

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

“The Final Victory”

September 4, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

PRELUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

Gerald Near

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: You know what time it is,

**People: how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.**

Liturgist: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

**People: the night is far gone, the day is near.**

Liturgist: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

**People: and put on the armor of light.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

No. 369

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest for ever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*1 Corinthians 15:12-26*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

+Pastoral Prayer

+Sung Response

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 420 vs 4

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

arr. Stephen DeCesare

Vocal duet: Joanna Gettle and Doreen Weaber; piano: Mary Smith

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

“The Final Victory”

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Reverend Janet Sadel

\*HYMN

*Hymn of Promise*

No. 707

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

Unison: **Almighty and loving God, we confess that we have sought security in things, and we have placed our trust in mortals. We have ordered our lives around our agendas, rather than your will. Forgive us our faithlessness. Fix our eyes, not on the things we see, which pass away, but on the unseen things, which are eternal. Reveal to us anew the fragility of the promises made by this world, and hasten the day when you shall return and make the rough places plain, the crooked ways straight, and justice to roll like a river. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

Wilbur Held

\*Congregational Response:

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

No. 682 vs 5

Tune: TALLIS’ CANON

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

+HOLY COMMUNION

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.

Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to**

grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever. We now offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN *When We All Get to Heaven* No. 701

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384 vs. 4

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.**

\*POSTLUDE *Allegro* from Concerto for Organ in B Minor Johann Gottfried Walther

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\* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

*The altar flowers for today are presented by Alice Snell  
in honor of Joye's birthday.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Patti Olson

Special thanks to Joanna Gettle, Doreen Weaber and Mary Smith  
for our special music today.



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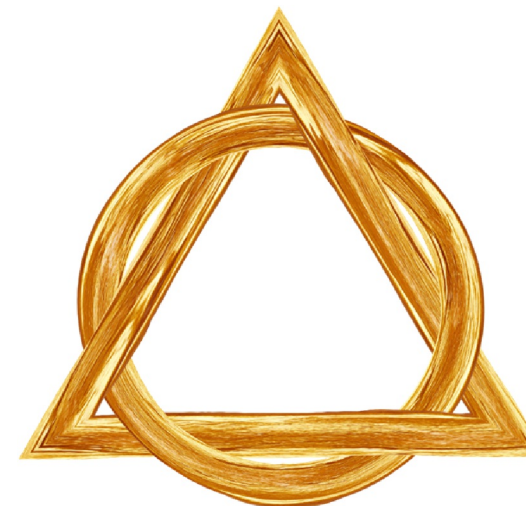
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## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

### *Celebration of Faith*

*Symbols of the Christian Faith*



The continuous circle with no beginning and no ending symbolizes eternal, everlasting life. Here it is entwined with the symbol of the Trinity to symbolize that our everlasting life is with the one God in three persons whose nature and existence is perfect, complete and eternal.

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11:00 A.M.

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Summer Sermon Series: Creed, Week 9

I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

"The Final Victory"

1 Corinthians 15:12-26; Revelation 21:1-7 CEB

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, because Jesus has paid for our sin in full.

And now that we have been forgiven, we are called to forgive others.

To experience true freedom and victory over our sin, we need to let go of not only our own sin and guilt, but we need to release others. Then you will experience the victory Jesus offers over sin.

Our lives do not have a period at the end of them. Life will not end, creation will be redeemed, everything has a purpose in God's time.

As Paul says, "Death is the last enemy" - Jesus will bring it to an end, the final victory.

All of creation is waiting for the renewal of heaven and earth - a new heaven and a new earth when everything will be redeemed. That is when the resurrection of body will occur.

We will have a body that will never decay. It will be a new body, one that will be connected directly to our Creator God.

Everlasting Life! What an incredible promise this is for all of us who follow Jesus. The creed ends with this triumphant declaration - everlasting life. We will be joined and united with Jesus for all eternity. We will be joined with our Creator God - the source of all life and love!

Every one of us here can have the full assurance, the blessed assurance, that because of Jesus, ours is the final victory.

**SUNDAY**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant practice [Hall]

4:00 - CR Step Study

**MONDAY**

Labor Day—Office closed

**TUESDAY**

11-1:30 - Free Noon Meal @ LCCM

7:00 - Who Will Be a Witness? Study [Lounge]

7:00 - Board of Trustees

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 - Staff Prayer and Meet

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

**THURSDAY**

5:00—Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

6:00 - CR Step Study [rm 21]

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - Pageant practice

11:30 - Church Picnic

Everyone is welcome (even if you don't have a dish to share)

Youth Group Kick-off

4-6pm - Middle school

5:30-7 - High School