ELW #864

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: And also with you.

KYRIE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(We pause in prayer and then respond)



Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *(We pause in prayer and then respond)*



Pastor: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
(We pause in prayer and then respond)



Pastor: **People:**



Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 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.

We are seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lutheran Men

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited to gather on the steps for a special message. Toddlers may be accompanied by parents. All may bring forward coins or dollars for the bucket collection (currently Habitat for Humanity Build). Following the message, young children and parent(s) are invited to the G.I.F.T. Zone for special activities that help young ones participate in worship through the middle portion of the service. As the children gather, we sing:

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

So we gather in His name, offering our love and praise.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

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FIRST READING

Lector: A reading from Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the

cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" (*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

Lector: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**People: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Lector: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Lector: By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Lector: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**People: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

Lector: A reading from James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (*James 5:13-20*)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

We stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

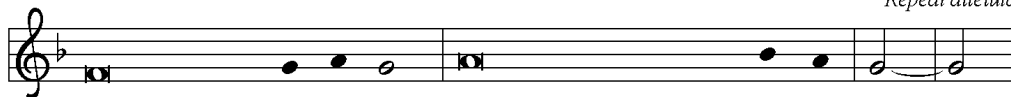


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to

speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (Mark 9:38-50)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are seated

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRIES IN THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Today it is our privilege to give thanks for Deacon Lexanne Graves, who is completing her 8 years of service in the ministry of faith formation within this congregation.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servant, Lexanne. We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend her work to you. Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Today it is also our privilege to seek God's blessing for our new Living Springs E-Outreach Ministries, and for Deacon Graves, as she begins her new service as coordinator for this ministry.

Representatives from the Worship Outreach Task Force and Good News Team come forward to stand with the coordinator.

Pastor: Deacon Graves, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you continue to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you work with us to coordinate the Ministries of E-Outreach from this congregation?

Deacon Graves: I will, and I ask God to help me.

We stand as able

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: Will you support your sister in her service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

People: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of grace, you gather us into one and we give you thanks in worship and with our lives. You sent your Son to gather the whole world into your embrace. Bless Lexanne and all who partner in these Ministries of E-Outreach, that your word may be proclaimed with clarity, that worship may be extended beyond these walls to sound forth the joy of your presence in the world, and that we may grow in our witness to Christ, proclaiming boldly the power of his forgiveness and the Good News of God's kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

We are seated

MESSAGE

Lutheran Men

We stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak"

ELW #676

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Written by Living Springs Lutheran Men)*

Assist: Created by God with love, to be loved and to love God and our fellow human beings, we pray for the church, those in need and all God's beloved creation.

+ A brief silence +

Assist: Gracious God, we pray for all those who show the world how much your love is powerful healing for mistrust, hate, abandonment, loneliness and evil in the world. Continue to show us that your never ending mercy is a gift meant to be freely shared. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Creator God, we pray for all you have created, the cosmos and all living things. Help us to understand that we are not owners of your creation, but instead stewards entrusted to love it and care for it. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: God, ruler of the universe, we pray for the nations of the world and all their citizens. Empower governments and leaders with loving hearts that guide their actions for the benefit of those they govern. Heal war torn regions and inspire us to help rebuild and heal. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Loving God, you call us to love others as you love us. Help us to see each other as your children, each deserving of our love regardless of their circumstances. Make our presence your presence for all who suffer illness or sorrow, especially for *Ellen/Christopher Girardeau & the Sharp family; Shirl Schiffman & the Breivik family; Wendy/Meredith McKenzie & the Bush family; Jonathon Grohman; Robert Mancuso; Carl Nandras; Neva Burley; JoAnn Pulse; Bunie Talbert; Jordan Tonkin; Walter Metze; Timothy Rogers; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud....* Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Welcoming God, your loving arms are always opened wide to embrace all. Embolden us to make friends with the stranger and to go out of our comfort zones to spread your love to the world outside. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: With thankful hearts we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service *including Jerome, translator and teacher*, whom we commemorate today. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Assist: Into your loving care, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,

People: Amen.

PEACE IS SHARED

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."

We are seated

OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"So Let this Song of Joy" Trad. Shaker Lullaby arr. Greg Gilpin
offered by Disciples of Harmony

We stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

"To God Our Thanks We Give"



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,



re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

Text: Botswana traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-Loh; Text © 1986 World Council of Churches and the Asian Institute for Liturgy and Music.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray.

People: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

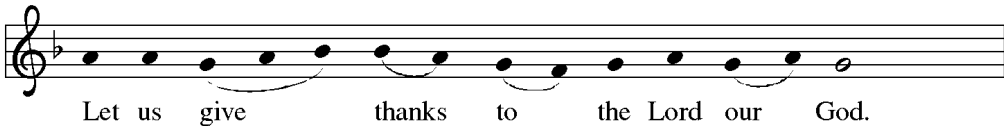
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

People: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

We are seated

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*This meal is the Lord's Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in **Christ's true presence** in, with, and under the elements. We invite you to have your name tag visible so that the ministers may include **your name** as they offer you the elements. Communion at Living Springs is by **intinction** (bread is dipped into the wine or grape juice). In response to the words, "Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you," each worshipper may respond with, "**Amen.**" If you require a **gluten free wafer**, please let your worship assistant know so they can accommodate you. Each chalice contains two compartments: wine is located in the larger compartment, while **alcohol-free grape juice** is located in the smaller compartment for those who require it. After receiving the elements, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the rail for meditation and prayer (others may simply fill in the open spaces). **Children** who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a special blessing. Simply fold your hands to indicate you would like to receive the blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Here is Bread"

*Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.*

*Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here.*

*In this bread there is healing, in this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

*Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim, 'til He comes, Jesus crucified.*

*In this bread there is healing, in this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

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DISTRIBUTION SONG

"O God, We Call"

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from

The first line of musical notation for the song "O God, We Call". It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics "O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from" are written below the treble staff.

deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you.

The second line of musical notation for the song "O God, We Call". It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics "deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." are written below the treble staff.

We stand after all have received communion

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING & PRAYER

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: **Amen**

Assist: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

People: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Go, Make Disciples"

ELW #540

(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)

DISMISSAL

Assist: Go in peace. Bear the Spirit's fruit. Sound the good news.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



✚ COMMEMORATIONS FOR TODAY ✚

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Pass the Salt

Flavored salt is a relatively new trend in the culinary world. Salt can be infused with many different flavors including saffron, chocolate, lemon, even bacon. Online recipes are widely available for do-it-yourselfers, or you can order flavored salt from many online retailers. The possibilities for flavoring salt seem endless. Salt is good, and apparently it can be seasoned.

Our bodies need salt to function properly. In the ancient world, salt was a big commodity because it was used as a preservative essential for storing food. Entire communities could suffer from starvation if they didn't have sufficient supplies of salt. Salt was so valuable that it was used as currency in some places. Roman soldiers were often given salt as part of their wages. The word salary comes from the Latin phrase *salarium argentum*, "salt money."

So salt isn't simply "good," as Jesus says in today's gospel reading (Mark 9:50). It is vital to life and health. We might interpret Jesus' teaching as saying that salt is more important than your hand or your foot, needed far more than either of your eyes, and worth more than your life. Salt isn't just salt here; it's belief in the power of the name of Jesus.

Jesus tells us that everyone will be "salted with fire" (Mark 9:49). This salty fire both burns and gives warmth. This salt, belief in the power of Jesus and his name, is a preservative—not for food, but for our salvation. We aren't meant to place stumbling blocks in front of others or prevent them from getting flavored with belief in Jesus, because that leaves all of us bland and tasteless. What God wants for us is a salty, flavorful life.



THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY!

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Lutheran Men

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Preston Ginn

CRUCIFER

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TORCHBEARERS

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Adele Lindberg

MUGGER

Vickie Crapps

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Marshall Hurlbert

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Pentecost Seasonal Emphasis

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23a

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS DAY!

We greet all who worship in the name of the Risen Savior!

May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.

We gather as a community of disciples. Our center is Jesus Christ, and we are here to know and share the blessing of his forgiving, healing hand.

If you have any questions about our congregation, please call 736-0661, drop by our office (M - F 8:30-4:30) or visit our website at www.livingspringscolumbia.org.

WELCOME GUESTS! – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to fill out the green slip in your bulletin and/or sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the office (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

BULLETIN GREEN SLIPS - may be completed and placed in the offering plate for prayer requests, God Stories, guest information, address/phone updates, and a record of communing. Please complete at least one slip during 2018 to ensure we have a record of communing.

SEASONAL NAME TAG – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the table under the portico and complete a name tag with our seasonal scripture verse. The tags allow everyone to use names as we share the Peace - and allow communion ministers to speak your name (*please make sure your name is visible when you come to the altar rail*).

RESTROOMS – are located in the Administration Building on both levels. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Main level restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations. For your child's safety, please accompany them when they leave the Sanctuary to use the restrooms.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS - are now available, please see an usher or greeter.

HEARING ASSISTANCE – The ushers have headsets which will amplify the sound for you. Please return to an usher or leave in the pew at the conclusion of the service.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS & ALCOHOL-FREE GRAPE JUICE– are available during communion, for those who desire either.

G.I.F.T. ZONE - is a special area in our worship space for parents and young children who wish to worship together with more child-friendly furniture and special resources to utilize during worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS – are distributed during the children's sermon.

NURSERY – is available for infants-3 years old during the 10:45 Worship Service; located downstairs in the preschool in the Education Building. Greeters/Ushers will be happy to assist you.

CHILD SAFETY – is very important to us, so we ask at least 1 adult to accompany your child if he/she leaves the Sanctuary during worship. Please do not allow children to play on the playground without parental supervision. During the week, church doors are kept locked to maintain security for our Preschool. Please ring the intercom by the office doors to check in.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME – is held each week following the 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service, inside the education building.

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the bulletin green slip and place in the offering plate (or call/email the office). Please indicate if your request is for public or private prayer.