



*So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.
Luke 11:9*

July 25, 2010

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!

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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to
all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

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*Welcome, visitors! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will
come back soon. Please ask ushers for directions or any needed information.*

PLEASE USE THE PEW CARDS TODAY. Please fill them out whenever you
receive Holy Communion. In addition, use them for prayer requests, hymn
requests, to get the newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any com-
munication with the office or pastor. Put them in the offering plate, hand
them to an usher, leave them on the office desk, or give them to the pastor
as you leave any worship. Feel free to list more than one name per card.

**If you need hearing assistance,
ask the Ushers for our special devices.**

FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Altar Flowers

In memory of Greg Lange by his family.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS! The following individuals come
into our fellowship and common mission today: Jean Marck, transfer
from Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse; Melanie Dodge, Affirmation
of Faith; Jennifer Schmitz and Sophie Dodge, Sacrament of Baptism;
Bruce and Lois Losby, from First Congregational, La Crosse; Courtney
Laffey and Avery, transfer from English Lutheran, La Crosse.

We ask each member to introduce yourselves to our new mem-
bers, invite them to all our congregational activities, and help them
get involved in all our ministry together.

We ask that every member be a greeter to all at each worship service, and be quick to invite others to be with us as we worship, serve and grow together.

Order of Worship-Service of the Word p. 210

PRELUDE & PERSONAL PRAYER "Two Voluntaries" Edward Elgar

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG: #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

KYRIE (Sung) p. 213

P *Kyrie eleison:* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Christe eleison:* **C** **Christ, have mercy.**

P *Kyrie eleison:* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung) p. 213

Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.*

Verse 1: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

Refrain

Verse 2: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

Refrain

Verse 3: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Final Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scripture.

C ***Our hearts and minds are open.***

FIRST READING *Genesis 18:20–32*

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do

what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 138*

Refrain: *Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)*

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove
all things. R**

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar. R**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

**⁸You will make good your pur-¹ pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works¹ of your hands. R**

SECOND READING *Colossians 2:6–19*

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung) p. 216

C Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a

fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P *The gospel of the Lord.*

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

PULPIT HYMN **#743** *"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"*

SERMON Pastor Mark Jolivette

HYMN OF THE DAY **#742** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After Each Petition, Sing ELW #752 as Response

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS **ELW p. 227**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C *And also with you.*

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

HYMN SUNG DURING OFFERING **#688** *"Lord of Light"*

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING *(Sung)* p. 219

Refrain: *Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.*

Verse 1: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the*

nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain

Verse 2: *For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God!*

Refrain

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD p. 220

P Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

#790

"Day by Day"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Recessional in D Major"

Edward Elgar

QUILTERS are in need of fabric or bed sheets for liners in the quilts they put together. The sheets need to be at least 60" x 80". Please give the items to Doris Modahl.

THE SUGAR CREEK STEER POSTER IS UP. Please sign as many squares as you wish to donate. Although we will gladly take any funds to support our Bible Camp, the suggested price per square has been \$15 for almost 20 years. We are raising the suggestion this year to \$25 per square. You can make a check out to Our Savior's with Sugar Creek Steer on the memo line, or you can use the "other" line on your envelope to designate your gifts to this and other projects.

The "**Share the Bounty**" Program is recruiting volunteers to collect fresh produce at the local farmers markets this summer. If you would like to help your local neighbors and participate in this program, please **contact Sonja Simonson Schrag or Rod Tisthammer.**

PLEASE help support the local area farmers and help your neighbor at the same time by buying fresh produce at the farmers market and donating it to the Share the Bounty Program. The Share the Bounty tent will be at the **Saturday** morning farmers market at the county parking lot (downtown) and at the Festival Foods market on **Sundays.** You may also donate your own grown produce anytime to the Share the Bounty program. The appreciation will far exceed your expectation!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO MOW? The green sign-up sheet is by the pastor's office. Sign up for a week. Mowing includes the front church lawn, boulevards, and around the Red House. Check with the office for access to the church mower if you do not want to use your own.

PLAN NOW on attending the fabulous Women's Clothes Closet fashion show fundraiser "Fashion Cornucopia" taking place on **Saturday October 30th.** There will be two shows with the doors opening at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm for the luncheon and dinner shows respectively. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the church office or any committee member.

THE LAZARUS EFFECT. Have you seen "The Lazarus Effect?" Find out how 40 cents a day can save someone's life. Watch it on [YouTube](#) (30 min long, but very informational) - then you may make a donation online at www.elca.org/aids to support life-saving HIV and AIDS ministry around the world.

PROFESSORS SOUGHT FOR MANY COUNTRIES. Professors are re-

requested to teach a variety of academic subjects at seminaries in Egypt, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Singapore, and Taiwan. Short-term (3 to 9 months) volunteer opportunities. See www.elca.org/globalserve and click Global Service Opportunities to search the database at the bottom.

LSS SEEKING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES. Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. (LSS) is actively seeking Adoptive Families for Children. To learn more about the full range of adoption services and programs offered by LSS, you are invited to attend an adoption orientation meeting. Adoption social workers will describe each of the programs including eligibility requirements and fees, and will be available to answer your questions. There is no charge for attending this meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting please call our office for an individual appointment. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, Time: 12 pm, Place: 2307 South Ave, La Crosse You may also call 608-788-5090, 866-787-1899 or e-mail michelle.russell@lsswis.org.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The **Lutheran World Relief Layette Kits** are currently available in the Narthex in the black cart. Each kit contains a sweater along with a list of items that are needed to complete the kit. Please remember, items can be used as long as they are clean and in good repair. All kits are due back on **Rally Sunday September 12th**.

HALO'S is in need of some items, new or used. The items needed are any age toys and outdoor play toys. Also we need 3 baby gates. Let Debbie Dukatz (788-7706) or DebbieHM@aol.com know if you have any of these items and would be willing to donate. Thanks!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS YOUR HELP. Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help "clerk the store". Currently we do not have regular hours but are hoping to set a schedule so that we can advertise this wonderful facility to those who need this assistance. Great time to get in on the bottom floor! Please call 782-0710 x202 or e-mail kbecker@cclse.org if you are interested in finding out more or if you want to become involved!

COME FOR SUPPER! Last week we served 251 meals! OSLC & our guests, Good Shepherd (La Crosse) will be assisting with the meal this

week. The main entrée will be baked beef and gravy with mashed potatoes. As always, anyone can be a part of this out-reach program on any given Tuesday. Prep work starts at 1:00 pm and lasts about two hours. Serving begins at 5:00, so we ask volunteers to come at 4:30 and we are usually done by 6:30. You will bless others, and they will bless you right back!

There are still a few **Lutheran World Relief Layette Kits** available in the Narthex in the black cart. This is a great summer project that could include your kids and/or grandkids. Each kit contains a sweater along with a list of items that are needed to complete the kit. Please remember, items can be used as long as they are clean and in good repair. All kits are due back on **Rally Sunday September 12th**.

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH, Our Savior's will be one of the exhibitors at the 9th Annual La Crosse Pride Festival held at the Southside Oktoberfest Grounds. If you would like to volunteer at the OSLC table and share the pride of being an RIC congregation, please contact Rod Tisthammer.

SUGAR CREEK FAMILY EVENTS

Summer's End Event with Peder Eide... August 8th. Join us as we celebrate another wonderful summer at Sugar Creek. Peder Eide offers family friendly music—he has a passion for ministry with young people. 1 to 3 pm: Sugar Creek fun! Swimming pool, pony rides, canoeing, hiking, games, more! 3 pm Peder Eide Concert. **Cost \$10 adults, \$5 ages 12-17, age 11 and under Free for entire event. Youth Groups—\$100 is you register and pay by August 1st. Bring an many youth from your church as you want 1 adult free with every 10 youth.**

Family Camp—August 8-11 and August 12-15; **Grandparent/Grandchild**—August 15-18; **Mother/Daughter Weekend**—August 20-22; **Father/Son Weekend**—August 20-22; **Parent/Child Horse Ranch**—August 27-29, for more details contact Sugar Creek at 608-734-3113 or go to website at sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Sugar Creek has 20 horses to 'farm' out. Can you house one or two horses for the winter (we give you horses and tack)? Pickup first week of September and have back by May 15th. Call Sheila at 734-3113 Sugar Creek Bible Camp.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

July 25th through Aug. 1st

Today

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship

Monday

1:00 pm Messenger Assembly

Tuesday

7 am—Noon Blood Drive

5:00 pm Come For Supper/OSLC,
Good Shepherd

Wednesday

10:30 am—5:30 pm Blood Drive

Noon Worship

Thursday

9:30 am—3:30 pm Blood Drive

6:30 pm Book Club

Friday

Saturday

Sunday August 1st

9:00 am Worship/HC

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship

HC= Holy Communion
CF= Coffee Fellowship
SS= Sunday School

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE:

Mike Cravens (son of Marvin & Theresa), **Pamela Petty** (daughter of Brian & Ruth West), **Therese Freit** (niece of Bev Sanborn), **Judy Viner** (friend of Gretchen Crary), **Todd Moser** (friend of Chuck & Linda Rudrud), **Lois Zumberge** (sister of Linda Rudrud), **Edward Lord** (son of Nancy Lord), **Emma Zellmer** (niece of Mark Zellmer), **Ruby Meiller** (mother of Karen Geier), **Alfred Nissen** (father of Rick Nissen), **Jessie, Lois Weeks** (friend of the Krueger family), **Sally Jenks, Myrtle Erickson** (sister of Viola Miller), **Dennis Brigham** (brother-in-law of Renee Hesper), **Mary Anderson, Mike Schadauer** (cousin of Kevin Crary), **Don Crary** (brother of Kevin Crary), **Lucille Furlong** (friend of Janice Krick), **Howard Gardner, Paul Nowland, Linda Nelson** (friend of Debbie Dukatz), **Diane Hanson** (friend of Nancy Lord), **Jean Marck, Chris Funk** (friend of Stef Van Zee), **Anne Jolivette Schularick, David Oslun** (grandson of former member), **Cal Nie-meier** (friend of Cheryl & Cindy Vieth), **Nylan Hynek, Don Unke** (father-in-law of Ron Ender), **Laura Sanborn**

GRIEVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Members & Friends in the Armed Forces: **Gene & Gary & Greg** Phillips (sons of Gene and Sonia Phillips), **Gabriel** W. Kleven (grandson of Patricia Kleven, great-grandson of Iva Mercier), **Sally O'Brien & Nathan** Schlesner (cousin of Sherry Taylor), **Amber & Shane** Dwyer (Pearl Campbell's great-niece and husband), **Douglas** Smits (nephew of Linda & Chuck Rudrud), **Ian** Vanlin (grandson of Marjorie Mattie), **Robert** Lieder (son of Renee Lieder), **Nick** Grimslid (great-nephew of Myra Smaby), **Brandon** Masingille (husband of Mollie Dereszynski), **Mike** Chambers (paternal uncle of Zinniel children), **Luke** Van Donsel (brother of Sherry Van Lishout), **Christopher** Beckhoff (cousin of Hanson family), **Becky** Leitzow (friend of the Rudruds)

Please provide our office with regular updates. Unless we've heard otherwise, a name will be retired from the worship remembrance after one month. The Armed Forces list is for active duty personnel and guard or reserve who are currently activated. Email: oslcoffice@centurytel.net Call: 782-3468