

The Service for the Lord's Day



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Have Mercy on Me, O God” BWV 721

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

One: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise.

All: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

***HYMN #649**

“Gather Us In”

Text and Music: Marty Haugen ©1982 GIA Publications

(10:30)

MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Creator God, we confess that too often we trust in ourselves instead of in you. We put our faith in good planning, strong instincts, and our own privilege. Forgive us for thinking that these things make us good, right, or worthy. Remind us that you are the one who rescues us from evil, accompanies us in sorrow, and clothes us in love. Humbly, we thank you for your mercy given so freely to sinners like us.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ's name we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news:

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of peace and reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: As we open your good book, dearest God, remind us the power of the stories it contains. Let your Spirit leap forth from the page, that we might be drawn into your story of love and light once again. Help us to understand our story inside your story. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 25”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Anne*, #84 “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

***“To Thee, O Lord, I lift my soul, in Thee, O God, I trust;
Let vanity be put to shame, and languish in the dust.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 25 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible, NT pg. 83

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

~Chancel Choir

“O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.”

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SERMON

“A Sneaky Parable”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Live a-Humble”

Spiritual arr. Roland Hayes

~Audrey Frieberg

“A live a humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell’s a done rung. Glory and honor; praise the lamb. Oh. My Lord’s done just what he said, my Lord, he healed the sick and he raised the dead. A live a humble, humble yourself, the bell’s a done rung. Did you ever see such a man as Gog, who gave up his son for to come and die! He gave up his Son for to come and die, just to save my soul from a burning fire. A live a humble, humble yourself, the bell’s a done rung.”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Apostles’ Creed**

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #372**

“I Then Shall Live”

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Music: Jean Sibelius arr. 1933, Ren. 1961 Presbyterian Board of Education (Admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G Major” BWV 541

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Liturgist at 10:30: Don Johnson

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SOLOISTS

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The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Joan and Lloyd Geering in memory of their dear mother.

Common Ground Household Items Collection

Starting October 23 through November 20, we will be continuing to support Common Ground by holding a church-wide collection of household items to help young people to get started living in their first apartment. There will be opportunities to sign up to donate new items from toiletries to baking sheets to cleaning supplies etc., so that a young person's new apartment is well-stocked and offers a welcoming space to call home. You may take a tag for the items you'd like to donate starting on October 23, 2022 and there will be an opportunity to sign up online for any remaining items after that.

Show and Tell — a fun way to share our joys and hobbies!

Next **Sunday, October 30 in Kirkman Fellowship Hall**, immediately following our 10:30 am service, the Stewardship Committee will host "Show and Tell." This event will provide time for our church family to share their skills, hobbies, talents, and passions—no public speaking required! **Sign-up for a space to share what you do (see reverse side of bulletin for form)**, find others in the church who do it also, and learn about members' hobbies and skills: <https://tinyurl.com/2fs47p7t>. You don't have to be an expert at anything. You don't need any elaborate set-up or display, but you're invited to bring photos, examples or equipment, memorabilia, or a demonstration of your activity. Just sign up and share what makes you happy. Questions? See Karen Kline.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

The House and Grounds Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, November 5, from 9am to 12 noon** for the annual Fall Grounds Clean-Up. Bring your work gloves and your gardening gear as we rake leaves and prepare the grounds for the coming Michigan winter.

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

As the holiday season approaches, many find it to be a time of sadness and/or struggle. On **Wednesday, November 16 at 7 pm**, our FPCRO Stephen Ministers and Staff will lead a service of Healing and Wholeness. We invite you to come as we seek God's comfort and healing during this time of difficulty. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, are in physical pain, or have had an emotional upset, please consider joining us for a time of comfort and renewal. The brief 30-40 minute worship service will be in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Flower Dedications

Make a flower dedication to celebrate, honor or remember friends and family. There are several slots still available. Sign up on the Flower Dedication chart in the hallway, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you!

October Schedule for S.T.A.G.E.
(Somewhere To Ask God Everything)
Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

- **October 30–No meeting:** Happy Halloween!
- **November 6–Regular Meeting** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church
Middle School - 4:30-5:45 pm, Dinner for Middle and High School - 5:45-6:15 pm
High School - 6:15-7:30 pm
- **November 13–Regular Meeting** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church
Middle School - 4:30-5:45 pm, Dinner for Middle and High School - 5:45-6:15 pm
High School - 6:15-7:30 pm
- **November 20–Rise Against Hunger** food packing event at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church from 3-5 pm.** *More details and registration coming soon.*
- **Saturday, December 3–Berkley Christmas Parade** in partnership with Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Meet at Greenfield at 4-4:30 pm.
- **December 11–Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday** at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church. **All grades will meet together from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.**
- **December 18–White Elephant** gift exchange and prepare luminaria for Christmas at Cana Lutheran/Drayton Church. **All grades meet together from 4:30 pm-7 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm.** Luminaria are an annual fundraiser to support the STAGE program throughout the year.

Provide Dinner and/or Volunteer at a S.T.A.G.E. Meeting

Can you **provide dinner** for the youth (about 12 students) on a Sunday evening?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage> and sign up!

Can you **serve as an adult volunteer** during a Sunday meeting?
Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4fafad2ca7fd0-stage1> and sign up!



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.



Show and Tell Sign-Up Form

October 30, 11:30am • Kirkman Fellowship Hall

- I would like to share my hobby, talent, special interest (ex: baking, fiber arts, photography, genealogy, sports, music, gardening, travel, etc.)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I will share: _____

Complete this form and leave in offering plate or at the reception desk.

Or, sign-up on-line: <https://tinyurl.com/2fs47p7t>

Any age may participate. You do not need to be an expert or proficient at your hobby or interest. Make connections and learn more about our church family!

Table space and a chair will be provided. You do not need a complicated set up or large display. Please be set up prior to the 10:30 worship service.

Questions? Contact Karen Kline (kkline3628@gmail.com) 248-709-0714.

