COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“We are a family of God, striving to enrich**

**the lives of all through the love of Christ.”**

**~ GATHERING ~**

**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

PRELUDE MUSIC Mary Schultz

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,+ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us pray before God and one another, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice,**

**yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY

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.**

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

10:00 a.m. INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESENTATION OF TEACHERS

INSTALLATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of our fathers and mothers: in every age you have appointed teachers to tell your power, justice, and love. We thank you for brothers and sisters in faith, who will teach your ways. Give them Holy Spirit, so they may know your Son our Lord, speak his truth, and with us live the new life, serving neighbors, obedient to your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

**~ WORD ~** (Scripture insert)

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

PSALM 119: 33-40*(Read responsively)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

*The Gospel of the Lord.* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY #865 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

**~ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ~**

**The Holy Spirit calls us as a community to say what we believe,**

**reach out to each other and offer gifts and prayers for God’s purposes.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Petitions end: Hear us, O God…**Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING and OFFERING SONG Making Their Way-on insert in pews

OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.**

THE COMMUNION

Congregational hymns during distribution: #485 I Am the Bread of Life;

#491 Come, Let Us Eat

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word,

Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet,

where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**~SENDING ~**

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed

+ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

BELLS

SENDING HYMN #543 Go My Children, with My Blessing

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE Mary Schultz

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COON VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday School Rally Day & Installation of Sunday School Staff

September 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**~**Bulletins are in Honor of Inez Beck’s birthday from the Ruth Circle

**Coffee Servers:** Margaret Lee & Stephanie Lee

**Altar Guild: 8:00/**Karen McGarvey; **10:00/**

**Communion Server: 8:00/**Paul Bahr; **10:00/**Amanda Buros

**Head Usher: 8:00/**Heather Wichman; **10:00/**Jason Thomas

**Reader: 8:00/**Sarah Ofte; **10:00/**Mike Fencl

**Attendance & Offering Last Sunday:** 78; $2,625.71

**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY: 1:00-6:00p/**Blood Drive

**TUESDAY: 5:00p/**Worship Committee

**WEDNESDAY: 9:00a/**Quilting

**THURSDAY: 6:00p/**Church Council; Carillon Deadline

**SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:00a/**Worship; **9:00a/**Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship

**Coon Valley Lutheran Church**

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**Indoor Custodian:** Tracy Stellner

**FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-11**

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*The Word of the Lord.* ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 119:33-40** *(read responsively)*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.**

**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:15-20**

Jesus said to the disciples: “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, Truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

*\*We are always so happy to include you and our CVLC family in our prayers. If you feel your name, or the name of a family member can be removed from this list please contact Jamie.* *Thank you!*

**We remember in prayer:**

**†** *Those hospitalized this past week*

**†** *Our members whose names we lift up in prayer today:* Corrine Appleman, Beverly Bagstad, Clifford Bakkum, Brian Berg, Richard Brose, Herby Cornell, Jeanne Ebli, Kira Foster, Phyllis Galstad, Bonnie Holey, Donna Ihle, Verlin Ihle, Alan Jacobson, Todd King, Mike Kellogg, Jim Knutson, Margaret Lee, Russell Lee, Aaron Leisso, Larry Lichtie, Cindy Manske, Aaron Marx, Frank Mathison, Bud Miyamoto, Marianne Myhre, LuEtta Nelson,Romaine Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Cathy Ofte, Lisa Olson, Sandra Onshus, Eunice Quast, Lori Roach, Melanie Role, Jojo Satona, Mary Schultz, Billie Slater, LaVonne Stendahl, Joyce Temp, Teri Tomten.

**†** *Our members who are currently in health care facilities & Assisted Living:* Tip Bagstad, Inez Beck, Rachel Berg, Evelyn Dahlen, Joanne Fletcher,

Betty Gilbertson, Erma Graupe, Lenore Henley, Carl Holte, Sylvester King Jr., Bob Moilien, Irene Nestingen, Annie Olson, Beatrice Olson (Alden), Betty Sanders.

**†** *Those who grieve*

**†** *Our members who are currently home bound*

**†** *All those in need of God’s healing and help*

**†** *Family and friends of our members*