

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 10:00 am

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"



Music of Preparation,
 Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available in the main (west) entryway.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We understand that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

AS WE GATHER: "You are the Christ," said Peter, "the Son of the living God." This confession that Jesus is the Christ of God was the rock upon which Jesus built the Church of which this congregation is but one little corner of the vineyard. As we celebrate God's goodness to this congregation in the past and as we look toward the challenges of the future, we continue to proclaim Christ as the Son of God. May God bless our communal life of proclamation and use us to gather all His sheep into His fold.

Before worship prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Song: "Christ Our King"

- 1) We are the heartbeat, You are the love.
We are the fallen, You raise us up.
We are the voices, You are the song we sing.
 - 2) We are the thirsty, You are the well.
We are the hungry, You are the bread.
We are Your children, You know our every need.
You are our King.
- Chorus) Christ, Redeemer, the Center of everything.
Christ, our Healer, giver of hope and peace.
The only One who ever could set us free.
Christ our King, Christ our King.*
- 3) We are the longing, awaiting the dawn.
You are the Shepherd, leading us on.
Blessed Messiah, home for the wandering.
You are our King. (*Chorus 2*)

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Christ, our Healer, giver of hope and peace.
The only One who ever could set us free.
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- 4) We are the body, the work of Your hand.
Living reminders of Your love for man.
So, help us to live out that love so others might see.
You are our King. (*Chorus 2*)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b*
- P: This is the name by which our God reveals Himself.
C: This is the name He has given us in baptism.
- P: In this name, we have gathered for 165 years!
C: In this name, we have taught children for 160 years!
- P: In this name, we gather and rejoice in His goodness.
C: In this name, we gather today to celebrate His gracious acts.
- P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, in our baptism, God has chosen us and made us His children. He has called us to a life of repentance. As His children, let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Let us confess our sins to God our Father, . . . O God,
- C: By ourselves we have chosen to neglect Your commandments, choosing instead to trust the contemporary rules and conventions of society. Our hearts and minds are burdened with guilt - theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. We are guilty of these things in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Amen.**
- P: Children of God, rejoice! Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

P: Let us pray . . . Saving God, God of history and time, we thank You for the many gracious acts of salvation You have visited upon this congregation in its [number] years. Continue to bless us with Your presence, as you come to us in Word and sacraments, and make of us a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of Your great love. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and also our Lord. With You and the Holy Spirit, He lives and rules for all time.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

Song of God's Blessings: "Jesus Messiah"

1) He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

*Chorus) Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

2) His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing. *(Chorus)*

*Bridge) All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, The light of the world.*

*Final Chorus) Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

THE READING OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-6, 28-29

(Persevere!)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." . . . Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Stand (as you are able)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-33

("Who Do You Say That I Am?")

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be Seated)

K-8 School Choirs: “The Butterfly Song” and “This Is The Day”

Children’s Message

Adele Hinze

Sermon Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB, hymn #733

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op’ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Sermon: “Persevere With Thanksgiving”

Hebrews 12:1-2

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day
he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the**

**right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

Offering Song: “Your Grace is Sufficient for Me”

*Chorus) Your grace is sufficient for me,
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak;
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet, your grace is sufficient for me.*

- 1) I'm no longer striving to merit Your love,
I rest in Your promise to me;
That all of my sins have been washed in Your blood,
Your mercy is all that I need. *(Chorus)*
- 2) You see me as righteous because of the blood
that made the atonement for me;
Your mercy has triumphed where I should be judged,
so now, by Your grace, I am free. *(Chorus)*

PRESENTATION - 2nd Graders Receive Bibles

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. . . . Dear loving heavenly Father: Your loving-kindness toward us is especially evident today. We thank and praise You for creating Your Church and for giving life to this congregation and our school through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Hear now our petitions for Jesus' sake as we come to You as Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We give You thanks for the blessings You have given to our congregation during these 165 years and our school for 160 years. Work in our hearts that we may not be obstacles, but channels for the coming of Your kingdom to a lost and evil world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: This year, O Lord, we remember Your hand at work in the life of our church school in the past. You have blessed us and guided us these many years. We thank You this day for the past, in which You have made known Your salvation time and time again. For Your past blessings, we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, while we celebrate the past, we also do not forget that You are with us this very moment. For Your present blessings, we give You thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, even as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we also look forward to the future in joy. We pray that You would continue to make Your saving acts known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Help us to look beyond our walls to those who do not know You. Make this church and school a blessing to those around us, and embolden us to move forward with strength toward what lies ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for Your children, who are at times, attacked by trials and losses. We especially pray for those who are ill and those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We lift up before You those hospitalized this past week (*Especiall*y, . . .). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Sustain them by Your strength and protection. Preserve all of us from despair and depression caused by the circumstances of our lives. Keep us strong in faith and give us the wisdom of perspective that places all earthly concerns under Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . 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, who has taught 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:1

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.

C: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB, hymn #657

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
 For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
 Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
 Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
 The Kingdom's ours forever!

See You In Worship Next Week!

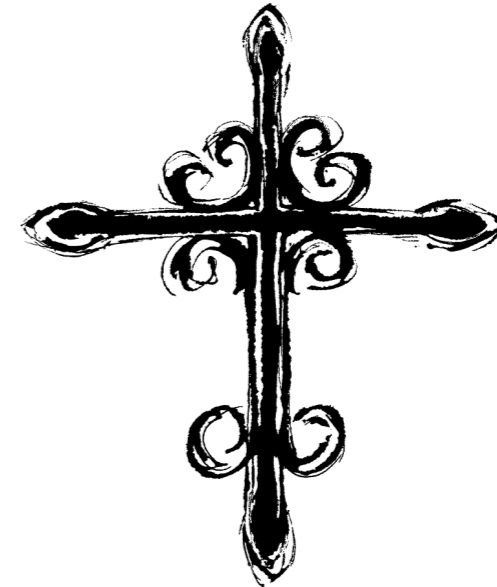
After worship prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in praise and thankfulness for God's abundant blessings, by Ron & Lydia Brown; also in loving memory of my husband, Gordon F. Palmer, for his 85th birthday, August 24th, by his wife Julie Palmer and his children & grandchildren.



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