



West Middleton Lutheran Church

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Join WMLC! If you have been worshipping with us and are interested in formally becoming an active member here at WMLC, please see Pastor Ted following one of our worship services or indicate your intention on our Welcome cards.

Hearing Devices & Large Print Bulletins Available: If you would like to use either of these aids, please speak with an usher.

Restrooms are located beyond the Sanctuary doors and across from the coat racks.

The Nursery is located next to the restrooms. It is staffed by Red Cross certified babysitters for your use on Sundays during the service.



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Prelude

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Video

Please stand, as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the † Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, and the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C **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 the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P 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.

C Amen.

All Are Welcome

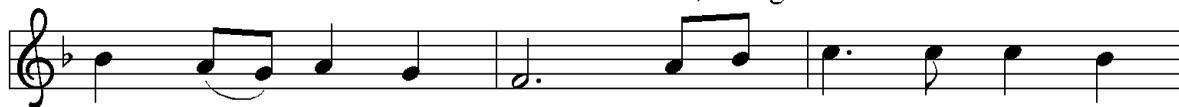
ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Greeting

- Ⓟ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- Ⓞ **And also with you.**

Kyrie

LBW p. 57

- Ⓟ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Lord, have mercy.**

- Ⓟ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Lord, have mercy.**

- Ⓟ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Lord, have mercy.**

- Ⓟ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Lord, have mercy.**

- Ⓟ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

You Are Holy

ELW 525

1

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

Blessing of the Lector

Please stand, as you are able.

Acclamation

ELW Setting 8

Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of ev - er - last - ing

life! Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Samuel 16:1-13

L A reading from 1 Samuel.

The reading concludes:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Sermon

God Calls David

Rev. Ted Lindquist

Please stand, as you are able.

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Apostles' Creed

☩ 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 into hell.
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 again 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The petitions conclude:

A ...Lord in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

Offering

Every Day Is a Gift from the Lord

WMLC Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW Setting Six

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

See screens

Please be seated.

Distribution

As a community that believes in the real presence of Christ, all are welcome and invited to receive communion.

Today we commune by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Please hold the host, then dip it into the chalice to commune yourself. The second chalice contains grape juice. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please indicate to Pastor that you need one and help yourself.

Lamb of God

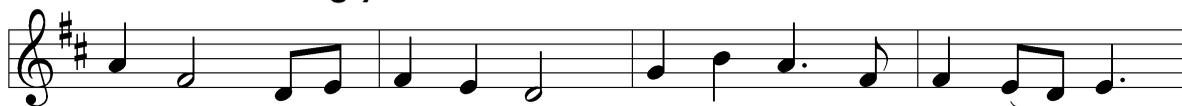
Do This, p. 15

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 your peace, grant us your peace.

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Thanksgiving and Sending for Pastor Ted Lindquist

☞ Pastor Lindquist, on June 9 of 2013 we of West Middleton Lutheran Church called you to be our pastor: to proclaim God's Word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebration of the Lord's supper. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness, trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ and in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

You have served our congregation faithfully in our time together. You are now leaving our midst to serve as chaplain at the ThedaCare Regional Medical Centers in Appleton and Neenah. As your fellow members of this congregation, we wish to honor your ministry among us.

☞ I give thanks for the life we have shared in Christ. I now return to you symbols that represent my role and responsibilities as an ordained minister in your midst.

I have celebrated Holy Communion with you. Here is the bread and wine, a means by which we are strengthened in our faith and transformed into the body of Christ.

I have baptized people in the name of the God we have come to know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, using water as a symbol of cleansing and rebirth.

I have tried to proclaim the Word of God faithfully among you and to teach according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is the Bible which expresses this.

Here are the keys to my office, the place where I have challenged, counseled and comforted people.

I thank you, members of West Middleton Lutheran Church, for the love, kindness and support shown Sonya and me during my ministry among you. I thank for the blessings I have received as your pastor and ask forgiveness for the ways I have sinned against you. I am grateful for the ways my ministry has been received. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

☐ We receive your thankfulness. We offer you forgiveness and accept that you now leave to resume your call to ministry as chaplain of the ThedaCare hospitals. We are grateful for your time among us. We give you thanks for the blessings we have received in our time together and ask forgiveness for the ways we have sinned against you. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

- ☐** I thank you, forgive you, and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together, and our parting, are pleasing to God.
- ☐** Do you, members of West Middleton Lutheran Church, release him from the duties as pastor?

☐ We do, with God's help.

- ☐** Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as chaplain of the ThedaCare hospitals?

☐ We do, with God's help.

- ☐** Do you, Pastor Lindquist, release these people from turning to you and depending on you?
- ☐** I do, with God's help.
- ☐** Do you offer encouragement for their continued ministry here?
- ☐** I do, with God's help.

ⓑ On behalf of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, I witness to the words spoken here: words of thankfulness, forgiveness and release. We will hold you in prayer as you begin your ministry at the ThedaCare hospitals.

ⓓ Pastor Lindquist, you have been called to serve as chaplain and you have said yes to that call. We acknowledge that it is not only the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin issuing this call to you and you saying yes. We are sending you. You have been in our midst for 4 years. You have been part of this church family, sharing your gifts for the sake of God's mission in our community. We are proud to send you with our blessing.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have called us in our baptism to be your servants. You have enabled us to respond to your call as a community of believers. Thank you for the partnership in the gospel we have enjoyed with Pastor Lindquist. Now, send him forth to his work with ThedaCare. Strengthen him for the mission you have placed before him, and may he go from here knowing our love and support. In Jesus name, Amen.

You regularly sent us with a blessing. Today, we send you forth with a blessing.

ⓓ **The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.**

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, and our de -
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life, as liv - ing
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Hal - le - lu - jah!
mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah!
live with God the Three in One. Hal - le - lu - jah!
verse re - stored and whole will sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Peace

- A** Direct us, Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen. It's God's work. Our hands.**
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us greet each other as a sign of that peace.

Postlude