

September 19-20

Beyond Temple Walls—Week 2

BEYOND TEMPLE WALLS



TO A GREATER COMMUNITY



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus Christ, through your sacrifice you have brought us into a new covenant where we are brought into your fold to declare your praise and glory. Unite our hearts and minds today to find rest on your grace, and stir our hearts that we witness our faith to the community surrounding us. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: In a digital world, the concept of community is rapidly changing. Today, community is often found more online than in person. Many no longer feel the need to invest in traditional, in person communities like family, church, or school—because they can connect with others who share their interests online. Yet ironically, even as online relationships increase, loneliness is on the rise.

This week, we see how Christianity offers a greater kind of community. Christian fellowship isn't just about attending church events—it's about building authentic, face-to-face relationships in everyday life. It may require more time and effort, but these Christ-centered connections are worth it.

SUNDAY JAM THIS WEEK: The lesson this week is "A Mighty Wonder." In six days, through HIS spoken words alone, the heavenly Father creates a universe so vast and complex, it defies our limited human understanding. Humans, the crown of his creation, made in His own image, come into being through the intimate work of His hands and with His own breath. Discuss the wonders of creation with your family!

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor JonAlden Pedersen

Piano: Abigail Ibisch

Little Lights Director: Jessie Wolfe

Cantor: Joy Ibisch, James Ibisch

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Order of Worship

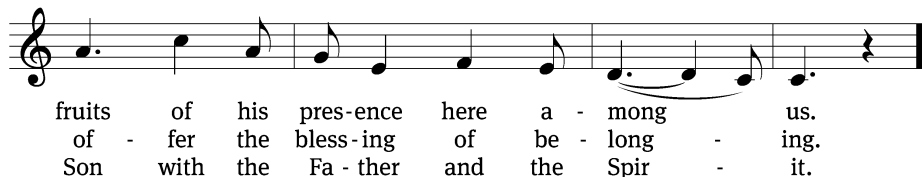
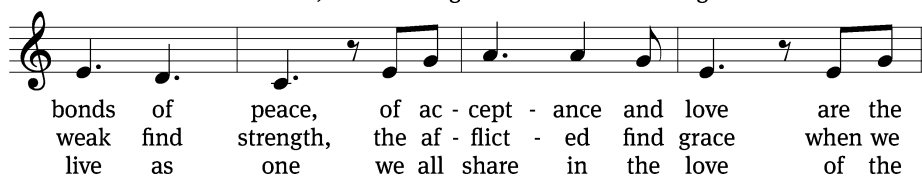
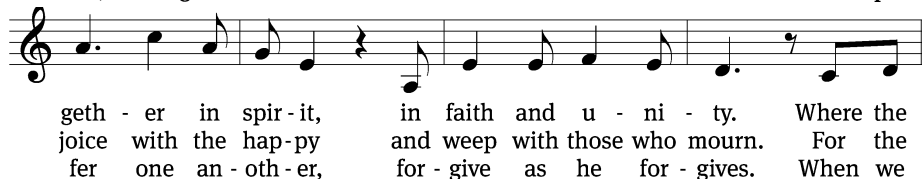
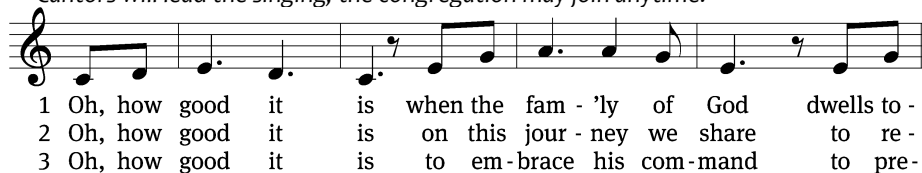
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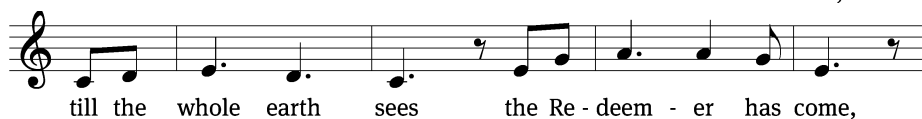
Hymn: Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731

Cantors will lead the singing, the congregation may join anytime.



Refrain



Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

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M: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

C: His voice goes out into all the earth, His Word to the ends of the world.

M: Darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people, for every inclination of the thoughts of our hearts is only evil all the time.

C: And the wages of sin is death.

M: But the people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: To those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

M: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

C: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

M: Now in Christ Jesus we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. He came and preached peace to us who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we each have access to the Father by one Spirit.

C: For we are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

M: He was slain, and with his blood he purchased a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

C: He made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, that we may praise his glory forever.

M: I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

C: In Christ we are built together to become a temple in which God lives by his Spirit.

M: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. He rules from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. All kings will bow down to him and all nations serve him.

C: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

5:00/8:00 This is My Will

CW 728



1 This is my will, my one com - mand, that love should
 2 No great - er love can be than this: to choose to
 4 You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should
 5 All that you ask my Fa - ther dear for my name's



dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that you should
 die to save one's friends. You are my friends if you o -
 go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you in
 sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one com -



love as I have shown that I love you.
 bey what I com - mand that you should do.
 me should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 mand, that love should dwell in each, in all.

10:30 Little Lights Choir

Lord, I Love Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I love to sing Your praises!
 I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
 Lord, I lift Your name on high!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, with the power of the eternal gospel you have gathered into the family of believers people from every nation, tribe, language, and people. Enrich us with the gifts of your grace that we may grow in love for all your children, stand with them in the ministry of reconciliation, and rejoice with them in the fellowship we share as members of your holy church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 20:35-42

Jonathan protects and builds up his friend David at great cost to himself.

³⁵In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a small boy with him, ³⁶and he said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ³⁷When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called out after him, "Isn't the arrow beyond you?" ³⁸Then he shouted, "Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!" The boy picked up the arrow and returned to his master. ³⁹(The boy knew nothing about all this; only Jonathan and David knew.) ⁴⁰Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, "Go, carry them back to town."

⁴¹After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.

⁴²Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.' " Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(5:00/8:00) Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133

Read responsively with the Pastor

¹How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

²**It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.**

³It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

10:30 Little Lights Choir

Unity, Psalm 133

Glorraine Moone

Refrain: Behold how good and how pleasant it is
for brothers to dwell together in unity.

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. Refrain

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:7-11

The apostle Paul encourages us to show love and hospitality to others in faithful service to them.

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:8



Refrain



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. **Refrain**

Gospel

Luke 5:27-32

Jesus spends time and eats with Levi and other outcasts of society.

²⁷After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

²⁹Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and
2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's
3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,
sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,
oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in
sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or
free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the
hal - lows all our hu - man race, by your pray - ing, by your



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your
sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards
will - ing that your peo - ple should be one, grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.
crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: May the Peace of God

CW 929

Cantors will lead the singing, the congregation may join anytime.



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,



and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,



and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion



keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

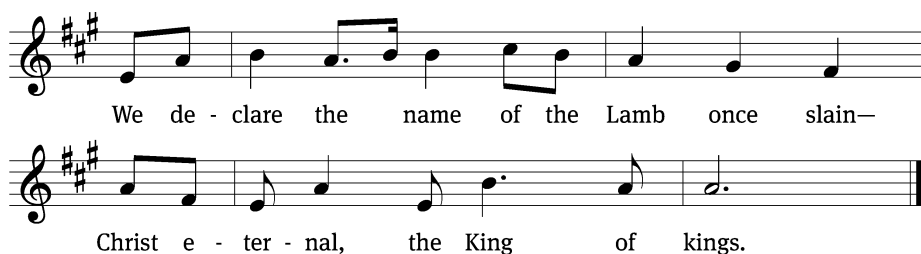
Refrain



And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign



from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.



Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELS Connection

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the 1st grade classroom upstairs. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Beyond Temple Walls to a Greater Well Being

Bible Readings: Proverbs 23:1-9, 19-25; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 14:15-24

Hymns: 590, 856, 678, 769, 593

Join us as we celebrate God's work beyond Stillwater! We're excited to host Pastor Pheng Moua of Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights.

Pastor Moua's story is one of unlikely faith. His own father once warned him, "Do not believe in that man they call Jesus Christ." But God had other plans, bringing Pastor Moua from a refugee camp to the pulpit, where he helped carry a small, grieving congregation through tragedy after the sudden loss of their founding pastor. Today, that church has grown to over 220 members.

GUEST PREACHER PHENG MOUA
IMMANUEL HMONG - INVER GROVE HEIGHTS



MISSION FEST

OCTOBER 10-11

Stay after the service for a lunch featuring Immanuel Hmong's famous egg rolls and celebrate the mission of the Church together. Everyone is welcome!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

