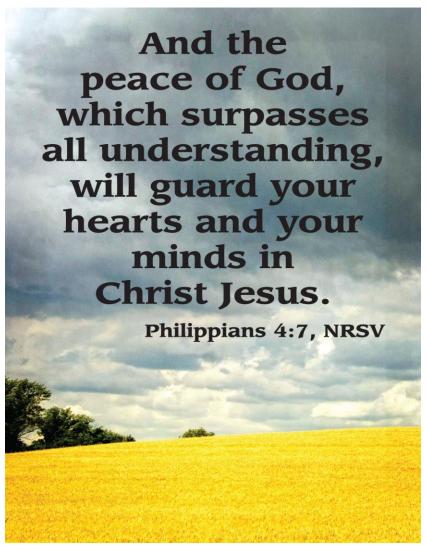
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 2021

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

225 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



TEXT: Christian H. Bateman

MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans; Choral ending arranged by Lee Herrington MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Please kneel, sit or stand

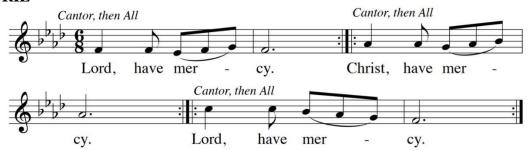
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Stand

#### **GREETING**

- 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.

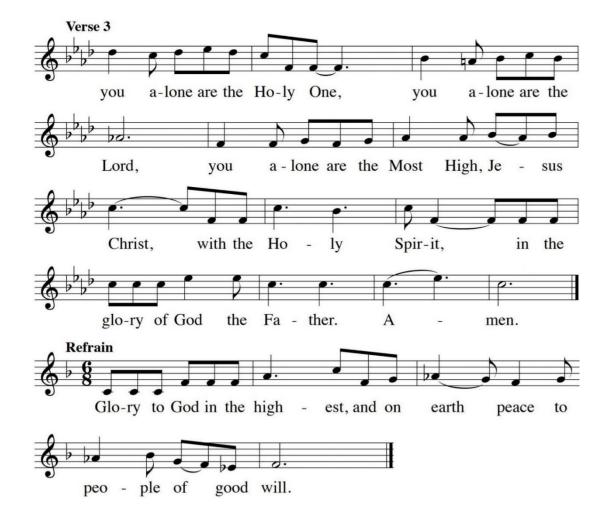
## **KYRIE**



## **HYMN OF PRAISE**







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.

#### FIRST READING: GENESIS 29:15-35

- <sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."
- <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."
- <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.
- <sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."
- <sup>22</sup> So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. <sup>23</sup> But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.
- <sup>25</sup> When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"
- <sup>26</sup> Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. <sup>27</sup> Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."
- <sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup> Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. <sup>30</sup> Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.
- <sup>31</sup> When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. <sup>32</sup> Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

- <sup>33</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.
- <sup>34</sup> Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.
- <sup>35</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the LORD." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.
- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 119:129-136

- R <sup>129</sup> Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.
- C <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
  - <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands.
  - 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.
  - <sup>133</sup> Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
  - 134 Redeem me from human oppression, that I may obey your precepts.
  - <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees.
  - 136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.



#### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

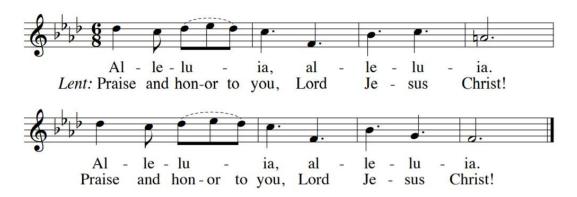
<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- <sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.
- <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.
- <sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from

the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

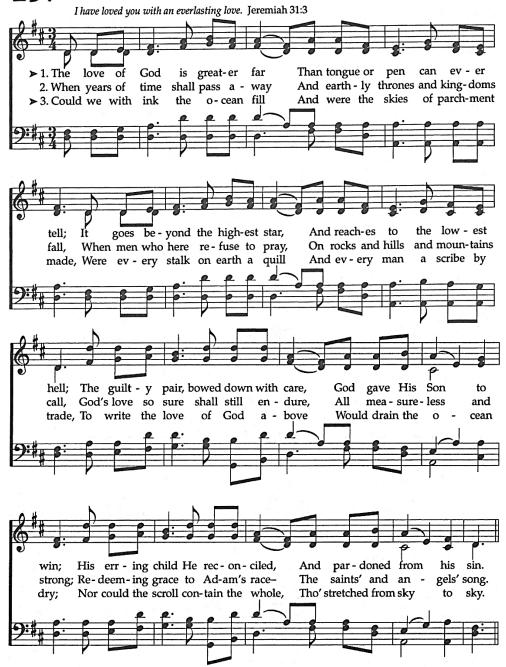
<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.



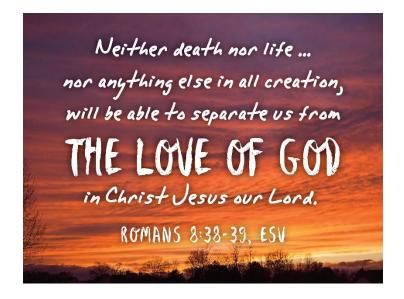
#### HYMN OF THE DAY

# 157 The Love of God





OUR FATHER'S LOVE - A Worship Sequence
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#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

#### Kneel/sit/stand

#### THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A God our ever-present help, our rock and our salvation, help us to discern your voice amidst the discontenting voices that would lure us away from you. May your grace have free reign among us that we might be emboldened to witness to your saving grace in our homes, our communities, and to all nations. Give us the words we need, recognition of opportunities to share your gospel, and the courage to do so. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

God you are our shield and our strength, be our protector in all the uncertainty and tragedy of life. Pour out your healing upon all who are sick or suffering [particularly ...]. Keep us mindful that no evil can win the day for through the cross of your dear Son, Jesus, the kingdom is ours forever. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign reigning Lord, your word states "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when the wicked rule, the people groan." Confer upon the federal, state, and local representatives of our republic the graces of righteousness, courage, strength, wisdom, vision, integrity, and the inspiration to follow your ways. Grant them ears to hear your counsel and hearts to heed it. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

God of all truth, mercifully protect in body and mind all college students on campuses across our nation. Enable them to reject falsehood and guide them to your Son who is the way, the truth, and the life. Especially prosper our campus missionary, Ryan Bradley, and those to whom he ministers at Wright State University. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom, bless the leaders of our church: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations around the globe that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

# Stand PEACE

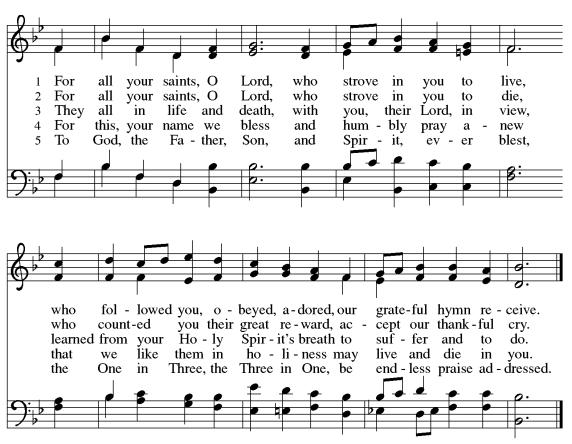
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Stand

## **OFFERTORY** (Verse 5 Only)



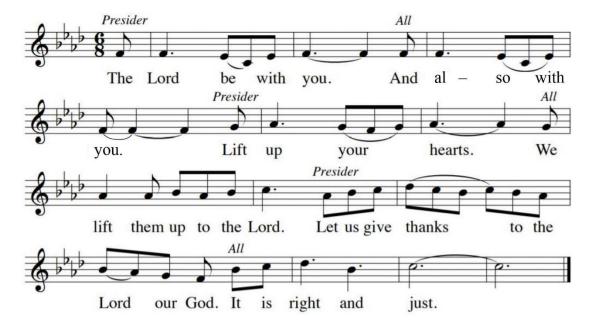


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#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you,
- C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

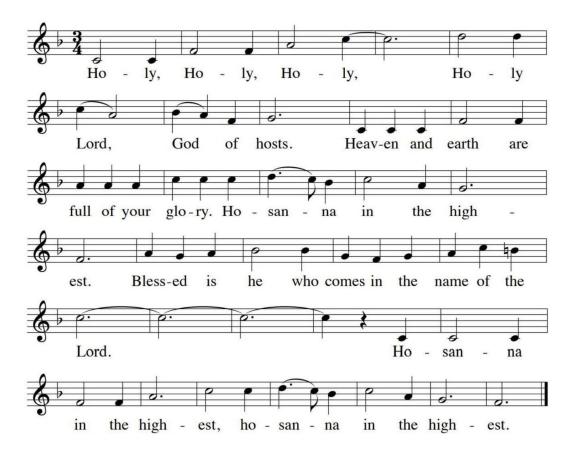
#### **DIALOGUE**



#### **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## **SANCTUS**





#### **THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 for the 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.

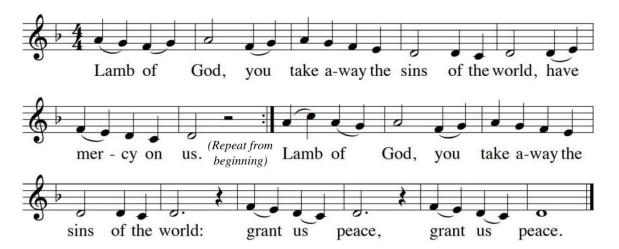
#### LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the \*bread and the \*wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.



Stand

#### **PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **CANTICLE (Verse 3 Only)**

## O Living Bread from Heaven



#### **BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

#### SENDING HYMN



## **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.





# SEPTEMBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

	<b>Assistant Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Cantor</b>
Sept 5	Shirley Schryver	Donna Tucker	Cynthia Michael
Sept 12	N'Anne Knight	Shirley Schryver	Roseann Costantino
Sept 19	Joe Costantino	Deborah Ross	Erika Wattrick
Sept 26	Sandy Rice	Julie Hohulin	Kylene Terhune
	Nursery	Communion Servers	
Sept 5	Rachael & Debbie	Septer	nber-Pfeiffer Family
Sept 12	Deborah & Debbie		
Sept 19	Kylene & Debbie		
Sept 26	HELP NEEDED		





## **Grace 2021 Council**

## **Officers**

John Michael~President
Deb Ross~Vice President
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Bill Slusser~Secretary

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Diane Jergens~Benevolence

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Joe Costantino~Worship & Music
Deb Ross~Office & Admin.
John Michael~Property

Don Stamm~Prayer & Shepherding





# Values:

The following values define our life together:

#### Grace:

Grace is our first name! It is that quality of Christ which we experience in his unconditional love toward us and which we must offer to others, even with those with whom we disagree. Grace enables us to see our fellow disciple as a child of God, one who is loved infinitely by God in Christ. Grace is evidenced by our actions toward one another, our words to one another, and our words about one another.

#### Faith:

Faith is two-part, and both are equally important. The first part is belief—belief that God exists, and that He loves us and sent His Son into the world to save us. Faith isn't a vague hope that God might exist; it is a definite belief that what the Bible says about Him is true. The Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

The second part of faith is commitment—a definite decision not only to believe in our minds that Christ can save us, but to put our lives into His hands and trust Him alone for our salvation. True faith not only believes Christ can save us, but actually trusts Him to do it. The Bible says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

## Trust:

Congregations move at the speed of trust. Trust is an intentional attitude toward another, saying, "Until you prove otherwise, I will trust you, trust what you say, and trust will do what you say." As members of this congregation we are committed to being worthy of the sacred trust of one another.

## Accountability:

Accountability is the flip-side of trust. It is the motivating mindset of those who have "bought in" to the mission of the church. Trust and Accountability go hand in hand to make our congregation function effectively. Accountability is taking ownership of my words and actions related to the area of ministry in which I participate. It is the commitment to act in a trustworthy manner, to mean what I say, and to do what I say I will do.

## Authenticity:

Authenticity is personal integrity in action. As members of this congregation we seek to demonstrate the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) in our actions with one another and those outside of our congregation. We will be who we say we are, act honorably towards one another, and seek to build one another up in the body of Christ.

## Empowerment:

The mission of the church shall be executed through empowered lay-led ministry teams. The number of ministry teams and the ministry responsibility of each team shall be designated by the church council. Ordinarily each team shall have a team leader and a council coach. (However, if the position of team leader cannot be filled, the council coach shall serve as both team leader and council coach.)

The team leader shall recruit team members from the congregation, regularly convene team meetings, preside at said meetings, report team activity to the council coach, and regularly seek the input, wisdom, and guidance of the council coach.

## Courage:

Endeavoring to be a spiritual mature expression of the body of Christ, we will practice the courage to speak the truth in love. (Eph. 4:15)

As council members, we will have the courage to speak the truth in love to one another. We will raise our concerns and questions during council meetings rather than engaging in "side conversations" outside of the meeting. Once the council has decided a matter, even if we personally disagree, we will support the majority decision for the sake of the unity of the church.

As members of the congregation, we will have courage to speak the truth in love to one another. We will seek to maintain witness of our congregation in peace, unity, and purity. We will avoid anonymous communication, gossip, and speaking behind one's back. When disagreements arise, we will follow the resolution model presented by our Lord in of Matthew 18:15-20.

As a congregation of the *North American Lutheran Church* we are guided by four core values:

- 1. Christ Centered
- 2. Mission Driven
- 3. Traditionally Grounded
- 4. Congregationally Focused



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