

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

"Building a House Where All Are Welcome"

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a **ONE** congregation,
committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

To learn more about **ONE** see www.one.org

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation.

Our Welcome Statement is on the back of this worship folder.

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am
Church Office – (314) 352-8050; Fax – (314) 352-8051
Gethsemane@swbell.net
www.gethsemanestl.org

Welcome to worship! If you are a first time guest at Gethsemane, please see one of the ushers or greeters for a “Welcome Bag.” We’re delighted you are here!
We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.

**Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Kendra Nolde	Prkendra-glc@swbell.net	Home phone: (314) 571-9205
Choir Director: Ann Luciani	ptlall4@earthlink.net	(314) 963-0934
Organist: Dawn Riske	driskehoy@juno.com	(314) 457-9040
Parish Visitor: Phyllis Saathoff	Pjs72vu@yahoo.com	(314) 457-9040
Office Administrator: Gary Borkowski	gethsemane@swbell.net	(314) 489-0937

2011 COUNCIL ROSTER

Luke Borkowski	Betsy Bartholomew
Jan Bornemann	Richard Brendel
Rich Brown	Denise Buehrer (Secretary)
Mark Cutelli	Jim Mantia
Darlene McElwee	Keith Paulson
Deb Schaller (President)	Richard G. Schuessler (At-Large)
Peggy Zapf	

Messenger news – call the church office or e-mail information to glc-messenger@swbell.net

Prayer List – call the church office at 314-352-8050

“Now the Feast and Celebration”
[ELW] = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

Es is das Heil

WELCOME & COMMUNITY LIFE

Stand

OPENING HYMN: “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

No. 669 [Red]

GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain




Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING OF 3-YEAR OLDS

FIRST READING: **Philippians 1:21-30**

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord of All Hopefulness”
(The 8:30 service continues with the Prayers on page 9)

No. 765 [Red]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present younger children: **I present Brock Christopher for baptism.**

Candidates who are able to answer for themselves are asked: Donald Andrew, do you desire to be baptized?

P Parents, as you present your child for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: **I do.**

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

P People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL & PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce evil: the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Brock/Andy with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

AM Shine with the light of Christ.

Stand

WELCOME

P Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

WELCOMING SONG: "Jesus Loves Me"

No. 595 [Red]

THE PRAYERS

ASSISTING MINISTER Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Generous and merciful God, pour out your grace upon your people, especially when we are suffering. Support us to persist joyfully in our lives, so that others may see your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to move across lands and waters in this change of seasons. Grant the promise of life to all living things that prepare to be dormant in winter and to reawaken in spring. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be present in the ongoing work of peacemakers. Use them to establish your peace among nations and your hope among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide those who are confused, are losing memory, or are failing in health especially Mary, Rich, Damien, Virgie, Walter, Lillie, Lois, Kim, John, Wilma, Fred, and all those we name before you now, either in the silence of our hearts or spoken from our lips..... Give them security in your abundant goodness and hope in your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Transform our communities into places of welcome for those who have been shunned or marginalized. Send us forth with greetings of grace and peace on our lips. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather us into the communion of saints, where we may always dwell in the love of Christ. Strengthen our mission of faithful living, as we bring others with us to this gathering. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Slane

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: "As the Grains of Wheat"

No. 465 [Red]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

C **So let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

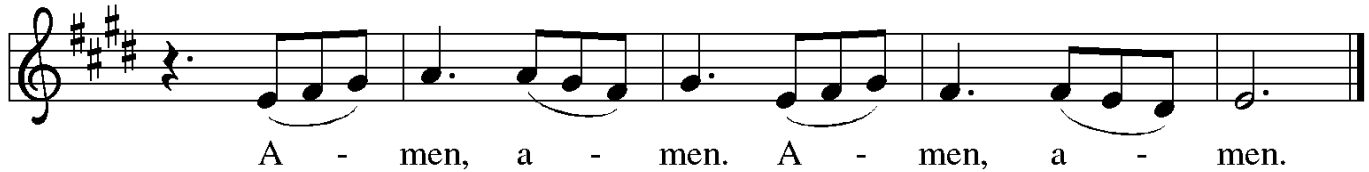
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATIONS AND AMEN

The acclamation may be sung first by the presiding minister, then repeated by all.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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**

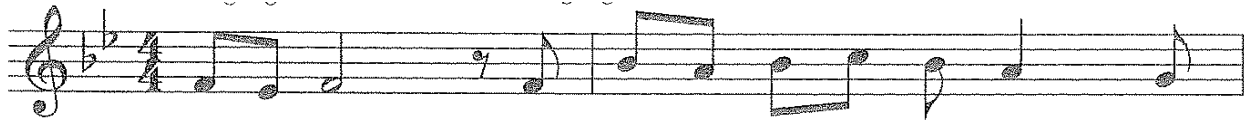
INVITATION: Come, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

Sit

COMMUNION

(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: “Lamb of God”



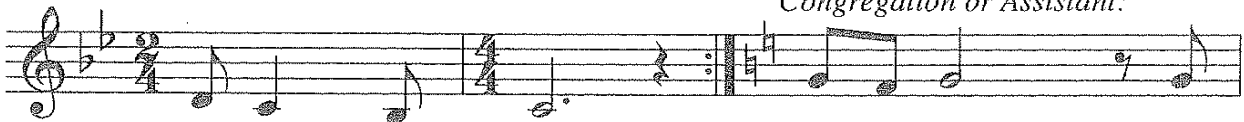
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



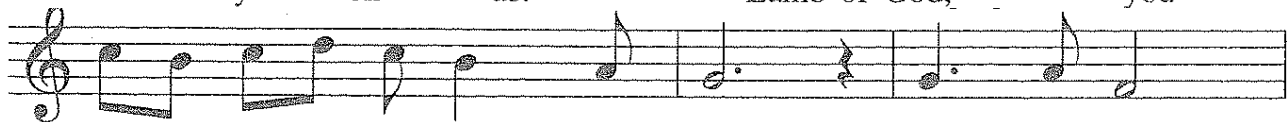
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

“As Saints of Old”

No. 695[Red]

“Take My Life, that I May Be”

No. 583[Red]

Stand

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

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION SONG: “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

No. 208 [Red]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM Let us pray. God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL: AM Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *March in C*

Haydn

“Now the Feast and Celebration” liturgy words and music by Marty Haugen, © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704953.

Liturgy portions from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2010 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #27854. Worship songs are reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704953.

Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright ©1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

**We invite all members, guests and visitors to join us
for coffee and doughnuts between services
in the Walter ECKman Fellowship Hall downstairs!**

This morning, we welcome two new brothers in Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Brock Christopher Lovelady-Armstrong is the son of Chris and Michelle Lovelady-Armstrong. His sponsors are Daniel Sherman and Jami Sherman. Donald Andrew (Andy) Martin is the son of Lisa Martin, and has been a helper at our Vacation Bible School. Andy’s sponsors are John D. McGinness, Sr. and Eva McGinness. **We also welcome Michelle and Lisa as new members of the Gethsemane faith community!** May God bless their growth in grace!

FAITH STEPPING STONE BLESSING: Today we bless our 3-year olds and pray for them and their parents: Thomas Bruno DeCambaliza, Isabelle Lawrence, and Brock Lovelady-Armstrong. We gift them with their “God Loves Me” Bible!

Today is the start of another year of Christian Education and Lifelong Learning! Sunday School classes for ages 3 through 103 are held from 10am-10:50 am. **This morning’s Adult Class: Prayer for Uncertain Times.** In uncertain times so much is up in the air, but not our relationship with God. We are connected eternally to God through our baptisms. This Sunday and next, join Pastor Robin Morgan as she introduces a variety of prayer starters to help you find ways to connect with God during the week.

GYG (Gethsemane Youth Group) Youth and Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 18th, between services in the Stage Room (back of the Fellowship Hall). We’ll give out initial

information about the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans for youth who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2012. We'll also discuss other upcoming events and your ideas for the new year! **Mission Trip Reunion:** also today, Sunday, September 18th at 4:00 pm at St. Thomas/Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. We'll gather for pizza and pictures (bring yours!) Those who want to carpool will meet at Gethsemane at 3:30 pm.

NOISY OFFERING: Next Sunday, we will receive a "noisy offering" to help purchase school uniforms for children in need at Mallinckrodt School. The school social worker has identified 10 children in need of assistance. It's estimated that one "uniform" (khaki pants and polo shirt) costs \$18, or \$50 would provide clothing for a week.

September is Lutheran Campus Ministry Month! The Central States Synod has designated September as a month to pray for and support Lutheran Campus Ministries, including our local St. Louis ministry at Washington University and SLU. Please pray for Pastor Rebecca Boardman and the students. **Help our Gethsemane office identify our college students: please give the church office names and addresses if you have young adults in college!**

Needed: A couple of old "comfy" chairs for the Youth/Stage Room behind the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Pastor Kendra.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 pm on the front lawn. In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4th), patron saint of animals, we bless our animal companions with prayers for health, long life, and happiness. Light refreshments, including dog and cat treats, will be served. All are welcome, even if you don't bring a pet! A monetary offering will benefit the Humane Society.

JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY: Item for the month of September is *children's socks and underwear*. **In addition, the shelves are almost empty. The following items are in need:** Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat, Peanut Butter and Jelly (July food item), Toilet Paper.

2011 Show Me Fall Prevention Day September 23, 2011, 10AM-12PM, Crestwood Community Center. Come and learn ways to improve your home safety and decrease your risk of falling, at 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126. This event is free! For more information, visit www.rehab1network.com

Coffee hour: Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hour on October 2 and October 16. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hallway if you are available to help on any of these dates.

September 11, 2011: **Attendance** 59 (8:30 service), 135 (11:00 service), 194 total
 Giving \$3,444 (\$4,030/week needed)

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
September 18- September 25, 2011**

9/18 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am 10:00am 4:00pm	Worship Services Sunday School GYG Youth and Parent Meeting Adult Class: Prayer in Uncertain Times Youth Mission Trip Reunion
9/19 Monday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Angel Wings Bell Choir Choir
9/20 Tuesday	7:00pm	Stewardship Committee
9/21 Wednesday	10:00am 6:30pm	Wednesday Women, at church Confirmation at GLC
9/25 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am 10:00am	Worship Services, Blessing of Confirmands Sunday School Adult Class: Prayer in Uncertain Times

**Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
Affirmation of Welcome**

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

- People of any race or ethnicity...
- People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...
- People of any age...
- People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...
- People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...
- People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...
- People with a variety of political perspectives...
- People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...
- People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...
- People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...
- People of differing educational backgrounds...
- People of any socio-economic condition...
- People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.