

September 23, 2018 + Baptism Leap of Faith



For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Hebrews 3:4



Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest. or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service.

Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)

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Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion

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WORSHIP 10:00 am



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2018

Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

د And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)



Baptism of Zoey Yvonne Offerman

Parents:Thomas Offerman
Sommer WhiteheadBirthdate:October 8, 2015Sponsors:Kristal Whitehead
Marsha Bergeron



□ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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All: Amen.

- \square Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- \Box How are you named?

Sponsors: Zoey Yvonne Offerman

- □ Zoey Yvonne Offerman receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your □ forehead and upon your □ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold *Zoey* according to Your boundless mercy and bless *her* with true faith by the Holy

Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in *her*, which has been inherited from Adam and which *she herself has* committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that *she* be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, *she* would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

□ Is it your intention to serve *Zoey Yvonne Offerman* as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

All: Amen.

□ Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will be no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

- \Box This is the Word of the Lord
- All: Thanks be to God.

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 and ever. Amen.

 \Box The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even \Box forevermore.

All: Amen.

Zoey Yvonne Offerman do you renounce the devil? **Sponsors: Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works?

Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.

Do you renounce all his ways?

Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

All: Yes, I believe.

□ Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

All: Yes, I believe.

Do you 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?

All: Yes, I believe.

Zoey Yvonne Offerman do you desire to be baptized?Sponsors: Yes, I do.

□ *Zoey Yvonne Offerman* I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

 \Box The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life \Box everlasting.

All: Amen.

- □ Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb of His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- All: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our *sister* in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Amen.
- □ Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *Zoey* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made *her a member* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *an heir* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *she has* now

become Your *child*, You would keep *her* in *her* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *she* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

 \Box Peace **†** be with you.

All: Amen.



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

 \Box The Lord be with you.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🗠 Amen.

Please be



seated.

Old Testament Reading + Jeremiah 11:6-20

⁶And the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them. ⁷ For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, Obey my voice. ⁸ Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart. Therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not." ⁹ Again the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy exists among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰ They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words. They have gone after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my

covenant that I made with their fathers. ¹¹Therefore, thus says the LORD, Behold, I am bringing disaster upon them that they cannot escape. Though they cry to me, I will not listen to them. ¹² Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to whom they make offerings, but they cannot save them in the time of their trouble. ¹³ For your gods have become as many as your cities, O Judah, and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to shame, altars to make offerings to Baal. ¹⁴ "Therefore do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer on their behalf, for I will not listen when they call to me in the time of their trouble. ¹⁵ What right has my beloved in my house, when she has done many vile deeds? Can even sacrificial flesh avert your doom? Can you then exult? ¹⁶ The LORD once called you 'a green olive tree, beautiful with good fruit.' But with the roar of a great tempest he will set fire to it, and its branches will be consumed. ¹⁷ The LORD of hosts, who planted you, has decreed disaster against you, because of the evil that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have done, provoking me to anger by making offerings to Baal." ¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

- \Box This is the Word of the Lord.
- \sim Thanks be to God.

Second Reading + James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ^{4:1}What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

- \Box This is the Word of the Lord.
- $_{12} \simeq$ Thanks be to God

Please stand, as able.

Holy Gospel + Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

 \Box This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Solution Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



Sermon James 4:3-7 The Tithes & Offerings

Offertory + LSB 192



The Prayers of the Church

 \Box Let us pray to the Lord:

∽ Lord, have mercy.

- □ Into Your hands, O Lord, we command all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- <u>من</u> Amen.

Holy Communion

Preface + LSB 194

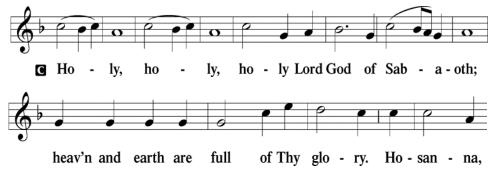
- \Box The Lord be with you.
- Sector And with thy spirit[™]
- \Box Lift up your hearts.
- \sim We lift them up unto the Lord.
- \Box Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- \sim It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface + Pastor

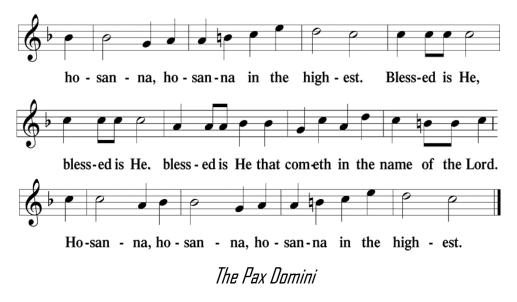
It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus + LSB 195

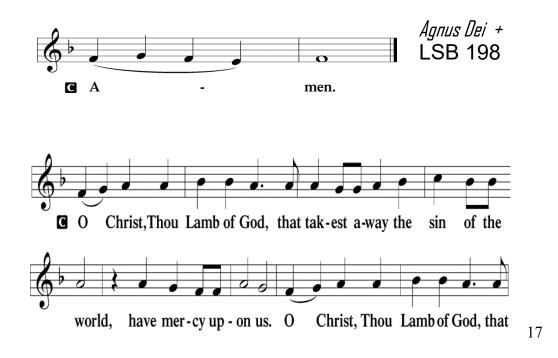
Words of Institution



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- \Box The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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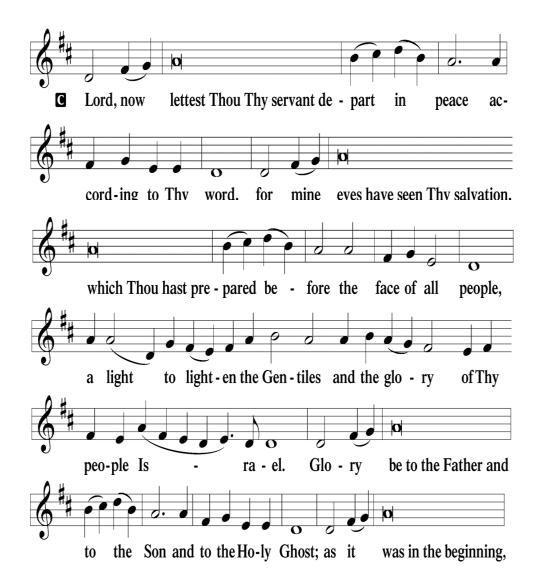
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love; The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 652 Father, We Thank Thee ther, we thank Thee who hast plant 1 Fa ed Thy ho - ly -2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in it from mer _ cy, Save Θ name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im e vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -Θ Thy Son, mor - tal Je parts. sus, to us im nite Cleansed and con-formed un - to will. it, Thy 0 Thou, Lord, didst make Didst all for Thy plea sure, ĥill the Was As grain, once scat - tered on _ sides, Θ 0 0 Giv - ing in Christ the So from all lands Thy give us food for all our days, this bro-ken bread made one, in 0 Θ Bread e ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise. gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son. Church be

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Thanksgiving + LSB 200

 \Box O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good \Rightarrow



Collect

- □ Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- <u>س</u> Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

- \Box The Lord be with you.
- ✓ And with thy spirit[†]
- \Box Bless we the Lord.
- \leq Thanks be to God.

Benediction

□ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **†** give you peace.

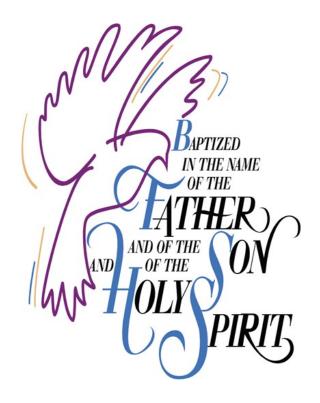
\leq Amen, amen, amen.

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- \Box Go in peace. Serve the Lord
- \sim Thanks be to God.







CONGREGATIONAL Sept. 30, 2018 after service



You all come!! Bring your favorite potluck food to enjoy with your fellow members



