



Rooted in Love

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
9:00 AM

"The Kingdom of God is like a Thistle Patch"

Affirmation of Baptism

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our lives and in our world. We pray that you will experience God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit—as you worship with us.

**The music printed in the back of this bulletin
includes that which is not in our hymnal.**

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River”
arr. Sam B. Owens (1984, Augsburg, from 5 Little Romantic Preludes on Early American Hymntunes)

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of
your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have
been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #423
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

“Kyrie Eleison” INCLUDED
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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God” INCLUDED
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on
earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire
always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

JULIE KLOCK

WORD

LESSONS

PSALMS 1

REVELATION 22:1-5, 16

PRAYER MINISTRY:

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. *Please provide an update when possible if situations improve.*

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), **Larry B.** (brother of Sandra), **Julie B.** (cousin of Richard), **Keith H.** (son of Dan & Shari), **Danny H.** (Godson of Linda), **Daryl K.**, **Tami L.**, **Christopher L.**, **Cindy M.** (sister of Tami), **Ian** (grandson of Joan), **Jennifer R.** (daughter-in-law of Sheila), **Bonnie S.** (sister-in-law of Joan), **Mary S.**, **Mark W.** (brother of Claire), **Paul W.** (brother of Marilyn), **Karen W.** (cousin of Carmen, Char), **Ken W.** (brother-in-law of Jeannie), and **Emily Z.** (niece of Mary Kay).

If you would like a visit from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.
Last names are withheld for on-line privacy. Remember, God always knows who you are praying for!

THANK YOU, SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS:

Ushers: Laura Gilligan & Bette Lee

Reader: Connie Albers

Livestream: Terra Wierson

Organist: Richard Collman

Musicians: Worship Choir;

Clarinetist: Claire Hill

Flautist: Megan DeMaris

Coffee: Norma Lundell & Mary Boyum

OFFERING: Use the offering plates set in the back of the church while worshipping in person. Please keep giving while worshipping remotely. Options include sending in or dropping off, auto giving through Vanco or bill pay, or using the included QR code for Pay Pal. Thank you!

ABOUT WORSHIP THIS MONTH: Throughout the Sundays in October, based on Ephesians 3:17, we will have a sermon series entitled “Rooted in Love.” Roots bring both stability and nourishment. In this world of constant change and uncertainty, we are dependent upon our roots.

The Bible in general, and Jesus in particular, use many agrarian images to describe God’s love and Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is like scattered seed that does, or does not take root (Matthew). Faith is like a tree planted beside a stream (Psalms & Jeremiah).

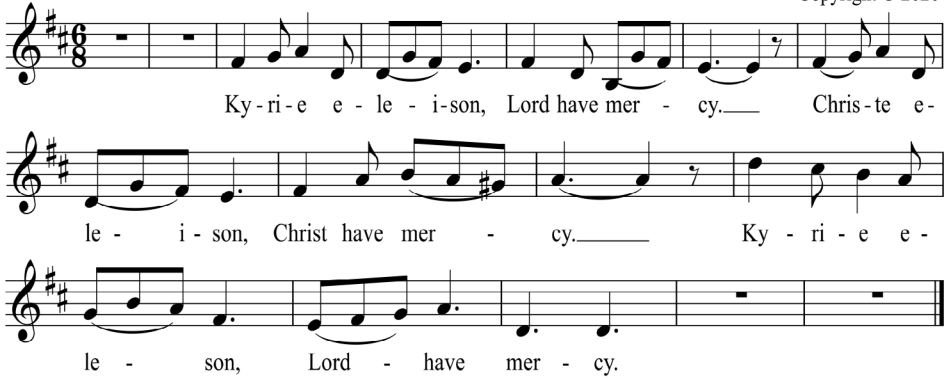
How rooted are you? In what are you rooted? Are your roots deep enough, wide enough, healthy enough to withstand the challenges and difficulties of life?

Rooted in God’s love, we abundantly love and serve our neighbor and the world God loves. (from Pastor David’s [newsletter](#) article)

Kyrie Eleison

Mary Kay Bougie

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WEDNESDAY MEALS & WORSHIP: This Wednesday is the start of MEA for Nfld Schools. There will be no youth activities, supper or worship at St. Peter's that evening. Music rehearsals will still be held on the 20th.

MEALS ON WHEELS: It's our turn to deliver meals for Northfielders through Meals on Wheels. Sign up for a route (or three!) October 10-23. Each route/day takes about an hour. Pick up meals from the Nfld Hospital food service. Thank you! Link: <https://bit.ly/3m2u5it>

TRUNK OR TREAT: 10/31, Halloween. Kids, wear church-friendly costumes to the morning church service, then meet in the classrooms! Adults/parents, dress up your hatch, trunk or truck bed in the parking lot to get ready for our trick-or-treaters!

OPERATION JOY: Operation Joy, a community-wide gift sharing program of the Community Action Center (CAC), is set to take place on December 8, 2021! Through the generosity of hundreds of individual donors and dedicated volunteers, approximately 900 Northfield area children from 350 households will receive gifts through Operation Joy this year. While the pandemic has changed some aspects of Operation Joy, our goal remains the same: to provide a joyful holiday experience for all children in our community.

At this time, the most impactful way our community can help support this goal is through monetary donations. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards, which will give families the opportunity to select gifts their children will enjoy the most. In keeping with tradition, children will still each receive a pair of pajamas and families will receive a blanket, all lovingly sewn by local volunteers. If you would like to support Operation Joy, donations can be made in the following ways:

online: communityactioncenter.org/operation-joy

mail: send a check directly to: CAC c/o Operation Joy, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200. donations by November 19, 2021.

Forgot your checkbook?
Worshipping at home or
on the go? No problem. Take
advantage of the easy way to
give: Scan with your phone's
camera for paypal.



Scan. Pay. Go.

Glory to God in the Highest

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CHORUS:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
Prais-es and bless-ings to You, O Lord, we a - dore and we glo - ri - fy You.

VERSE ONE:

We give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly Rul - er. Lord Je-sus Christ, the
Lamb of God, you take a-way all of our sin! Have mer - cy on us, re-ceive our prayer!
(to CHORUS)

VERSE TWO:

You are seat-ed at God's right hand, you a-lone are our Lord, you a-lone are
the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit. In the glo-ry of God for - ev-er.

ENDING:

A men! (you.) We a - dore and we glo - ri - fy you.
(to CHORUS, and then to ENDING)

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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