

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

"Be Encouraged"

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear,

Liturgist: though the earth should change, and the mountains shake.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Liturgist: Though the waters roar and our security is threatened,

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Liturgist: The LORD is our strength and our might,

People: God has become our salvation; this is our God.

All: Come, let us praise the Lord.

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 110

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Forgiving Lord, we come to you amid troubles both worldwide and personal. It is difficult to see a future for your people. However, you have told us to pray for our enemies, no matter how challenging that may be. Thus, we come offering forgiveness for our enemies and for those who are causing destruction around the world. We are encouraged by your promises and eagerly await their fulfillment. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Terry and Lorene (Lor) Woodnorth

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*DOXOLOGY

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

No. 331

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;

We have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Romans 8:35, 37-39

No. 887

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

Houston, Crocker & Lighthelm

Isabelle Boyer, Violin Solo

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

"Be Encouraged"

Pastor Janet Saddel

*HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

No. 390

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession - (based on Matthew 18: 21-35)

Pastor: What if God paid us back in full for all the wrongs we have done?

People: Yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. Lord, the forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend, still we withhold forgiveness and carry grudges. We are eager to do your judging. Even worse, we conspire in our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness, while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us Lord, for the sins we know are in our hearts and the sins we hide. Lord, we seek your mercy.

Pastor: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Instead, God has chosen the sacrifice of his own Son on our account. It is because Jesus Christ has paid the last full measure, that our sins are forgiven. This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

Seek Ye First

No. 405

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Adagio from *Toccata Undecima*

Georg Muffat

*Congregational Response

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.**

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

No. 374

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: This is not your forever home. So it doesn't feel like home. But while you are here, take courage, pray for others and do your best to live as Jesus lived so that you can change the world around us for good.

People: Jesus promised us his peace in the midst of trials. We are encouraged, knowing that Jesus has already overcome this world. Even now, we are victors!

All: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

J. Wayne Kerr

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The altar flowers for today are presented by Doug Powell
in honor of Kathy's birthday.*

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

Liturgist: Patti Olson



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**Church of the
Good Shepherd**

"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



be encouraged

You did good!
That was awesome!
You have a beautiful smile
You look very nice
Thank you
I appreciate all that you do
You can do it
Great job!
You're good at what you do
I believe in you

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Calendar for Week of 9/11/2022

SUNDAY

- 8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
- 11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
- 11-1 - Pageant practice [Hall]
- 12-2 - Church picnic/Mission Fair
- 4:00 - Step Study
- 4-6:00 - Middle School
- 5:30-7 - High School

MONDAY

- 10am - Staff Meeting
- 6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 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
- 2-4 - Private [Hall]

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