



## *Worship & Sermon Series*

**EVANGELISM**

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***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Sunday, September 15, 2019***

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## ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### ***Thursday 6:30 PM***

<b><i>Elders:</i></b>	Mike Bandman
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	Jeremy Little
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Owen Squires/Jacob Plapp
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Joanne Heidlauf, Diane Boehm
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Don Heidlauf, <b>OPEN</b>
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Megerle Family, Matt & Kiwol Messmer
<b><i>Sept. Altar Guild:</i></b>	Becky Anderson
<b><i>Sept. Counters:</i></b>	Monte Stoltzman

#### ***Sunday 9:00 AM***

<b><i>JJ Jones</i></b>
<b><i>OPEN</i></b>
<b><i>Annika Chudy/Jake Chudy</i></b>
<b><i>Pat Rasmussen, Ann Souza</i></b>
<b><i>Scott Mundrick, Karen Kailer</i></b>
<b><i>Pipia Family,</i></b>
<b><i>Javier &amp; Michelle Ramon</i></b>
<b><i>Shari Hoppe</i></b>
<b><i>Bill &amp; Kathy Schwartz</i></b>

### ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Jim & Donna Gerken in celebration of their wedding anniversary and  
Maria Kube in celebration of her daughter's 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

# In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,  
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,  
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

## **Government & Safety**

Local, State and Federal government and leaders  
Local police and fire departments

## **Local concerns**

Human trafficking, here locally and across the world  
Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, 30 months probation/rehabilitation

## **Congregation: Spiritual Conversation**

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life,  
and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

# ***THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE SERVICE***

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Luke's Gospel.

Luke is the focus of Year C Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

## **Opening Hymn**

## ***Lift High the Cross***

LSB 837 sts. 1-2,4-6

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## ***Invocation (Based on Luke 2:14)***

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: peace to all the Earth,**

P: and goodwill from God in heaven.

**C: Amen.**

**(10:45 a.m.) Baptism – Grace Kathleen daughter of Anthony & Tanya Bayless**

**Confession and Absolution**

*(Based on the Song of Zechariah—Luke 1:68-79 (LSB 238), along with Luke 3:7-8, 10; 15:21)*

P: John the Baptist was called the prophet of the Most High,  
for He went before the Lord Jesus to prepare His way,  
confronting the people and us with our sin, saying:  
“Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon?  
Produce fruit that shows you have repented.  
Produce actions that show you have changed your hearts and lives.”  
The crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”  
And we find ourselves asking this same question.

**C: Lord, we have sinned. What then shall we do?**

P: God calls on us to confess our sin and seek His forgiveness and mercy,  
so that these words from the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus  
become our own words of confession:

**C: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.  
I am no longer worthy to be called your child.**

P: John the Baptist, the prophet, went before the Lord Jesus  
to give His people knowledge of their salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sin.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
He has come to His people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of His servant David.**

P: 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.**

## ***Gloria in Excelsis (based on Luke 2:14)***

LSB 204



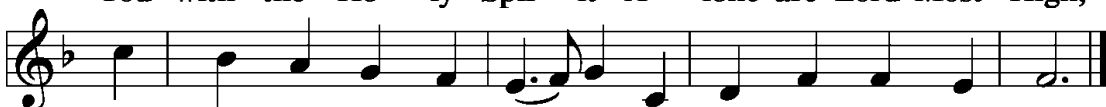
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## ***Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: Let us pray. Almighty God our heavenly Father, through Your dear Son You have made us all Your witnesses. Enlighten by Your Holy Spirit all who speak to others the message of salvation through Jesus' blood and merit. Grant Your blessing upon this congregation, especially those with the gift of evangelism, so that Your Word may reach out and bear much fruit for the growth of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Anthem****“Alleluia, Fairest Morning”****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Alleluia, fairest morning, Fairer than our words can say!  
Down we lay the heavy burden Of life’s toil and care today.  
While this morn of joy and love Brings fresh vigor from above.*

*In the gladness of His worship We will seek our joy today;  
It is then we learn the fullness Of the grace for which we pray,  
When the word of life is given, Like the Savior’s voice from Heaven.*

*Let the day with Thee be ended, As with Thee it has begun,  
And Thy blessing, Lord, be granted, Till earth’s days and weeks are done;  
That at last Thy servants may Keep eternal Sabbath day.*

**Old Testament Reading****Ezekiel 34:11–24 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Reading from the History of the Early Church***

***Acts 8:1b–13 (ESV)***

<sup>1</sup>... And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen [who had been stoned to death for his faith] and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

<sup>4</sup>Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. <sup>5</sup>Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. <sup>6</sup>And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. <sup>7</sup>For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. <sup>8</sup>So there was much joy in that city.

<sup>9</sup>But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup>They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.” <sup>11</sup>And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup>But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup>Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Song of Praise

## Here I am To Worship



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me \_  
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



\_\_\_\_ see. \_\_\_\_ Beau - ty that made this \_\_\_\_ heart a - dore \_\_\_\_ You, hope of a life spent with \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ -bove. \_\_\_\_ Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came.

### Chorus



\_\_\_\_ You. \_\_\_\_ So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to  
\_\_\_\_ poor. \_\_\_\_



say that You're my God. \_\_\_\_ And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. \_\_\_\_

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## Holy Gospel

## Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

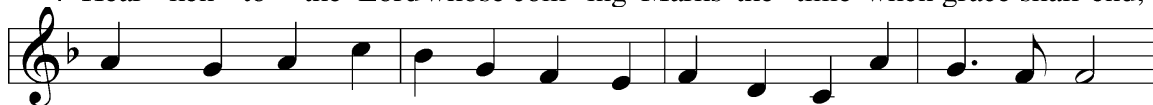
## Hymn of the Day

## Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827



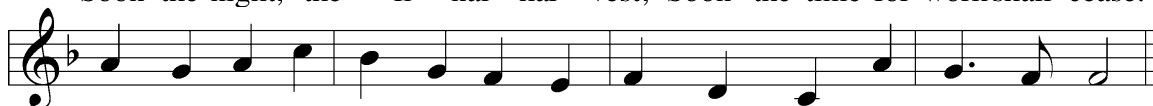
- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
- 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?”  
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;  
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?  
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God’s Word so rich - ly yields.  
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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## Sermon

## *“The Gift of Evangelism”*

### **Confession of Faith from Luke 24:26-27,32; 4:21; 24:44-49**

We confess that Jesus interpreted for us the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets, so that our hearts burn within us when He opens the Scriptures to us by His Holy Spirit to reveal His grace and mercy. —As Jesus declared, “Today these words have been fulfilled in your hearing.”—He has opened our minds to understand the Scriptures, and shown us, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you—the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

### **Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### **Offertory (Based on Mary’s Song—the Magnificat—Luke 1:46-55)** LSB 934 sts. 1-2 (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)

1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -

leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like

gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.

## **Prayers**

### ***The Lord's Supper: What We Believe***

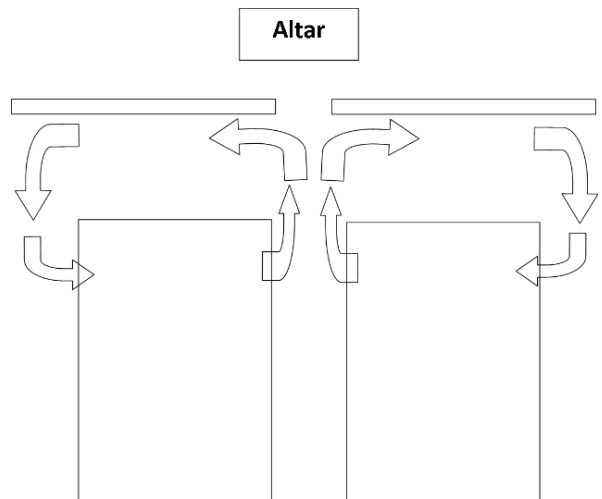
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



### ***Communion Distribution***

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



### ***Preface (based on Luke 15:2,6,32)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Rejoice that it is true: What the enemies of our Lord meant as an accusation of wrongdoing has become our hope and salvation: This man, our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, receives sinners and eats with them.

**C: Rejoice with me!**

P: The Lord receives you as sinners and invites you to eat at His Table.

**C: Rejoice with me!**

P: The Lord has found His sheep that were lost.

**C: Rejoice with me!**

P: For you were dead, and now are alive in Him.

**C: We were lost, and now are found.**

### ***Proper Preface for Luke***

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Luke, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### ***Sanctus (based on Luke 19:38)***

LSB 903 sts. 4-5

4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on  
es earth of can grace; He, in the Lord's name,  
raise. The high - est heav'ns, in  
comes to us To save our fall - en race.  
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

P: You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world.

C: **Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

***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.***

### ***Words of Institution as in the Gospel of Luke***

Luke 22:14–20

P: <sup>14</sup>And when the hour [of the Passover meal] came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying “God’s peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
 dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
 choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

**Second Distribution Hymn****The Church's One Foundation**

LSB 644 sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.



***Post-Communion Prayer (Based on Simeon's Song—Luke 2:29-32)***

P: Let us pray. Lord, now You let Your servants go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. Our own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel, the salvation which we have received in the body and blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: ***Amen.***

***Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the Beatitudes—Luke 6:20-23)***

P: The Lord Jesus lifts up His eyes on you, His disciples, and says:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

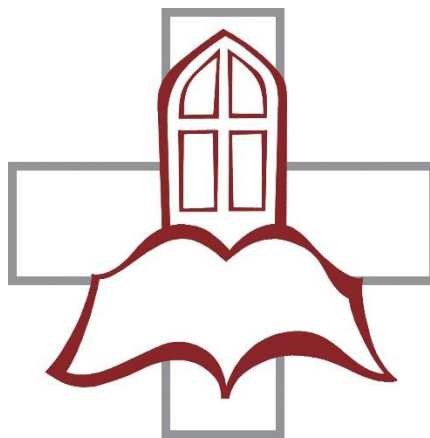
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you  
on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,  
for behold, great is your reward in heaven.”

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

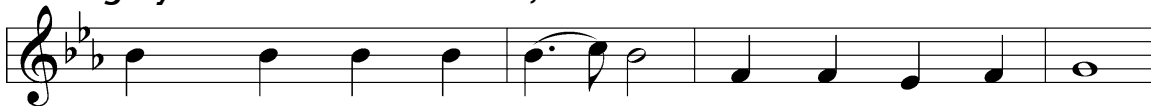
C: ***Amen.***



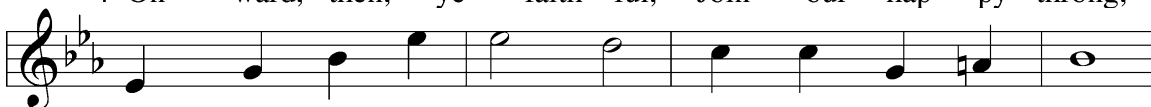
## Closing Hymn

## Onward, Christian Soldiers

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1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

## Announcements

*Celebration  
of Ministry*



**SPIRITUAL GIFTS  
DISCOVERY**  
*equip to serve*

**You've taken the Spiritual Gifts Discovery Assessment.....  
you've been listening to pastor's sermons on those gifts.....**

**Now what?**

**Join us on Sunday, September 22  
at 9:30 a.m. in the gym for a  
*Celebration of Ministry.***

Games, prizes, fun and best of all you will learn where you can  
share your gifts with your Bethel family and beyond.

Bethel ministry leaders are looking forward to meeting you and telling you  
all about how we can use our gifts to serve in our church and community.

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# DISCIPLE BASICS GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Led by Pastor Squires 9:30-10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall

Let's read the Gospel of Mark—slowly—together.  
We'll look at 2 chapters per week,  
consider basic questions  
and reflect on this Gospel shapes our lives  
as disciples—followers of Jesus.

### What's Adult Bible Study Like?

- No pre-requirements! We're all learning together.
- A large group in a large room so all are welcome!
- A small group feel with round tables of 6-8 people
- Pastor leads from the front but gets the small groups talking
- Pastor will not call on people and put them on the spot.
- Connecting the Bible with living out our Christian faith.