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**“I AM THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD.”**

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WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER  
WALK IN DARKNESS,  
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”

JOHN 8:12



The Word is a Lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my Path  
Psalm 119:105

# Rally Day Service

Everett Park, Rural Sherburn, MN

September 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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**Welcome:** We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

**We Remember In Our Prayers:** Ted Sauers Jr.

**Coping With Cancer:** Ted Sauers Jr., Rick Brolsma, Janette Behne, Wanda Douglas, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Perry Caven, Harv Baird, Michele Thiesse, Matt Plumhoff, Todd Klukow, Ross Johnson, Bev Brinkman

**Care List:** Marianne Hagen, Dick Brolsma, Kurt Jans, Dixie Preuss, Sandie Clausen, Linda Chase, Susan Moeller, Theresa Petersen, Harvey Moeller, Jim Keithahn, Lorraine Gagnon, Crue Crosby, Miss Murphy, Barb Mustard, Roberta Garbers, Robert Ziemer, LaVerna Diekmann, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Adam Janssen, Kay Groth, Garland Hendricksen, Dan Janssen, and those we name in our hearts.

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week :** Becky Yahnke, Betsy Crawford, Brad Harris, Jennifer Madden, Jim Claussen, Lee Swanson, Brian Rosenberg, Christian Hugget, Jarek Cutler, Elijah Youngwirth, Jack Crawford, Samantha Swanson, Sydney Flohrs, Jennifer Sommer, Darla Ross, Jon Hoffmeyer, Michelle Hartung, Mitchell Weber, Brandon Knake, Geraldine Hendrick, Laura Ringnell

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Brad & Kia Ringnell, Levi & Morgan Williamson, Darren & Brenna Thate, Gary & Mary Manzey

**Wedding:** Congratulations to Joseph and Karley (Runkle) Richter who were united in marriage on September 10.

**Thank You** to the Board of Education for serving the brunch and organizing Rally Day activities this morning.

**Fall Worship Schedule Starts September 18** with services at 8:00 & 10:30. Sunday school/Bible Class/SALT will be held at 9:15.

**Third Grade Bibles:** Each year the Board of Education presents the 3rd graders with a Bible. We would like each third grader and their parents to be present at the 8:00 & 10:30 service next Sunday to receive their Bible.

**Installation of Sunday School Teachers** will take place at both services on September 18.

**Friendship Club:** This month we are back at the church for coffee and conversation. Join us on Monday, September 12, 2:00 pm. Bring a treat to go with coffee.

**LWML** meets on Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

**Planning Council** is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. Board chairmen are to make sure that someone from your board will be attending the meeting.

**Confirmation Class** for the 8th grade will start on Wednesday at 3:45; 7th grade will start on September 28. Please bring your Bibles and catechisms.

**Bible Study—“The Chosen”:** We are offering two opportunities to join us in Bible study and watch episodes of “The Chosen”! “The Chosen” is a first ever multi season television series based on the life of Christ. During our Bible study time we will watch an episode from “The Chosen” and follow it with discussion and study. Men, women, youth—all are invited to attend.

Wednesdays starting September 14 at 9:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays at 6:00 p.m. starting September 18

**Tuesday Morning Coffees** will be held at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Welcome.

**Rally Sunday—September 11, 2022**  
**10:00am @ Everett Park, Rural Sherburn, MN**  
*Creative Worship*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Opening Song: “Jesus Loves Me”**

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

*Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven’s gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. REFRAIN

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song. Telling me in words so clear, “Have no fear, for I am near.” REFRAIN

#### **Invocation/Confession and Absolution The Rite of Holy Baptism**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Our Lord commanded Baptism, saying to his disciples in the last chapter of Matthew: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” The holy apostles of the Lord have written: “The promise is for you and your children,” and: “Baptism now saves you.”

We also learn from the Word of God that we all are conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent his Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

I now ask you who are here today to make the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children:

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with his grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon us, the family of our Father, let us pray the prayer he gave us.

**All: 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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**C Amen.**

P We shall all together faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C I do renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C Yes, I believe 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.**

**Song: "The B-I-B-L-E"**

The B-I-B-L-E Yes, that's the book for me  
I stand alone on the Word of God The B-I-B-L-E

The B-L-O-O-D That Jesus shed for me;  
Christ paid the price, our sacrifice The B-L-O-O-D!

I'm S-A-V-E-D, By G-R-A-C-E;

I'm saved by grace, the Scripture says The B-I-B-L-E!

**Benediction**

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.**

**The Greatest Commandment Mark 12:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

**Closing Song: "This Is My Commandment"**

This is My commandment, That you love one another, That your joy may be full.

This is my commandment, That you love one another That your joy may be full That your joy may be full, That your joy may be full.

This is my commandment, That you love one another That your joy may be full. That your joy may be full!

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**Take My Moments and My Days**

**Sunday, September 11:** 10:00 am Rally Day Service at Everett Park followed by Brunch and activities

**Monday, September 12:** 10:00 am Temp Ridge, 2:00 pm Friendship Club, 6:00 pm Elders Meeting

**Wednesday, September 14:** 9:00 am Bible Class, 2:00 pm LWML, 3:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation, 6:00 pm Planning Council Meeting

**Thursday, September 15:** Circuit Pastors Meeting

**Sunday, September 18:** 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, 9:15 am Sunday School/ Bible Class/SALT

### **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that God's people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel have free course in every land. And let us pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, In Your Mercy,

#### **C Hear Our Prayer.**

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but rather that we encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C Hear Our Prayer.**

P Father in Heaven, we pray for our Sunday School teachers and students, our adult Bible and SALT leaders, and our Confirmation students as they begin another year of teaching and learning the works of Christ from the Word of God. Give the students and adults ears that hear His Word and bodies that carry out His Works to the Glory of the Lord. Lord, in Your Mercy

#### **C Hear Our Prayer.**

P Let us pray for those with special concerns and needs this day including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C Hear Our Prayer.**

P God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Amen.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C Yes, 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.**

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

C Amen.

#### **Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children All the children of the world Red and yellow, black and white They are precious in His sight Jesus loves the little children of the world

#### **Introit Psalm 100**

P Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**C Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P Know that the Lord is God/ It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**C Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

P For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

**C his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**ALL: 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.**

#### **Song of Praise: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** LSB 803

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Jesus, the Light of the Word** John 8:12

**12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### Short Homily

#### Song: "Give Me Oil in my Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning.  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning.  
Keep me burning till the break of day.

*Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing, sharing, sharing.  
Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing, sharing, sharing.  
Keep me sharing till the break of day. (Refrain)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, singing, singing.  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, singing, singing.  
Keep me singing till the break of day. (Refrain)

Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, praying, praying.  
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.  
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying, praying, praying.  
Keep me praying till the break of day. (Refrain)

### Reading Mark 4:21-22

**21** And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? **22** For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light.

#### Song: "This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine  
Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm going to let it shine  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

### Offering

#### Offering Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.