



Lutheran Church of Mahomet
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2015

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

† Presiding Minister † Assisting Minister

♪ Responses Sung **Bold Type** = Congregational Response LBW = Green Hymnal
SJP = Lavender Songbook ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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.

[silence for reflection and self-examination]

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

† The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

LBW #561

[Congregation please remain standing]

GREETING

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

And also with you.

† KYRIE

(Page 57 LBW, Setting One)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE

(Page 60 LBW, Setting One)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing,
honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb
who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another.
Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little
children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

[Congregation may be seated]

ANTHEM

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Chancel Choir

WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2:18--24

(page 2 in pew Bible)

PSALMODY Psalm 8

(read responsively)

O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!?

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,
**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1--4: 2:5--12

(pages 1089--1090 in pew Bible)

GOSPEL Mark 7:24--37

[Congregation please stand as you are able]

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the Seventh Chapter.

♪ Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

♪ Praise to you, O Christ.

[Congregation may be seated]

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

Jennifer Farm

MESSAGE

Pastor Nikoli Falenschek

HYMN: "Lord, Receive This Company"

LBW #255

WE CONFESS OUR COMMON FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

[Congregation please stand as you are able]

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 THE CHURCH

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

[Congregation may be seated]

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS *At this time we gather together the gifts of time, talents, and treasures that God has given us to share with one another. We also gather around the gifts of forgiveness and strengthening that we receive through the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ. Please sign and pass the attendance pads at this time.*

[Congregation please stand as you are able]

♪ Offertory:

(Page 66 LBW, Setting One)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

POST OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ Let us pray,

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

† The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

(Page 69 LBW, Setting One)

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

† In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

[Congregation may be seated]

WE COMMUNE *All is ready, and all are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (a blessing will be given to those not communing); and then go to the rail to receive the wine (juice in the center of each tray).*

♪ LAMB OF GOD

(Page 72 LBW, Setting One)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

♪ COMMUNION SONG

“Christians, Let Us Love One Another”

SJP #721

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

† The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

♫ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(page 72 in LBW, First Setting)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

† Let us pray,

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

† Almighty and merciful God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you
this day and forevermore.

Amen.

♫ SENDING MUSIC *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

LBW #495

† Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME WORSHIPERS! Welcome to all visitors! We desire to be a friendly people and provide a positive Christian atmosphere in the spirit of worship. Whether you are new to our community or a long time resident we extend you a hearty invitation to make this your church home.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship: We are continuing to accept monetary gifts to offset the cost of our new hymnals. Simply put an envelope or check in the offering plate, earmarked for "Hymnals." As you consider this financial investment, we ask you to consider giving apart from what you already give to general operations.

Hearing Assistance System: Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Ask the usher for the receiver and you may sit anywhere in the sanctuary.

Attendance Pads: If you are a visitor, please list your name and contact information if you would like to receive more information about our community. Please pass the pad to the next person in your pew. Once it has gone to the end of the pew, please return it to its starting position. Note the names of others in the pew and greet them after the service. Please print.

Children's Activity Bags: There are bags, located in the narthex adjacent to the GREETER station, that contain church related items for the children. Please return the bags to the basket located on the floor next to the activity bag stand after the service.

Nursery Available: LCM loves having children in worship but we want parents to know that we do have an unattended nursery available. An usher can help you locate it and it is wired for sound so you can still participate in the service.

Flowers: Altar flowers have been placed by the Isaacs Family in Memory of Kay Isaacs
LCM Council Nominations: The nominating committee, consisting of Sheila Kingry, Cindy Erickson, Peter Farm, and Bill Moehring, is in the early stages of nominating individuals for the following Council positions:

- · Vice-President (1-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)
- · Evangelism Chair (2-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)
- · Stewardship Chair (2-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)

If you are interested in any of these positions, have any suggested nominees, or have any questions about these positions, please reach out to one of the nominating committee members noted above. This is an exciting time to become part of the leadership at LCM and we welcome your interest and input. Thank you very much.

Bill Moehring (312) 560-7044

Diabetic Equipment Available: If you or someone you know could use any of the diabetic equipment listed below, please see parish nurse Barb DeReus or call the church office:

- One Touch Ultra 2 Blood Glucose Monitoring System
- OneTouch Delica Lancets 33 gauge extra fine
- OneTouch Ultra Blue Test Strips - expire 6/2016

One of our members has graciously donated the above items.

Name Tags: Everyone is encouraged to wear their name tags, not only to help Pastor Nikoli learn our names, but to help all of us know each other better. Our name tags are in baskets on a table in the Narthex. If you do not have a name tag, please leave a note in the Church Office mailbox and one will be prepared for you. Blank name tags will be available for visitors to complete at the Greeter's Station. Thank you very much.

Military Family Support Group Card making Session: Will be held November 7th 9am – noon in Fellowship Hall - Fall Card Making session – make cards to send to the troops and also for you to take home!!!

RECENT ATTENDANCE

September 20 -- 99

September 27 -- 117

THIS WEEK AT LCM

Monday, October 5	9:00 AM Monday Morning Sewing Group
Tuesday, October 6	10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Pack #94 Cub Scouts
Wednesday, October 7	5:15 PM LOGOS 6:00 AGAPE 6:30 PM Confirmation
Thursday, October 8	6:00 PM MSHS Football Dinner 6:30 PM Suite Inspirations 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Saturday, October 10	8:00 AM Fall Clean-up Day
Sunday, October 11	9:00 AM Communion Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

October 4

October 11

Greeters	Kingry Family	Karen Ickstadt
Ushers	Rosenbery Family	Dan and Cindy Erickson
Reader	Karen Reifsteck	Kelly Strode
Communion Asst.	Barb LeGrant	Nancy Rosenbery
Asst. Minister	Mark Reifsteck	Alex Paul
Celebration Leader	--	--
Shepherd	Sherri Reifsteck	Gene Rinkel
Fellowship	Congregational Life Committee	Taylor/McDonalds
Breadmaker	Linda Hanslow	Linda Hanslow
Altar Guild	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery
Counters	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston
Acolyte	Mikel Petro, Jr.	Natalie Mitchell



Pastor Nikoli Falenschek graduated with a B.A. in Art History from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and a M.Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. Nikoli serves at Lutheran Church of Mahomet as our pastor and works hard to make sure all voices and differences are valued. Besides potent Lutheran convictions, he has deep passions for child/family ministries, education, public service, and worship. His door is always open!

In the Office: M-TH, 7am-1pm

In the Community: M-TH, 1pm-3pm

In Worship and Office: S, 6am-2pm

(All other times by appointment.)

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Randa Plotner, Office Manager, lives in rural Tolono and is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Philo. She is married to Bob Wilson of Tolono. She has a daughter, Sarah Engelhard, and two step-sons, Justin and Mike. Randa and her husband operate a small cow-calf herd of purebred Shorthorn cattle. Her husband, Bob, is a full-time truck driver. Randa is retired from USDA, Agricultural Research Service. She is a member of the Toast of Champaign Chorus. She loves to sing and keeps busy trying to keep up with her two step-grandchildren, Adi and Abel.

In the Office: M-TH, 8am-1pm

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Kat Downs has served the Lutheran Church of Mahomet for 24 years, part-time from 1991-2002, and full-time since then. Her current positions are Director of Worship, Music, and Arts Ministries and Director of LOGOS. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance with a minor in Educational Psychology. She is proficient on the organ, which she began studying at the age of four. This grandmother of seven loves to travel, teach, perform music, and participate in community theatre.

At the church: M-T 9am-2pm,

W-Th 9am-9pm,

Sat 9-10p,

Sun 8-11am

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