

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, September 27, 2020
17th Sunday after Pentecost
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WORSHIP PLAN WOV BREAD OF LIFE SETTING 5

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS WOV p. 10

P *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen**

P *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.*

C **Amen**

P *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.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **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

P *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.*

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN “*We Come To The Hungry Feast*” WOV# 766

GREETING WOV p. 28

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 WOV p. 28 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Glory To God*” WOV p. 29

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (*unison*)

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *"Jesus Loves Me"* (1st verse only)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION WOV p. 31 (*Sung*)

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

P *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.*

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “You Did Not Change Your Mind”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Change My Heart, O God” ELW# 801

APOSTLES’ CREED WOV p. 33

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful” WOV p. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER WOV p. 35

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PLord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 52)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
WOV p. 41

C (Sung) Three Fold Amen

SENDING HYMN *“O Master, Let Me Walk With You”* LBW# 492

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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Meals on Wheels Drivers Wanted

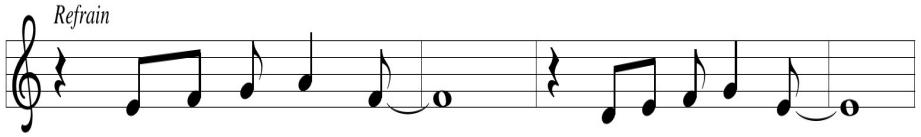
Please contact the church office if you would be willing to deliver
noon meals in Baltic on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

**Baltic September Noisy Can
Baltic Fire Department**

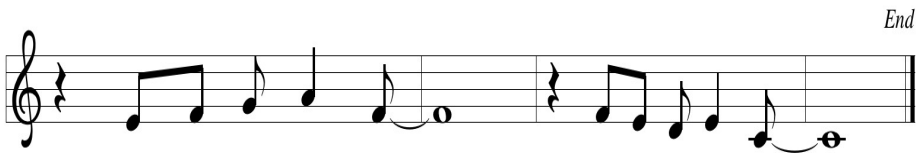
The Baltic Volunteer Fire Department was created in 1911 to provide fire protection for Baltic and surrounding community. They have 26 volunteers that respond to 111 calls per year on average, with a majority of the calls being medically related in nature. They also provide public fire education and fire station tours to the kids in school as well as providing CPR training for community members. Money raised helps with the purchase of new equipment and expenses.

**Show your support for all those who volunteer
their time to keep us safe.**

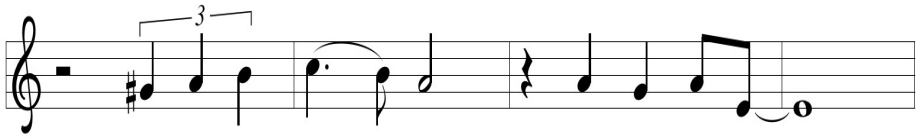
Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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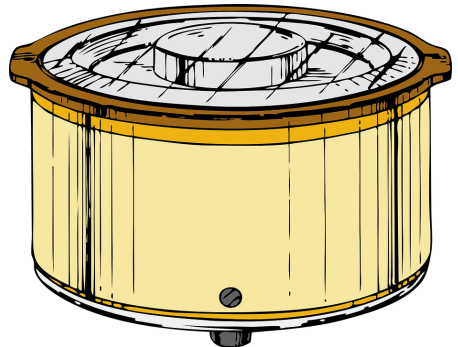
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Linda Smalz—Friend of Louie and Karen Doom
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Art Aadland—Husband of Ellen Aadland
Paul Thompson—Friend of Manda Sheaffer
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Karen Bouwman—Friend of the Community
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Fred Tidemann—Brother of Melva Hilmoe
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Javin Ihnen—Son of Justin and Jessica Ihnen
Eugene Haux—Father of Shane Haux
Jessica Shaw—Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe
Anita Getz—Sister of Alana Tommeraasen
Tyler Oschner—Friend of the Community



East Nidaros Fuel Fundraiser Soup Event

What could be easier than picking up a container of fresh, homemade soup to take home and heat up on a cool, autumn day? Or how about a meal that you can put in your freezer for one of those days when you'd like the meal to be ready to eat when you get home? East Nidaros will be hosting a "Drive-Thru" event instead of their annual Soup Supper this year. We will be taking orders for homemade, ready to heat/serve soups as well as prepared, frozen meals for your slow-cooker. Order forms will be available at both churches, the church office and on the website (for you to print). **Orders will need to be turned in no later than Friday, October 30th with pick-up dates on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday November 8th.** Soups will be in a 1-quart container (2-3 servings). Soup choices: Chicken Noodle, Chili and Cheesy Potato with Ham. Freezer meals will be available in 2 sizes: 2-3 servings or 4-6 servings. Freezer Meal choices: Slow Cooker Chicken Taco Soup, Beef Barley Stew, Turkey Black Bean Chili, and Chicken Parmesan. Prices will be listed on the order form. This is our fuel fundraiser event.

Please contact
Colleen Nielsen (321-3851) or
Kathy Hegge (366-4116)
if you have any questions.



DRIVE-THRU SOUP SUPPER ORDER FORM

East Nidaros Fuel Fundraiser

Choose Your PICKUP DATE:

___ SAT NOV 7th 9:00am at East Nidaros

___ SUN NOV 8th after Worship (11:30am) at East Nidaros

Contact Info: Colleen 321-3851 or Kathy 366-4116

Homemade Soups (Heat & Serve) Quantity (# of Quarts)

CHILI (\$10/Quart) _____

CHICKEN NOODLE (\$10/Quart) _____

CHEESY POTATO w/HAM (\$10/Quart) _____

<u>Frozen Crockpot Dinners</u>	<u>Serves 2-3</u>	<u>Serves 4-6</u>
	<u>(\$10)</u>	<u>(\$18)</u>

CHICKEN TACO SOUP	QTY: _____	_____
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BEEF BARLEY STEW	QTY: _____	_____
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TURKEY & BLACK BEAN CHILI	QTY: _____	_____
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CHICKEN PARMESAN	QTY: _____	_____
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NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PAYMENT INCLUDED \$ _____

Drop off order form at either church, church office during business hours or email to: HEGGEKKKC@YAHOO.COM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening This Week

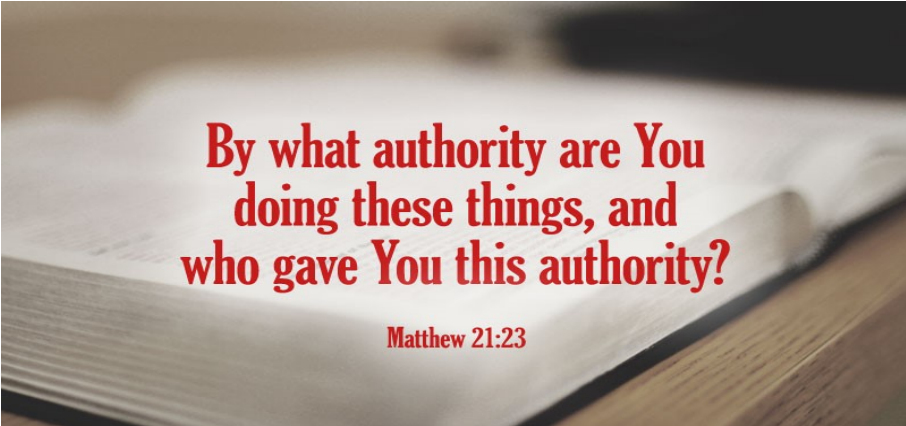
Wed Sept 30	6:30-7:30 6th grade Intro to Confirmation @ East
Thu Oct 1	8:30-12:00 Foot Care Clinic
Thu Oct 1	9:00 Bulletin Assembly

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Baltic	9:00 Worship
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship

Things Happening Week of October 4th

Sun Oct 4	Communion at Baltic & East
Mon Oct 5	7:30pm Council Meeting @ East
Wed Oct 7	6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic
Wed Oct 7	8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
Thu Oct 8	8:30-12:00 East Nidaros Quilting
Thu Oct 8	9:00 Bulletin Assembly



**By what authority are You
doing these things, and
who gave You this authority?**

Matthew 21:23