

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
"In the Singing"	ELW, #466
"Just As I Am, without One Plea "	ELW, #592
"Lord of All Hopefulness"	ELW, #765

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW, #661

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 **Hymnist:** Heidi Davison

Reader: Laina Kelley Walker **Greeter:**

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

Screen: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Debbie Diedrich

Today's Altar Flowers were given by

Tom & Tonya Lenahan in celebration of their anniversary on Aug. 23
and by Carol Kirkegaard in celebration of both her own and her
daughter Shellie's birthdays.

Apologies to Laina Kelley Walker for the mistake last week in the missing credit
for the Aug 13 flowers as in celebration of Madeleine Lee's baptism.



Sunday Worship Service



Image: *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

We Can Always Go Home

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
August 20, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: “We Fall Down” *see insert*
“Come Into the Holy of Holies” *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It” *see insert*

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Zechariah 1:1–6

2ND READING: Romans 5:6–11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 15:11–32

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN: “Softly and Tenderly” ELW, #608

SERMON “We Can Always Go Home” 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) – Brenda (Jeff Grawe’s sister)
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 (rehab) – Johnnie Armor
Sheri Johnson (Lynn Hampton’s niece)
Chad Buttler, son of a friend of Debbie Diedrich (kidney health)
Twins Betty & Barb Geisler, relatives of the Cowans (car accident, severe injuries)
Trent Lieftring, Debbie (Anderson) Diedrich's friend's daughter’s boyfriend (hospice)
Linda Washington
Karen Orth, James Orth's mom

Mickey and Jan Hampton, wife Lauren, and all the family of Justin Gann (Wade Hampton’s
step-nephew)
Joy Faciane and family of her aunt Jean

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

Physical Rehab: Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:
Johnnie & Susan Armor, Joshua
Lisa, James, & Marvin Bohrer
Debbie Diedrich, Grace and Olivia

OFFERING

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

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.
And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy,”
And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy,”
And we cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.”

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Come Into the Holy of Holies

Come into the Holy of Holies,
Enter by the blood of the Lamb;
Come into His presence with singing,
Worship at the throne of God.
Come into the Holy of Holies,
Enter by the blood of the Lamb.
Come into His presence with singing,
Worship at the throne of God.
Lifting holy hands to the King of kings,
Worship Jesus.

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Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It

VERSE 1
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the lamb;
Redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

REFRAIN:
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the
blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am!

VERSE 2
Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
with me doth continually dwell.

VERSE 3
I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

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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, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm’s way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life’s transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry (*especially name/s of specific ministries*). Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors (*especially Bernard of Clairvaux, whom the church commemorates today*). Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. 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 87. **Tuesday** Romans 11:13-29. **Wednesday** Matthew 8:1-13. **Thursday** (Bartholomew, Apostle) John 1:43-51. **Friday** Ezekiel 31:15-18. **Saturday** Ezekiel 36:33-38. **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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