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GOD
REAL

September 16, 2018

PRELUDE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. Don Wyrzten

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Come Christians Join to Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

ANTHEM

(8:30) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

(11:00) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Stephen Strite

Voices of Peace

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 4:7-12 [NIV]

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Thy Strong Word” [LW 328, v. 1]

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8 [NIV]

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” [LW 168]

SERMON “EVIL”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort and Healing:** **Guy Seter** (son of Glenna)-recovering in hospital from surgery; **Janet** (sister-in-law of Bev Smedley)-worsened neuromuscular condition and other complications from Guillain-Barré; **John** (son (59) of Joyce and Nick Kostelnick)-diagnosed with cancer; the **Duran family** asks for God’s presence in their life.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving:** **Horace Phillips**-thankful for the men’s group he has met with for 20 years.

•**Wisdom and Courage:** **Elected Officials and Military.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” [LSB 702, v. 1]

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

arr. Todd Marchand

Brass Quintet

“Abide With Me” [LW 490]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE “Lift High the Cross” [LW 311]

POSTLUDE “Lift High the Cross”

arr. Charles Ore

SERMON: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Wichiang Wetnyangran*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

YOUTH

- **High School Youth Group | Beginning Sunday, September 16**
 - 1st & 3rd Sunday | 7-8pm | Youth Rec
 - 2nd & 4th Sunday | 6:30-8pm | Kindred Coffee
- **NYG Garage Sale | Saturday, September 22 | 8am-Noon | Help raise \$\$\$ for NYG |**
 - **Register to Volunteer Online!**
 - Donated items can be dropped off at the following times:
 - Sunday, September 16 | 7am-1pm | Fellowship Hall
 - Monday & Tuesday, September 17 & 18 | 10a-2p | Sanctuary Foyer
 - Wednesday, September 19 | 10am-2pm & 5p-8p | Sanctuary Foyer
 - Thursday, September 20 | 10a-2p | Sanctuary Foyer

MEN

- **Men’s Night | Tuesday, September 18 | 6-7:30pm | with Chef Curtis James | \$10**

WOMEN

- **Ladies’ Game Night | Friday, September 28 | 6pm | Register Online**
 - Bring an appetizer to share.

ADULT

- **Adult Faith Series | Beginning Sunday, September 23 | 9:45-10:45am**
 - “Everybody Always” by Bob Goff

CHILDREN

- **2nd Grade Bible Presentations | Sunday, September 23 | 8:30 & 11:00am**