

# Sunday Worship Service

## HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

- “We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW, #479
- “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW, #461
- “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” ELW, #469

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” ELW, #517

CORPORATE PRAYER:  
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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**Worship Team for today:**

**Presider:** Pastor Barb Lemke

**Pianist:** Mila Khmeleva **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down

**Reader:** Jon Lohmer **Greeter:**

**Usher:** Richard Richmond **Communion Asst.:** Jon Lohmer &

**Screen:** Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook:** Mary Katherine Smith **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan



# *God Breaks Down Walls*

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 16, 2023**

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Altar Flowers are given by Carol Kirkegaard in memory of her brother Don L. Axt, a Navy medic, 1936-2004.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**July 16, 2023**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: “Jesus, We Are Gathered” ELW, #529  
“Come and Fill Our Hearts” ELW, #528

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING LITANY *see insert*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” ELW, #763

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Joshua 6:1–20

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Ephesians 2:14–18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1–7

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

HYMN: “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” *see insert*

SERMON “God Breaks Down Walls” Pastor Barb Lemke

APOSTLES’ CREED  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.\***  
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**  
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**  
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ukraine our prayers are with you  
Tim & Linda Washington – John & Casey Howshar  
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen  
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank  
Pat Oakes – Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Linda Faciane (Joy’s aunt)  
– Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Don Kirkegaard – Ashlyn (daughter of  
friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Katherine (friend of Ron and Doris Freund) – Alicia  
Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith)  
Ray & Cathy Maver-Johnson  
Danny Cowan  
Armonni Gonzalez (friend of Patty Garcia’s daughter)  
Bob Zenn  
Eleanore Sims  
Carol Kirkegaard  
Ev Kelley  
Al Ryberg, Sylvia Cowan’s brother  
Susan Armor – Johnnie Armor  
Chelsea and Mitchell Thompson  
Sheri Johnson (Lynn Hampton’s niece)  
P.J., a driver who works for Brittany Eirish Licalzi (*broken bones in accident*)  
Pastor Barb Lemke (*recovery from knee replacement*)  
Chad Buttler, son of a friend of Debbie Diedrich (*kidney health*)  
Mark Aderman, Tamara Smith’s brother (*health*)  
Twins Betty & Barb Geisler, relatives of the Cowans (*car accident, severe injuries*)  
Jon Kuehler (*back surgery*)  
Ted Smith (*Mary Katherine’s father, kidneys recovery from blood infection*)  
Eleanor Cuddy (*hospice*)  
Trent Lieffring, Debbie (Anderson) Diedrich's friend's daughter’s boyfriend (*hospice*)  
Maya Ortega and family, grandmother died in car accident

**Homebound members:** Pat French – Wil Wertz – Jim and Linda Craig

**Physical Rehab:** Josh Carter

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Norma & Rick Breiding  
Joseph & Jamie Villante, Abigail and Ethan  
Kelly & Ronda Weaver, Elise and Alexa

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW, #583, vs. 2 & 4

## OPENING LITANY: Lord Break Down the Walls

P O God of strength and might, as you brought down the walls of Jericho bring down the walls that separate us from you and from others. Amen.

C **Help us by bringing down the walls that seem to be barriers in our lives.**

P When we face everyday battles that overwhelm us.

C **Help us by bringing down the walls that seem to be barriers in our lives.**

P When we face illness.

C **Help us by bringing down the walls that seem to be barriers in our lives.**

P When our world seems to be tossed upside down.

C **Help us by bringing down the walls that seem to be barriers in our lives.**

P When we feel there is no direction we can turn.

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CHORUS:

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**Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the  
walls came tumblin' down.**

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You may talk about the men of Saul.  
But there's none like good ol' Joshua at the battle of Jericho.

<sup>2</sup>Up to the walls of Jericho.  
He marched with spear in hand,  
"Come blow those ram horns" Joshua said,  
"Cause the battle is in our hands."

<sup>3</sup>Then the ram horns they began to blow,  
And the trumpets began to sound,  
Then Joshua commanded the children to shout,  
and the walls came tumblin' down.

ENDING

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