

October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE *“Piano Sonata No. 8, mov. II”* Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. *Ps. 118:1*

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God; *Ps. 19:14*

the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.

Let every tongue confess the good news: *Phil. 2:11*

Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #630** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* CRUSADERS’ HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #471 HEAR MY PRAYER

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer (The Lord Is My Song)”

(verse 1, verse 2, then repeat verse 1)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

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.

... dedicated to your service.

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

A gluten-free option is available

on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Partake of the bread when it comes to you,

mindful of your communion with Christ.

Hold the cup and we will all drink together,

mindful of our communion with one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we give you thanks

that you have claimed us as your own

and nourished us in this meal

as members of Christ’s body.

By the work of your Spirit within us

give us the grace to glorify you

as one living body in the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Mic. 6:8

OFFERTORY

“Valses No. 3”

Granados

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

(Germany, 1563)

46. What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the

earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes

again to judge the living and the dead.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

47. But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

O.T. page 49

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32

N.T. page 18

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 50:1-21

O.T. page 37

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 4:13-17

N.T. page 182

ANTHEM

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Choplin

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Rev. 21:5

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Lord’s Prayer, Part 2:

Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus

“Your Will Be Done”

+**HYMN: GTG #263** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”* CORONATION

+**BLESSING**

Jude 24-25

... before all time and now and forever. **Amen!**

+**CHARGE**

Mic. 6:8

... and to walk humbly with your God. **Thanks be to God!**

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** *“Go Now in Peace”*

Besig / Price

POSTLUDE

“Kinderszenen, No. 1”

Schumann

*You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.*

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Nancy Sue MacDonald

Greeters: Anita and Rick Cote

Communion Servers: Anita and Rick Cote, Kelli Green, and Will Ozee

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Eva Schlenner

Today’s flowers are given by Sue Riley
in memory of Clarice & Richard Mills,
Keitha & Dr. Charles Norman, and Crescent Norman

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#54. Farewell:

Paul makes his way back to Jerusalem, bearing gifts. On his way, he bids a tearful and final farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus.

(Acts 20:3—21:16) (c. AD 57)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 97. What is the third commandment?

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God” (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11).

Question 98. What do you learn from this commandment?

I should use God’s name with reverence and awe. God’s name is taken in vain when used to support wrong. It is insulted when used carelessly, as in a curse or a pious cliché.

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Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Anita Cote, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.

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Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.
Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely.

DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Kurt Immekus	Oct. 2
Matthew McGonigal	Oct. 4
Nicholas Trout	Oct. 4
Sarah Fay-Koutz	Oct. 6

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The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)