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# October 17, 2021 —9:00 a.m., 21st Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to Worship

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All are welcome at the Rord's table, whether you're visiting, or a member, whether it's your first time taking it or your thousandth, whether it's been a long time, or it's been just a while.

In response to our mission, continue to check one another as you reach out and share Christ with all!

You are invited to speak the **bold** text. Please stand as you are able at parts marked \*

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God created all things. We celebrate all that God created when we gather.

As Samuel living in the house of the Lord, We come together to live, work, and serve for you.

# Will You Come and Follow Me

#### The Summons



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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#### \*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.** 

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord whom we serve, Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

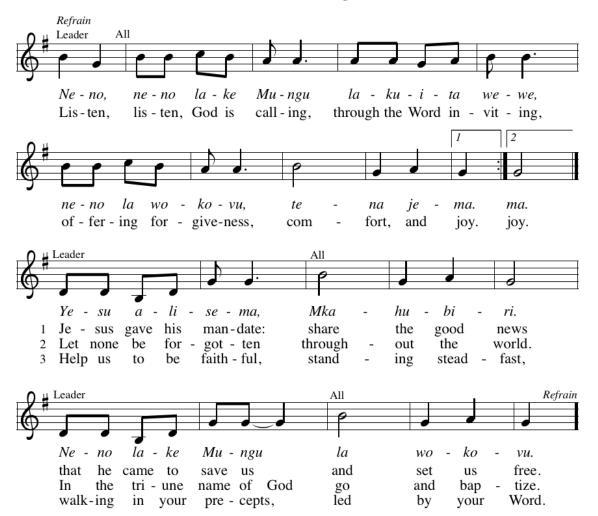
<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

### HYMN OF THE DAY

# Listen, God Is Calling Neno lake Mungu



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

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

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. 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

Hear us, oh God, C: Your mercy is great.

We thank you for bringing us so close that we can speak to you, and for loving us so much that you hear us when we pray. Gather up these petitions for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### \*OFFERING

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

We are blessed to be your servants, Lord. We are ready to respond to your call to provide for others. Accept these gifts to further your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### \*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 our thanks and praise.

# \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE Through him all glory and honor is yours, Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

#### \*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.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you so much for worshiping with us today!

#### **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a world in need of it. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

\*SENDING SONG Will You Come and Follow Me, The Summons - verses 4, 5 on page 2

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE

# All are welcome to stay after worship for fellowship and a discussion on

# Digging Deeper into our Faith

We'll discuss Bible Studies, Book Club, Faith and the News, Music, Coffee & Questions (stump the pastor), and more.



We pray for Roy Ackermann, Katie Wier, Phoebe Kitzke, Ayla Humphrey, Ted Latham, Gayle Kuespert, Mark Sanders, Beulah Sanders, Cary Heyer, Eric Erdman, Dawson Reed, Jenny Lee, Mary Dokkebaken, Karla Johnson, Alice Fonfara, Ruth Scholze, Milden Schwanebeck, Kathy Johnson. Mike Martin

# Worship Leader: Pastor Chris; Worship Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

**Birthdays this week:** Joshua Johnson, Brooke Nelson, Mitchel Noel, Mary Crocker, Brianna Howe, Max Hammond, Julie Hemp, Mike Yeiter, Adam Pederson, Shari Ireland

#### Announcements

As cases continue to increase in the La Crosse area, worship will be held outside whenever possible. In the case of unfavorable weather, we will move indoors.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Wednesday, Oct. 20

6:00 p.m. Worship Team practice

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

# Saturday, Oct. 23

Wedding—Congratulations John and Megan (Erikson) Salo

### Tuesday, Oct. 26

5:00 p.m. Holmen's Hope Dinner at American Legion

6:30 p.m. Faith+Full+Life Women's Fellowship at Journey Lutheran

# Saturday, Oct. 30

1:00—3:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat at HCLC parking lot; sign up to volunteer

# Sunday, Oct. 31

9:00 a.m. Worship, Reformation Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

2:30-430 p.m. "Fill the Pumpkin" Drive-up Food Collection at Holmen Lutheran

More HCLC information and events may be found in our monthly Currents newsletter and weekly E-news. If you have information for either of these publications, please email:

# assistant@halfwaycreek.org.

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Confirmation Students QR code for Worship Notes Form



Save the date:

# North Beaver Creek Lutheran Church—Annual Lutefisk & Meatball dinner

October 24, W10767 County Road C, Ettrick WI.

Carry out only from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. All dinners must be pre-paid by Oct. 18. Call 608-526-7203 or mail checks to address above.

