

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 30, 2023



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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw

Prayer: Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in Your sight that we, who without You cannot do anything that is good, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Matt: 5: 13-16 Wednesday: Jas. 2: 14-17 Friday: Phil. 1: 6-11
Tuesday: Gal. 6: 7-10 Thursday: 1 Cor. 12: 12-26 Saturday: Matt. 21: 18-22

Musician: Mayumi Munoz
Reader: Paul Mason
Greeters: George & Gail Julie

WORSHIP: 10 a.m. (Pastor John Makey)

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Todd will be on vacation July 24 - August 7. Rev. John Makey will lead the service Sunday, July 30th and Rev. Robert Munoz will lead the service Sunday, August 6. Rev. Makey is available for any hospital emergencies.

WE THANK Pastor John Makey for leading our service this morning.

Worship Schedule:

July 30 – Pentecost 9 Creative Morning Praise (Pastor John Makey)
Aug 6 – Pentecost 10 Service of Word (Pastor Robert Munoz)
Aug 13 – Pentecost 11 Creative Worship Holy Communion
Aug 20 – Pentecost 12 Scripture & Song Service [The Band]
Aug 27 – Pentecost 13/ Communion LSB Setting One

CANVAS FOR A CAUSE: Join us **Wednesday, August 16th at 7 p.m.** for a **“Paint Night”** which will help support our SOUL program. Everyone will be guided through painting an 11x 14 acrylic landscape. All supplies and light refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$25 per person. Bring a friend and find your inner artist! See Jenn Hoeffs to register.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR JASON GILLARD, August 27, 4:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 15 Wexford Ave. S., in Hamilton. Saulo Bledoff will be the preacher. Joel Kuhl will be the liturgist. Richard Juritsch will be the lector. A dinner will follow the service.

LOOKING AHEAD FUN: Watch for details in the Fall for a **WESTERN JAMBOREE** event like we enjoyed before Covid. The Fellowship Committee is planning to do it again on **Saturday, September 30th**, just for fellowship fun. Cost would be only to cover expenses. Fun things like a live band, pulled pork & beans, photo booth, etc. It should be a lot of fun, watch bulletin for more details as it gets closer.

Last Sunday Attendance: July 23rd, 2023 Attn: 10 a.m. – 95

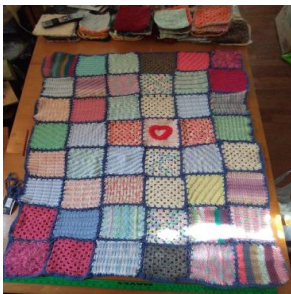
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current	297,841.00	5,840.02	1,623.00	119,978.91	(40,397.91)
LCC Missions	17,000.00	333.33	65.00	9,679.50	315.65
Property Improvement:			54.00	3,327.50	

2023/2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Christian education of our children is important to all of us. We are looking for people to help "team teach" our Sunday school children this year; September - December; January - June. If you are excited to share God's Word with inquisitive minds we invite you to speak with our Parish Education Chairman, Brandon Kemp, or Louise.

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Twila Gall in loving memory of her husband, Steve Gall.

GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

POWER POINT VOLUNTEERS: – The Worship Committee is urgently seeking two (2) volunteers to assist with the preparation of the weekly PowerPoint projection. Frequency of PowerPoint preparation would be on a rotating basis and dependent upon the number of helpers. PLEASE give prayerful consideration to serving our Lord in this capacity. For more information, please speak to Kathy Kuhl, Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd.



Granny Squares still needed: This is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a Caring Squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. On behalf of the Caring Squares, if you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

MORNING PRAISE

Adapted from Lutheran Church of Australia Modern Matins

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July 30, 2023 -- 10 AM Worship

GATHERING SONG:

"Majesty"

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**Majesty! Worship His majesty!
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour and praise.
Majesty! Kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus--
Magnify, come glorify -- Christ Jesus the King!
Majesty! Worship His majesty,
Jesus who died -- now glorified -- King of all kings.
So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus--
Magnify, come glorify -- Christ Jesus the King!
Majesty! Worship His majesty,
Jesus who died -- now glorified -- King of all kings.**

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SPOKEN MORNING PRAISE SCRIPTURE RESPONSES:

Open up my lips O LORD!

And my mouth will sing praises to Your Name!

Come quickly to Help me, O Lord

And be speedy to keep me away from harm.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

As it was then, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give glory to our God, our Light and our Life!

O Come, let us worship Him.

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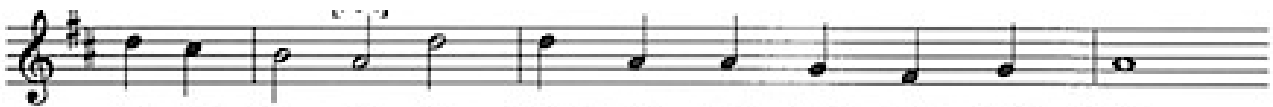
Psalm 96 "All Creatures of our God"



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O
3. O flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make



up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
clouds that ride the winds a - loft, Sing your prais - es!
mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Sing your prais - es!



Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam
Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,
Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,



And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
O lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
Pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light,



Sing your prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Almásima, omnipotente bon Signore*; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchenorgelänge*, Cologne, 1623, harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

PSALM 105: 1-5, 7-11, 45b

spoken responsively

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered...

He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever,

of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan"

as your portion for an inheritance...

that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

We pray: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord God, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and enable them with the faithful ability to ask for whatever pleases You, so that You may give them what they desire. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: *1 Kings 3:5-12*

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: *Romans 8: 26-39*

[St. Paul says:] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE:

"He Is Lord"

[anonymous]

**He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess,
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 13: 44-51*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord!

[Jesus says:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG:

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

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1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy, I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
 Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-lemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
 Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
 The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.
 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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MESSAGE: *Rev. John Makey*

PENTECOST SEASON PRAISE SONG: *"God Of Tempest"*

www.hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king-dom's work, claim us for your king-dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932
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THE OFFERING *is received.*

THE PRAYERS

The Spirit of God intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Therefore, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, let us pray for all people.

Heavenly Father, thank you for always taking care of us, and for working everything for our good. Please help us to believe this, and rest secure in your divine wisdom and providence.

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

Keep your whole church rigorous in the struggle against sin. Help us to submit to Christ, rather than to our old sinful flesh and the false beliefs of the world. Make us forgiving and holy in our marriages and families.

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

We pray for all who seek your kingdom of grace, dear Father. Reveal it to them, and bring them into it. Make all your people yeast in the world, spreading your kingdom by our obedient love and witness.

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

Bless our HGM our King, our Prime Minister, Premier, Mayor and all who work in government and public service. Make all they do be true and fair.

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

Bless our lay leaders, all those who serve, our goals and visions, our future planning, our Scripture study and fellowship. Keep us always hearing and learning from your word in the Bible and may we encourage one another in our faith by gathering together.

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

We place before you all who are in special need, including (*insert names here*) and others known to us personally and whom we now name silently in our hearts...(*brief silence*) ...be their strength, peace and hope in whatever they face and allow us the opportunities to help and alleviate others' pain:

Hear us, O God; **Your mercy is great!**

And finally, O Heavenly Father, because of your great love you work for our good in all things. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

Teach us to seek you and to rely on you in all our needs, so that our deepest desires may be satisfied, and we may finally see you face to face. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, Who are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:

I thank You, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger. And I pray that You would keep me this day, also, from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION:

Let us praise our Lord: **Praise God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, + be with you all. **Amen.**

LAST SONG:

"O Saviour, Precious Saviour"

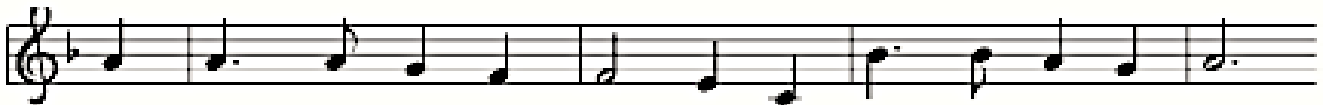
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1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring.



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!



Places in the Bible Word Search



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