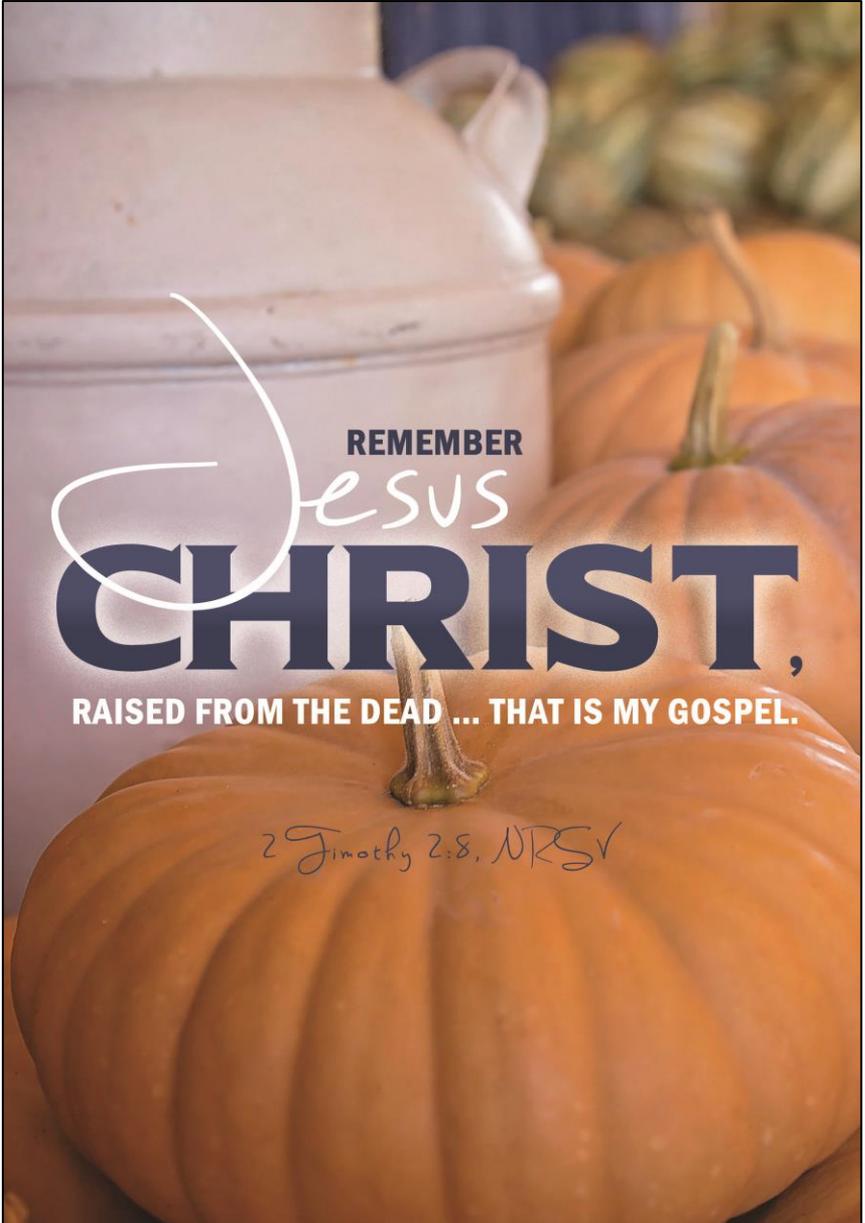


BERN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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REMEMBER
Jesus
CHRIST,

RAISED FROM THE DEAD ... THAT IS MY GOSPEL.

2 Timothy 2:8, NRSV

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 9, 2022 — 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” -Gregg Sewell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(*) Please stand as you are able.

LBW (green hymnal) WOV (blue hymnal)

GATHERING

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

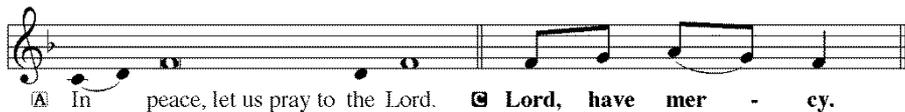
C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

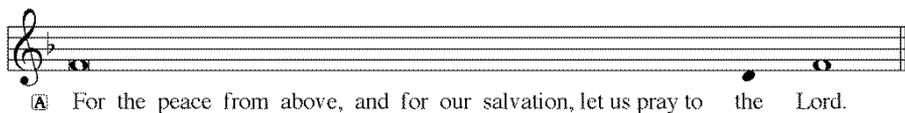
C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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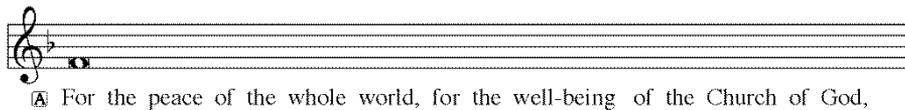
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



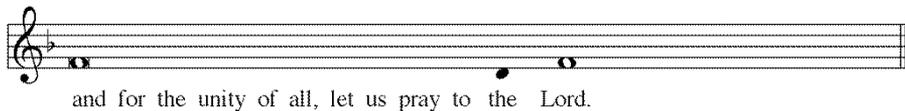
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



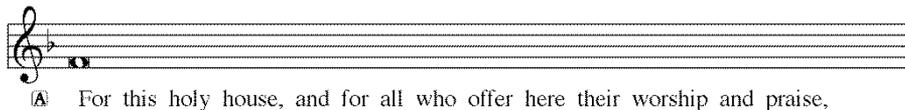
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



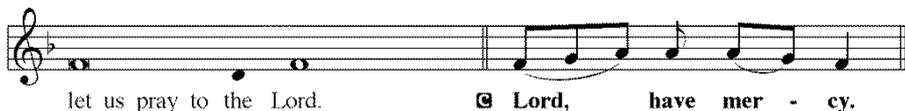
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



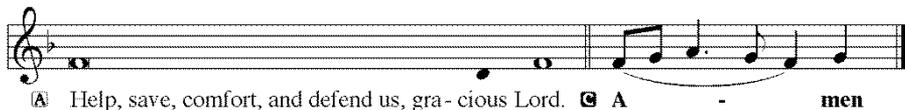
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

* HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in

the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 111:1-10 (*read responsively*)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's
praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again.

Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON – Pastor William Fryer

Silence for Meditation

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”

WOV #693

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution, deforestation, and destruction by natural disasters, especially in Puerto Rico and Florida. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer. We pray especially for Tina, George, Barbara, Tim, Jane, Myra, Bob, Ruth, and all those we name in our hearts or aloud... Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Giving God, we thank you for the gift of supply pastors who shepherd our congregation each Sunday. Bless us with patience, wisdom, and guidance as we go through this time of change, and we pray that you would lead us in the right direction as we discern your vision for our future. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE** (American Sign Language)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

C: **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.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LBW #389

* DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

“Baroque Trumpet”

-Gordon Young

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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

UPDATED WORSHIP GUIDELINES: If you choose, face masks are no longer required in our building during worship. We respect the decision of those individuals who wish to continue masking. They are encouraged to take the precautions they feel are necessary to protect their health.

SANCTUARY SEATING: For your convenience and comfort the sanctuary now has open seating. The pews on the **RIGHT** side will remain taped for those who wish to continue to remain physically distant during worship.

CONTACTLESS OFFERING is being practiced. You may place your offering in the plate near the door of the sanctuary; give on-line; or through the mail. Thank you for giving generously as an act of worship and an expression of the fruits

of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and faithfulness. Thank you.

WELCOME to all who have gathered here for worship this morning! If you are a visitor to Bern, please sign the guest book in the narthex or fill out the yellow card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We rejoice in the opportunity to worship our Lord together!

OFFICE HOURS:

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Secretary Korinne: Tuesday–8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday–12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday–8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Members: Tina Hissinger, George Schaeffer, Barbara Speicher, Tim Moyer, Jane Schaeffer, Myra Bernhart, Bob Frey, and Ruth Keeney

Family and Friends: Nancy Benoit, Family and friends of Ryder Knechtle, Shannon Helms, Austin Kennedy, Ann Skinner, Glenva, Warren, Courtney Davis, Giselle Davis, Joanne King, Tim Brown, Robin Brown, Matt DeLeon, Judy Claycomb, Marcia Stoudt, Pastor Joyce Seip, Peter and wife, Bill and Joan Carpenter, Arthur W. Zimmerman, Natalie, Charles Trophe, Michael and Troy, Bob Stoner, Ashley, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe & Karen Young, Brian, Jamie Hey, Glenn Jones, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, Owen Hey, Joyce, Rev. Fred Foerster, Brenda Frey, Lesley Wegman, and all those walking in the CROP Hunger Walk today to raise money to feed the hungry both locally, through Helping Harvest Food Bank, and around the world through Church World Service.

(If you would like to add anyone to our prayer list, please contact Korinne in the church office. Please also notify her of anyone that could be removed.)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND SPONSORS:

ORGANIST: Jane Battaglieri

OPENER: Richard Gruber

LECTOR: Barbara Braucher

GREETER: Nancy Malandra

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God in honor of Kate's birthday today by her parents, David and Beth Hartman.

BULLETINS: Given to the Glory of God in memory of Stella Leininger by Dianne.

INCOME TOWARDS EXPENSES: 10/02/2022 = \$3,557.00

ATTENDANCE: 10/02/2022 = 48

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS: 2–Michael Madden, 4–Brenda Reichart,
5–David Haas, 6–Jennifer Noecker

WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

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| Sunday, October 9 | ▪ First Communion Class, 9:00 a.m. |
| | ▪ Worship, 10:00 a.m. |
| | - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost |
| | - Supply Pastor, William Fryer |
| | ▪ Sunday School, 11:00- 11:30 a.m. |
| Monday, October 10 | ▪ Senior Berners, 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 12 | ▪ Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, October 14 | ▪ Frog Pond, 6:00-8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 15 | ▪ Epler's UCC Chicken Pot Pie Dinner |
| Sunday, October 16 | ▪ First Communion Class, 9:00 a.m. |
| | ▪ Worship w/Communion, 10:00 a.m. |
| | - Pastor Kenneth Gould |
| | - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost |
| | ▪ Sunday School, 11:00-11:30 a.m. |

THANK YOU to Pastor William Fryer for leading us in worship this morning and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS TODAY from 11:00-11:30 a.m.
All children are welcome to attend.

RETURNING WITH GRATITUDE

What are you grateful for today? As you prepare for worship, take a moment to be present in this space. Breathe deep. Even if everything seems familiar to you, try to observe your surroundings in a fresh way. Who is gathered with you? What sounds do you hear? As you settle in, ask yourself: Why am I here? What brings me back to this place and this community?

In today's gospel, Jesus meets ten people suffering from leprosy—a disease that required them to live cut off from the rest of society. Jesus tells them to go to the religious leaders to be examined for cleanliness, and along the way they are healed. One can only imagine the relief and joy that overcame this group as they experienced the restoration not just of their health but of their places in community. Yet, for one of these people something more happened: he not only experienced joy, but he felt compelled to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him.

At the center of the worshipping community is Christ, who offers healing to all who gather. Through the proclamation of God's love, Christ speaks words that restore our lives. In the waters of baptism, Christ offers us a new future in a community of his disciples. Around the table, Christ gives us his body and blood to strengthen us and renew us for the work of discipleship we will face in the week ahead.

But today's gospel reminds us that the healing we come to receive is only half the question. Christ also longs for us not to grow complacent with the gift of God's grace. Rather, in every moment of healing, Christ hopes to fill our hearts with a gratitude that will draw us into deeper and deeper relationship with him. Let your worship today be like that of the man in the gospel, an act of worship and gratitude for all that Christ has already done.