Verses 2023

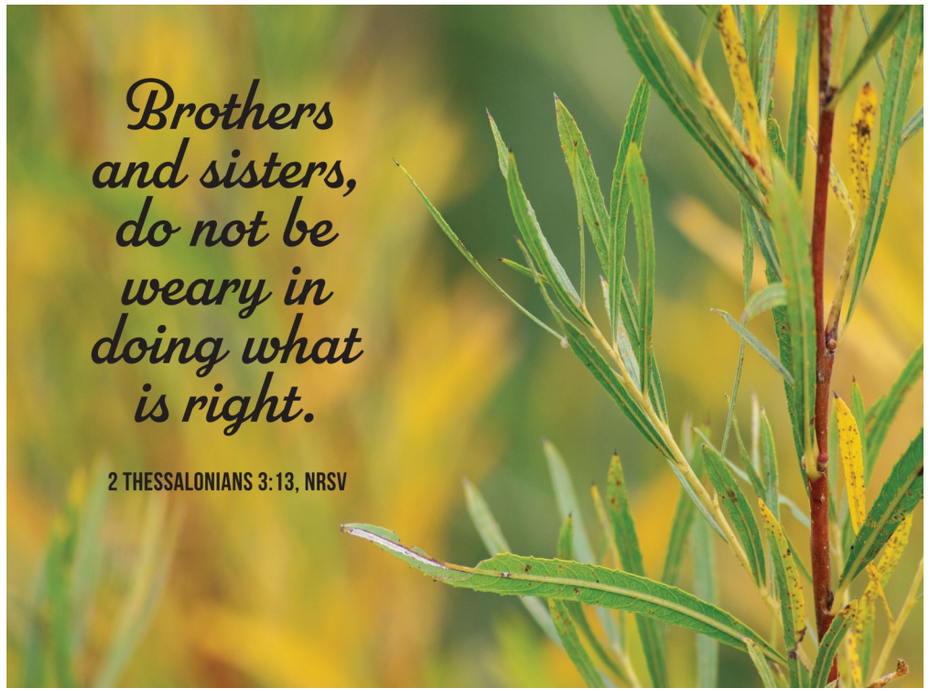
Haisley Robyn Elliott

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." –Joshua 1:9

Braylon Eric Nicholson

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." –1 Timothy 4:12

Sunday Worship Service



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23rd Sunday After Pentecost with Confirmation

November 16, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
November 16, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" ELW, #838

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 3–4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "Child of God" Choir

PSALM: Psalm 98

1ST READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5–19

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison
Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It" *see insert*

SERMON "Imitators of Christ" Pastor Barb Lemke

CONFIRMATION HYMN: "Borning Cry" ELW, #732

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ELW, p. 234
Haisley Robyn Elliott Joshua 1:9
Braylon Eric Nicholson 1 Timothy 4:12

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *see insert*

Thanksgiving for Families:
Sylvia Cowan
Robyn Smith-Serratore, Bryana and Alexa Serratore
Sean Gordon, Cole

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (v. 1) ELW. #686

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:
"His Name is Wonderful" (sing twice) *see back page*
"Here is Bread" ELW, #483
"By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW, #469
"On Eagles's Wings" ELW, #787

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Here I Am, Lord" ELW, #574

CORPORATE PRAYER:
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GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:
Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down
Reader: Heidi Davison **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Jon Lohmer & Sean Gordon **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Youth Offering Asst.: Kiera & Cole **Youth Communion Asst.:** Rhyan & Amon
Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Donnie Asmus *(Hetrick's grandson, 11/11 tonsil surgery recovery)*
Stephanie & Bret's premature baby Michael *(Joy's friend)*
Shauna Walker Johnson *(pregnancy)*
Carol Kirkegaard *(11/7 mouth surgery recovery)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld
Mike Lemke
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chambers' friend)*
Ashlyn *(daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton)*
Alicia Michaels *(Mary Katherine Smith's friend)*
Gary *(Andrea Newport's brother-in-law)*
Scott Petrock *(Carol Einertson's son-in-law)*
Tammy Hawley *(Sheila Kelly's boss)*
Linda Hardy
Andrew Carpenter *(Alexa Weaver's friend)*
Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson *(Hamptons' friends)*
Peggy Russell *(Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend)*
Linda Kirkegaard
Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Connie Lovell *(Deloris DeLapp's friend)*
Bob Bliss
Patrick Stephenson
Pastor Steve Ruechel
Marv Kelley
Mike S. *(Gypsie's friend)*
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Heather & Heidi Mortenson *(Lynn Hampton's friends)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson
Danny Cowan
Kaylee, *friend of Hamptons*
Bill Schmidt *(kidney health)*
Gerald Kelley, *Carol Smith's significant other (Alzheimer's)*
Sylvia Cowan *(leg and heart health)*
Frank Ruhs, *Ev Kelley's brother (heart health)*
Caroline Hailey-Kesler, *Linda Hailey's granddaughter (rare kidney disease)*
Scott Crosby *(recovery from infection)*
Cheryl Gednalske *(leg infection)*
Donna Arntson, *Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law (stroke)*
Matthew Zenn, *Bob's grandson (heart health)*
Craig Mortenson, *Lynn Hampton's friend (health)*
Pastor Barb *(health recovery)*
Mark Craig and his wife Susan, *Pr. Barb's cousin (car accident recovery)*
Michael Sellinger (*Mary Sellinger's son, stroke recovery)*
Paige Petrock *(Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP)*
Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure)*
Braden Elliott *(dislocated shoulder)*
Carol Einertson *(heart & kidney health)*

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Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.
All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for November – We are collecting monetary donations for Veterans Servant Corps as November's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Choir – Choir rehearsals will be every Sunday at **8:00** a.m. throughout November and most of December.

"The Chosen" Bible Study – We have multiple options for "The Chosen" Bible Study groups that meet:
-Sundays after church,
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
-Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us..

Cards for Ministry – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway.

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants. ***New sign-up sheets for youth to help with offering, communion, and acolyting are posted. Christmas Eve sign-up also posted.***

This Week at Bethel
November 16–23, 2025

Sun	7:30 a.m.	Praise Team Practice
	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	8:45 a.m.	Confirmation Papers Read
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Children's Choir Practices start Nov. 23 after Church; meet up at the front by the piano. We will be singing in Church on December 21.

Women's Advent Salad Luncheon – *Sun., Nov. 30 beginning approximately at noon*. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Cantata and Potluck Breakfast – *Sun., Dec. 7* Please join us for the Choir's Christmas Cantata at worship, as well as a potluck breakfast after. Please make sure all of your items are fully cooked as our ovens are being used only for keeping things warm.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Verse 1
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know it's the presence of the Lord.

Chorus:
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift
our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

Verse 2
There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Verse 3
If you say He saved you from your sin;
Now you're weak, you're bound,
and cannot enter in.
You can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

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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.

Chorus:
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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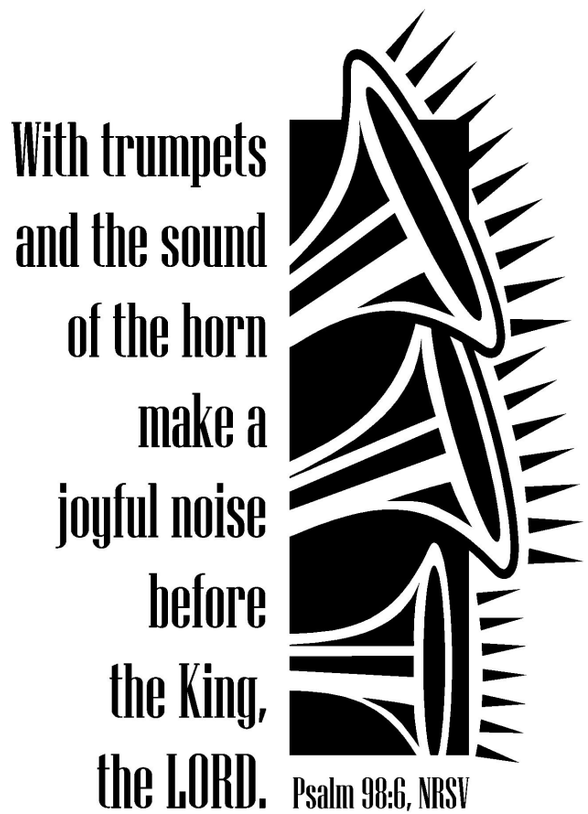
His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful.
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He.
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful Jesus, my Lord.

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