

*Foreigners . . .
I will bring to My holy mountain*



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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.

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About the Cover: Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, God proclaimed that He would bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, Zion. God’s grace and mercy makes strangers into citizens. “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13). Now, for all who are in Christ, there are only citizens of His heavenly kingdom.

12th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 15) August 20, 2023

AS WE GATHER

The Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples—no matter who they are or where they have come from—to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God's gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers "for all peoples."

+ PREPARATION +

497 COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 56:1

Pastor Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,

Congregation for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."

P: The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

(We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.)

P: Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

C: We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.

P: Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

**C: At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever.
Amen.**

P: Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples.

C: You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation!

P: Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people
We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE

506 "Glory Be To God The Father" VS 1

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
"I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5

R May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make His face to shine upon us,

R that Your way may be known on earth,

C: Your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

R Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

R The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**C God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 147:2–3

P: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Congregation He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

615 WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with

the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“LSB 192”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for all the people of God, the Church, those who have been called out of the darkness of sin and death and into the light and life of the kingdom that is eternal.

Gracious King, we praise You as the Creator and sustainer of life. From the womb to the tomb, and at every stage of life, Your hand is upon Your own, giving us all that we need to support our daily lives. United as one, we praise You, O Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Saving King, we praise You as the Savior and redeemer of life. Your nail-scarred hands and pierced side give evidence of the lengths to which You have journeyed in order to seek and save the lost. Made right with You by the shedding of Your innocent blood, we are recipients of what we could never earn nor deserve. United as one, we praise You, Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, we praise You as the restorer and renewer of life. You claim Your family through the outpouring of mercy that we experience in Holy Baptism. You enable our hearts to receive Your Word and our mouths to confess Your truth before our world. United as one, we praise You, Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sovereign King, You see all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside Your watch and reign. Bless our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our church. Sustain the life of our community, and guide the leaders who labor among us for the blessing of all. Protect those in harm's way, especially the members of our military, that they may rest in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty King, Your strength is unmatched and Your power unfathomable. Break down any barrier of heart and mind that would distract us from seeing Your work in our midst. Draw unto Yourself for restoration those who hunger and thirst, those in need of food and shelter, those who experience loss of employment, and all who struggle to find purpose in their lives. Cause Your Word to reach to the ends of the earth, bringing Your saving Gospel to bear on the lives of all peoples and granting salvation to all who confess Jesus as Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Healing King, You stooped down from Your heavenly throne to dwell among us in Christ. As You continue to bind up the brokenhearted and heal their wounds, we pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way, [*especially . . .*]. Help these and all others whom we name in our hearts to know the love You have for all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution Hymn 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 56:1; Numbers 6:24–26

P: Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,

C: for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed.”

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.

Congregation Amen.

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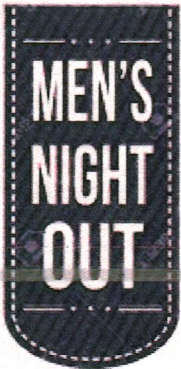
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News and Notes :



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

Congregation Meeting Sunday 20th of August After Service.



Men's night out at Tailgaters at 5pm on August 21st

Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.**
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.**
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"**
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.**
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."**
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.**
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.**
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.**
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation**

In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Paul Rath comfort and healing and Grace Rath.
- Tod Bailey had a triple bypass on Wednesday. Chris Smith's Nephew
- Kevin Jorgenson for comfort and healing.
- Kay Grimmesey , is home with her Lord and Savior. (Chris Smith's Aunt)
- Steve Smeback is having health problems.
- Donna (Chris Sallas friend) is suffering from deep depression

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: Braden Green
Ushers: Larry Smith & Josh Green
Counters: Jody & Jean
Guest Pastor Mark Griesse
Next Week August 27, 2023
Ushers : Josh & Braden Green
Reader Charlene Ostrom
Counters Hibdon/ Sly
Lay Led Service.

August 13, 2023
Attendance: 37
Offerings: \$2,030.00



Glenn & Joan Stocker 8/21
(64 Years)



Dan Sly 8/24
Bruce Peterson 8/27