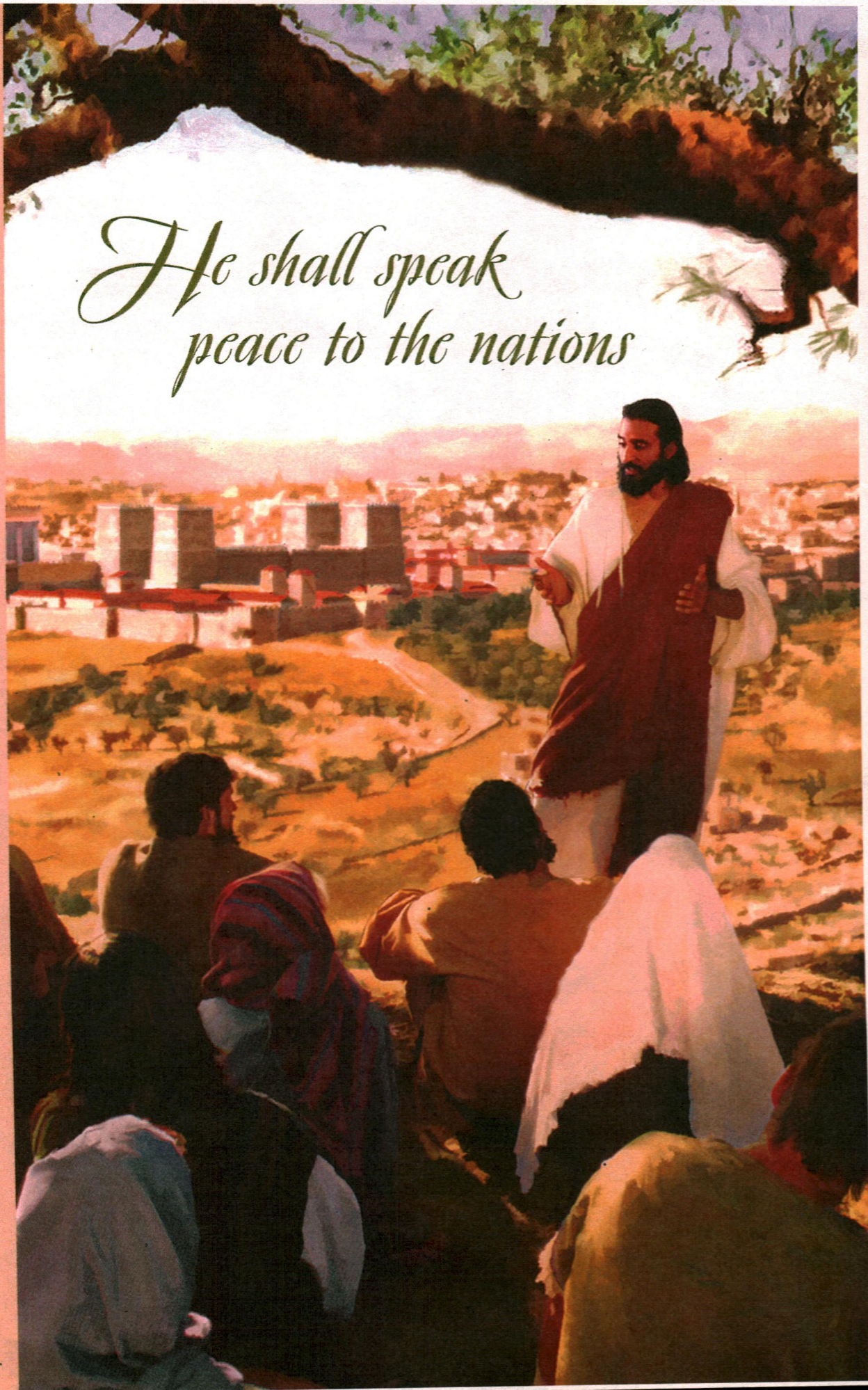
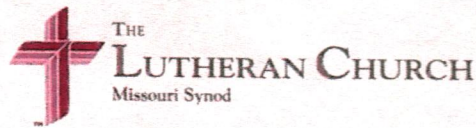


*He shall speak
peace to the nations*





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“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Elders. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

July 9, 2023

About the Cover: In the midst of unrest among nations, Jesus has come to speak peace. His peace is not like what the world promises. His peace is eternal and secured by His cross and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus continues to speak peace to the nations through His Church through His Word and Sacraments. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30).

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— PROPER 9

Prisoners of Hope

July 9, 2023



AS WE GATHER

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.” When we hear these words of the prophet Zechariah in the season of Advent, we are evermore ready to rejoice, especially as Christmas approaches. But to hear these words now in the middle of summer may strike us as a little more challenging. The pressures and doldrums of daily life can wear away momentary joys. In fact, the call to rejoice can seem pointless echoing against the hard walls of a prison of our own making. No matter how many Christmases we have celebrated, like the apostle Paul, we may continue to feel trapped by our unrelenting sinfulness. True joy comes only as we receive the comforting words of our Lord, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Herein is the goal of Christmas. Here today by means of the Word of God and the receiving of His body and blood, God gives you faith to believe and to receive eternal salvation. By God’s Word, even today “it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.” For here is where true joy is found.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

“Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817

INVOCATION

Lay Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 7:15; Matthew 11:28*

Lay Minister: With the apostle Paul today we admit, “I do not understand my own actions.

People: For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”

Lay Minister: At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

People: For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lay Minister: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Even though we rejoice at the joy of Christmas, daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Lay Minister: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813

SALUTATION

Lay Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lay Minister: Let us pray.

Gracious God, as the holy angels called the world to rejoice when You first sent Your only-begotten Son to be born of the Virgin Mary, so help us to rejoice today in the comfort of the deliverance He brought when He gave His life to the world on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Zechariah 9:9–12* (The coming of Zion's King)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 145:1–14; antiphon: v. 19* (The Lord is
near to all who call on Him.)

- ¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ²Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.
¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

EPISTLE *Romans 7:14–25a* (Release from the law of sin)

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL AND VERSE *Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 11:28*

Lay Minister: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Lay Minister: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:25–30* (The Father revealed in the Son)

Lay Minister: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the

Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lay Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY " Here I AM " BOB 85

SERMON " To be a Leader."

APOSTLES CREED

All: 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "*Make me a Servant*" BOB 155

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lay Minister: O God of grace, God of glory, "Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heaven our voice." For having first come to us in the person of Your Son, You have lifted us out of our sorrowful bondage to sin and death and raised us to the freedom and newness of eternal life. You have washed us in baptismal waters and renewed us in faith given by Your Holy Spirit. We sing and rejoice in thankfulness and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lay Minister: Cause the joy of Your gracious reign of peace and hope to continue to blossom and grow throughout the world by the proclamation of Your mighty Word. To that end, bless and sustain all pastors and ministers of Your Word and the witness of all who joyfully testify to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lay Minister: Eternal Lord and ruler of all, save and defend our country. Graciously regard all who have been set in positions of authority among us, that, guided by Your Spirit, we may be governed in peace and safety. Strengthen and protect those who serve in

the armed forces of our country that they be upheld in integrity and with honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lay Minister: Continue to bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance all that is needed for the support of our lives. Bless our homes and families that we may dwell together in peace, sharing in Your blessings. Be with all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Grant Your peace and healing, and above all, faith in Your never-failing promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lay Minister: We commend to Your eternal protection, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed this life in faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to them Your mercy and everlasting peace. Teach us all to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom, and when our last hour comes, be with us and grant us a blessed end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lay Minister: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

“ Taught by Our Lord, Trusting in His Promises, We are bold to pray.”

People: 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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Lay Minister: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Onward Christian Soldiers” LSB 662

News and Events for the Week

Ladies Prayer Breakfast Ladies prayer breakfast is taking place at Magic's Pizza in Selah, first Saturday of the Month in August at 10:00 AM. Feel free to bring friends. If you have any questions as contact Teri Sanchez at (509)728-4710.

Lyso's Farwell Potluck after service today.

- No Women's Bible Study at Bethlehem until September
- No Men's Breakfast Until September.

Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the quilts fund. We are donating \$400.00 to the Union Gospel Mission & \$400.00 to the Selah Food Bank.

The Quilters will take a break for the summer and resume in September.

Peace Quilters.

In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Eric Ragot his cancer is spreading.
- Safe Travels for Rick , Teri, and Savannah Sanchez , they are traveling home in the next few days.
- Cheryl Doyle is having open heart surgery.
- Vickie Sly, for Healing and Strength she has shingles
- Family of Harlen Briscoe , Harlen Passed.
- Shirley Davis she is starting Chemo July 18th

For our loved ones with cancer:

Mary Ackerman, Joe Koreis, Lisa McCloud, Rachel Snyder, Barb Peter, Louise, Julie Colgan, Eric Ragot, Jaclyn Freeborn, Robert Phillips, Shirley Davis.

Reader: Sharon Green
Ushers: Braden / Sharon Green
Lay Minister: Harlan Lyso
Next Week 7/16/2023
Reader: Teri Sanchez
Ushers: Larry Smith/ Lee Groth
Guest Pastor: Jack Flachsbart
Elder: Steve Sinclair

Attendance :

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Offerings:
\$ 3,025.00



Mary Lyso 7/14



Russ & Hilde Hibdon 7/12 (26 years)
Lance & Charlene Ostrom 7/16 (7 years)
Dan & Vickie Sly 7/16 (57 years)