

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: Our call to worship is from Micah 6:8.

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P: Let all of us say:

P: On our church lawn, parked in the street, in our homes

P: We're together listening for your voice

P: United by your spirit

P: Walking with you in Justice and Mercy

C: It is good to be together!

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Opening Hymn

"All are Welcome"

ELW #641 vs 1,2&4

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

Forgiveness

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Open our eyes Lord; We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him; And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord; And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord; We want to see Jesus

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Community: A Place of Welcome and Forgiveness"

Pastor Kathy

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW #656 vs 1,2&4

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

If you will be taking Holy Communion today, please place your bread/crackers and juice in front of you. They will be blessed during the Words of Institution.

P: When we worship in our sanctuary, we gather around the altar/table to receive Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine. In this meal our faith is nourished, our sins are forgiven, and we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. Today we gather in Jesus' name on the lawn, in our cars, and in our homes knowing that the church is anywhere people gather in the name of Jesus. Today we receive the Lord's Supper, united with one another and those who believe in every time and place.

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread;
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

Refrain:

"This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me;
This is My body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember Me."

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup;
After giving thanks, You lifted it up.

Refrain:

"This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me;
This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember Me."

So, we thank You for the wine and for bread;
For we see the life You gave the blood You shed.

Refrain:

"And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood;
And we remember Your wondrous love,
You gave Your body, You shed Your blood."

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Go In Peace And Serve The Lord"

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day. Go and
tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where. _____ Go in peace and serve the
Lord. God is call - ing you to - day to
bring _____ truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Join us on Sunday, September 13th for Rally Sunday!

"In the beginning," we will learn about God's amazing creation, as well celebrating our youth with Bible Milestones for our Three Year Olds at 9:00 a.m., and our 7th Graders at 10:30 a.m.! Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and your own elements of communion (crackers or bread, and juice).



Senior Pastor: Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner
Associate Pastor: Dave Nissen
Director of Music Ministry: Shannon Stuckey
Education Ministries Coordinator: Lindsay Medina
Business Administrator: MaryLu Anderson

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
8/30 General Offering	\$ 6,757.95	\$ 307,647.38	\$ 303,213.08
8/30 Building Fund	\$ 485.00	\$ 39,206.00	\$ 50,985.55
8/30 World Hunger	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,491.00	
TOTALS:	\$ 7,242.95	\$ 353,344.38	\$ 354,198.63

ATTENDANCE	9:00AM Sun.	FB Live Views	FB Total Views	10:30AM Sun.	6:30PM Wed.
8/30/20	42	63	275	26	9

Facebook Online Service:	Outdoor Worship Services:	New Ulm Community Access TV
Sunday Worship at 9:00AM	Sunday at 9:00AM and 10:30AM Wednesday at 6:30PM	Comcast Ch. 14 & Nuvera Ch. 3: Monday at 7:00PM & Thursday at 5:00PM

In Our Prayers This Week:

Russ Brown, Carl Enck, Dixie Flitter, Velma Hale, Sharon Hulke, Joyce Jobe, Roger Julien, Dave Marsh, Brad Nicklay, Tom Postel, Bill Pruitt, Wally Sagmoen, Darla Swanson, Glenn Swanson, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Paul Wilker, and the Family of LaVonne Boyum

To make a change to the prayer list, please contact [Pastor Kathy](#), [Pastor Dave](#), or [Jen](#).



Treehouse Preschool will be in session beginning the second week of September. In order to prevent groups gathering/meeting at the entrance they use, we will have the front doors (State Street) doors open for our members to use. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00 AM - 3:00, unless there are church activities. If there are church events in the lower level during the day, we will work with Treehouse Preschool on alternatives.

NOTE: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.