

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
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”	WOV, #671
“The Greatest Thing”	<i>see insert</i>

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW, #671

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:** Patsy Lohmer & Joy Faciane

Reader: _ **Greeter:**

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

Screen: Travis Kleven **Video Facebook:** Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Sunday Worship Service

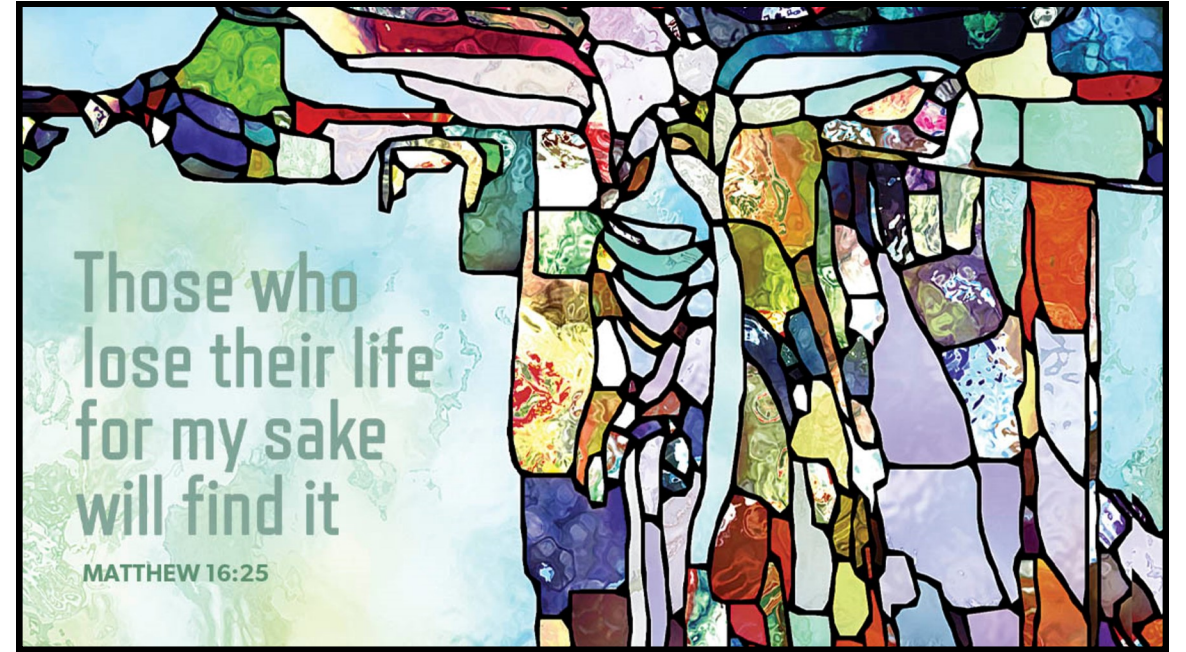


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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 2023

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Altar Flowers were given by Steinert and Thompson families in
memory of Bob and Mary Steinert.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 3, 2023
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: “Breathe” *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: “Gather Us In” ELW, #532

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1ST READING: Jeremiah 15:15–21

PSALM: Psalm 26:1–8

2ND READING: Romans 12:9–21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21–28

HYMN: “Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW, #798

SERMON “Love From the Center” Pastor Barb Lemke

BLESSING OF THE HANDS *see insert*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

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)
Linda Washington
Karen Orth, James Orth’s mom

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

Physical Rehab: Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:

Joni Dammen, Khaleb, Hannah Woolard
Bob & Deloris DeLapp
Jeremy & Unique Carter, Melodi and Suki

OFFERING

Special Music “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” *Joy Faciane*

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

Breathe

VERSE: *(sing 2 times)*
This is the air I breathe; this is the air I
breathe,
Your Holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily
bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

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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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The Greatest Thing

1. The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more,
I want to know You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.

2. The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more,
I want to love You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.

3. The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more,
I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.

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Blessing of the Hands: A Prayer of Blessing for Labor Day

Bless the work of our hands, O God.
Bless the hands that work the land;
hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest,
hands with callouses and dirty fingernails, strong hands.

Bless the hands that use machines;
hands that drive cars, trucks and forklifts,
hands on computer keyboards, capable hands.

Bless the hands that make things;
hands that manufacture and create,
working wood and metal and plastic, practical hands.

Bless the hands that clean;
hands that wash, mop and scrub,
hands that know what to do with soap, determined hands.

Bless the hands that make music and art;
hands that play instruments and hold paintbrushes,
hands that are creative tools, artistic hands.

Bless the hands that care for people;
hands that cook and feed, heal and nurture,
hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

Bless the hands that are generous;
hands that give away money and food,
hands that are always trying to be empty, Christ-like hands.

Bless the tiny, baby hands.
Bless the strong adult hands.
Bless the hands that are folded in prayer.
Bless the hands that are lifted in praise.
Our hands do the work of your hands,
O God our Creator. Amen.

