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19th Sunday after Pentecost, September 29th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Variations of LOBE DEN HERREN*

Deborah Mayhew Zufall

\*Call to Worship

One: We walk together in the name of Christ,

All: learning to welcome all God’s children.

One: We gather in worship knowing that God is with us.

All: So that we might go through all the world sharing God’s love.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

the King of Creation!

O my soul, praise him,

for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,

who o'er all things

so wondrously reigning

bears thee on eagle wings,

e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds

all, whose true good he upholds.

Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord,

who doth prosper thy work

and defend thee;

surely his goodness

and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what

the Almighty can do,

who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord,

who doth nourish thy life

and restore thee;

fitting thee well for the tasks

that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God

as a mother doth speed,

spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him.

All that hath life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

Opening Prayer

God who journeys with us, you have called us to walk together in faith, as one body united in Christ. We gather opening our hearts to your teaching, our lives to your grace. Guide and strengthen us for the work of this journey together. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 124 UMH 846

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side let Israel now say

if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes rose up against us,

then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;

then the flood would have swept us away,

the torrent would have gone over us;

then raging waters

would have gone over us.

Blessed be the Lord,

Who has not given us

As prey to their teeth!

We have escaped as a bird

From the snare of the fowlers;

The snare is broken,

And we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

**Music of Preparation** *Peace*

Patricia Mock and Richard A. Nichols

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:38-50

Sermon Walking together

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, in the chaos of life, the hard times, in the press of urgent and important things, we forget that you call us to journey together. We divide ourselves, drawing lines between “us” and “them”, we focus on our own paths, we fail to offer the cup of water, the kind word, the helping hand. Remind us that we go together, teach us to reach past boundaries and welcome all in your loving name, for we are one in community with Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Sing Ye a Joyful Song*

Antonin Dvorak

John Neve, solo

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

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.

\*Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn**   *Whatever You Do*

CRADLE SONG

1. "Whatever you do to the least ones of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me!" Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew

that when we serve others, we also serve you.

2. When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end, when those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,

when thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" we hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

3. In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise: we see you in people whom others despise. At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer and find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

4. When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands and offer our hearts there, and offer our hands,

we notice, Lord, Jesus, the gift of your grace; we see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

5. "Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear that when we serve others, we're serving you here.

And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,

then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

**\*Benediction** 2186 *Song of Hope*

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude *Toccata* Theodore Dubois

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Golf Cart Driver: Tom Haslag

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