

Teach me  
your *way*, O Lord,



and I will walk in your  
*truth.*

PSALM 86:11

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Plugged In: Life in Christ Is A Connected Life

*July 22, 2018*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device. *Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

This Sunday has been called "Orthodoxy Sunday." Today we give thanks to God for his pure Word. By his pure Word, he called us to be his own and strengthens us when we are worn out. And what is our response to Christ's faithfulness to us? We are joyfully faithful to Christ. We listen to his pure word. We cling to it. We share it.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord, keep me focused on you and your Word, and let nothing distract me. Amen.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Liturgist**

**Organist**

**Ushers**

Pastor Lynn Wiedmann

Janice Budach

Russ Wyman

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## **OPENING HYMN**

*Father, We Praise You* | **581**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Numbers 27:12–23

Life In Christ: When we are unfaithful,  
God stays faithful (connected) to us.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go up onto this mountain in the Abarim range and see the land which I have given to the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>After you have seen it, you yourself will also be gathered to your people just as Aaron your brother was gathered. <sup>14</sup>For when the community quarreled in the Wilderness of Zin, you both rebelled against my command to honor me as holy in their sight at the waters.” (This refers to the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

<sup>15</sup>Moses spoke to the LORD, <sup>16</sup>“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, <sup>17</sup>who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

<sup>18</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. <sup>19</sup>Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup>You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. <sup>21</sup>He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

<sup>22</sup>Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. <sup>23</sup>He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 67 | **CW p. 91**

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:13–22

Life In Christ: God gives us peace with him motivating us to live at peace with each other.

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 55:11b

Alleluia. “My Word will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.” Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30–34

Life in Christ: we cannot connect with others well until and unless we take time to connect to Christ in his Word and prayer.

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*In Christ There Is No East or West* | 539



**OFFERING**

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Find instructions for **mobile giving** in the card slot next to the hymnal rack.

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**KYRIE**

Lord, Have Mercy | pg. 50

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Modern Version

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRAYER FOR GRACE**

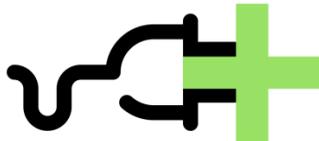
**CLOSING HYMN**

We All Are One in Mission | 566

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**

Never before has society been so connected and yet so confused. Because of personal electronic devices and social media we are becoming increasingly oblivious to reality and relationships. The problem is not that we are plugged in. The problem may be that we are plugging into the wrong source. In Ephesians, Paul shows us the many advantages of a life in Christ: out-of-this-world wealth, community, purpose, wisdom, love ... to name a few.

EPHESIANS  
**PLUGGED-IN**



LIFE IN CHRIST

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|  lavish life    |  woke life       |
|  connected life |  wise life       |
|  adulting life  |  submissive life |
|  unplugged life |  warrior life    |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU, PASTOR LYNN WIEDMANN,** for leading Bible study and worship this Sunday. Pastor Wiedmann has served God's people in North Hollywood, Michigan, Florida, as well as the Latin America and India mission fields. He currently lives in Shakopee.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** There will be a brief meeting after worship today. We thank God that Chris Schallert has agreed to serve as discipleship elder, but we need to make it official. If you are a voting member, please plan on staying for this meeting.

**PASTOR WESTPHAL IS VOLUNTEERING AT CAMP CROIX** from Saturday, July 21 – Saturday, July 28. If hospitalized, contact the WELS Twin Cities chaplain, Pastor Mark Com (651-451-3832). If you need other pastoral aid, please contact Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids (763.786.0637).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** *“Let the little children come to me, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* (Mark 10;14) You can serve a vital part of Christ's mission to children by serving in rotation as a Sunday School teacher. We already have three teachers but are looking for two more. Can you give one Sunday a month, with minimal preparation, to teaching our children?

**CONNECTION CARDS** We listened to your comments and will insert them in the bulletin for your convenience. The back side has additional information; including ways you can 'Serve the Lord' for National Night Out

**NNO WIN WIN** Want to help with a donation for National Night Out? Why not purchase a gift card from our Scrip program and donate it to NNO. A gift card is always a great prize!

## Calendar Week

### Today

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Bible Study         | 9:00 am  |
| Worship             | 10:00 am |
| Voter's Meeting     |          |
| Fellowship          |          |
| Wise Penny Work Day |          |

### Monday

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| Softball @ CN | 7:20 pm |
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### Tuesday

No Bible Class

### Wednesday

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| Lawn Mowing             | 6:00 pm |
| Isaac and Stefanie Hill |         |

### Saturday, July 21 – Saturday, July 28

Pastor is volunteering at Camp Croix for the week.

### Sunday

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| Family Bible Study | 8:45 am  |
| Worship            | 10:00 am |

## Serving in The Lord

### Ushers

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Today:       | Russ Wyman |
| Next Sunday: | Russ Wyman |

### Organist

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Today:       | Janice Budach   |
| Next Sunday: | Sasha Schallert |

## Blessings from The Lord

### Attendance

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| Bible Study – 14        |
| Sunday Service – 46     |
| Tuesday Bible Class – 0 |

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