

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:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"	ELW, #473
"Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW, #471
"Jesus, Remember Me"	ELW, #616
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	ELW, #773

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Shout to the Lord" ELW, #821

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:** Ron & Doris Freund

Reader: Rich Richmond **Greeter:**

Usher: Marv & Ev Kelley **Communion Asst.:** &

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Debbie Diedrich

Sunday Worship Service



God Is Our Help
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023

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Altar Flowers were given by Lorraine Chambers and Rita Collins
in honor of their sister Heidi Davison's birthday.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
July 23, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE:		Mila Khmeleva
GATHERING:	<i>practice</i> “God Is the Strength of My Heart” “He Came Down”	<i>see insert</i> ELW, #253
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
OPENING LITANY		<i>see insert</i>
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS		ELW, pp. 94–96
OPENING HYMN:	“You Are Mine”	ELW, #581
GREETING		
KYRIE		ELW, p. 184
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
1 ST READING:	1 Samuel 17:4–11, 32–50	
2 ND READING:	Hebrews 13:5–8	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:		ELW, p. 188
GOSPEL:	Matthew 6:25–34	
CHILDREN’S SERMON		Kathy Harrison
HYMN:	“God Is the Strength of My Heart”	<i>see insert</i>
SERMON	“God Is Our Help”	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
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) – Richard Walker (Rich’s father)
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*)
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*)
Trent Lieffring, Debbie (Anderson) Diedrich's friend's daughter’s boyfriend (*hospice*)
Brian, Glennis, Patty, and all the family of Eleanor Cuddy
Linda, Kim, Cheryl, Christine, and all the family of Tim Washington
Randy, Diann, and all the family of his father Glen Feakes

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

Physical Rehab: Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Carol Smith
Sylvia Cowan
Robyn Smith-Serratore, Bryana and Alexa Serratore

OFFERING

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

OPENING LITANY: God Is Our Help

P O God of strength and might, as you stood with David giving him strength in the battle against the giant Goliath, we ask that you would stand next to us.
Take away our fears and give us wisdom, strength, and confidence.

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

P When we face everyday battles that overwhelm us.

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

P When we face illness.

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

P When our world seems to be tossed upside down.

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

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

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

P In a world filled with violence and pain.

C **Remind us always that there is no giant greater than you!**

P O God of strength and might, as you stood with David giving him strength in the battle against the giant Goliath, we ask that you would stand next to us.
Take away our fears and give us wisdom, strength, and confidence

All Amen.

God Is the Strength of My Heart

VERSE

Whom have I in heaven but You?
There is nothing on earth I desire beside You;
My heart and my strength, many times they fail,
But there is one truth that always will prevail.

CHORUS:

God is the strength of my heart,
God is the strength of my heart;
God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever (forever)

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Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction (*especially*). Sustain your people living with HIV/AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed (*including Birgitta of Sweden, whom the church commemorates today*), so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 75. **Tuesday** (James, Apostle) Mark 10:35-45. **Wednesday** Daniel 12:1-13. **Thursday** Psalm 119:129-136. **Friday** (commemoration of Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians) Acts 7:44-53. **Saturday** (commemoration of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030) 1 Kings 2:1-4. **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

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