

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10 , 2023

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 *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* Johann Gottfried Walther
(Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Alleluia! Praise! You servants of Yahweh, praise the name of Yahweh!

People: May Yahweh's name be blessed, both now and forever!

Liturgist: From east to west, from north to south, praised be the name of Yahweh!

People: May Yahweh's name be blessed, both now and forever!

All: High above all nations, Yahweh! Your glory transcends the heavens!

*HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 127

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **O God, giver of all good gifts, you have given us life. You have bestowed upon us your love, and that love includes your plans for us. What are we to do? All of life is a call and a response. We pray for grace to hear God's voice and a heart to respond. We are ready to listen. O God, we know that calling is truly a gift of your love. What are we to do? We are ready to listen. Help us to hear you, Yahweh. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 14:57-64*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *His Name Is Wonderful* No. 174

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PENTECOST (unison)

We are God's.

We belong to the One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.

We are Christ's.

He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry.

We are the Spirit's.

We belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God's grace.

As God's beloved,

we devote ourselves to God and to God's will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Majesty* Jack W. Hayford
Adam Burton, piano solo

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 3:11-15*
MESSAGE *"Names of God: Yahwey"* Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **God of many names, but still one God: we are sometimes confused when you call us. We want to know who you are. And we often don't know who we are. Forgive us when we question your identity, and most of all when we don't want to do what you call us to do. Forgive us for asking, "why me?" Help us, O Yahweh, to answer your call. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *There's Something About that Name* No. 171

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Andante* Friedrich von Spee

*Congregational Response Tune: "ITALIAN HYMN" (No. 61 vs.4)
*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!*

*HYMN *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* No. 108

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Yahweh does not change and is still the wonderful and holy God who is with us through it all. Go forth now, knowing that this is the God who calls us by name and is very present in our lives.

People: Yahweh is the great I AM. Amen!

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel
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*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

The Altar flowers today are presented by Diana Hromco in honor of the marriage of Aryana Hromco, granddaughter, to Joseph Neuman

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

Liturgist: Patti Olson

What a joy it is to have so many people join the traditional worship service to share in the special music time. Last week Amy Rose sang a beautiful solo for us (I forgot to thank her in the bulletin). This week a big thank you to Adam Burton for his piano solo.

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

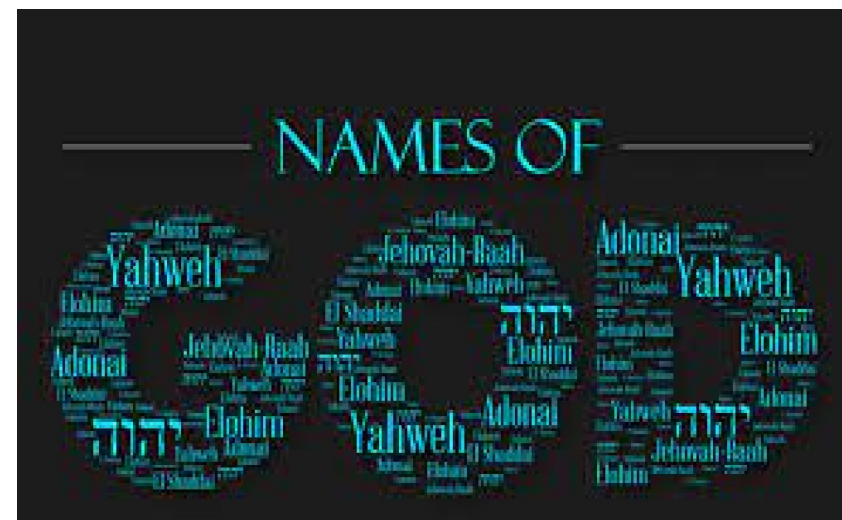
We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP †
Celebration of Faith



YAHWEH

September 10, 2023

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Sermon Outline:

"The Names of God: Yahweh"
Exodus 3:11-15; Mark 14:57-64
Pastor Janet Sattel

"I AM" is the holy name of God. In the Old Testament it is written using only the Hebrew consonants, translated into English as: Y-H-W-H [a tetragrammaton] or "Yahweh."

"Adonai" in Hebrew means "Lord." They inserted the vowel marks for Adonai into YHWH - And this is how we came to say Yahweh.

"I am who I am" or "I am who I will be" - God is, God was and God will always be. God is self-existent.

This is the God who says, "I have come down." Yahweh came down and spoke with Moses and delivered the people from slavery. Just as God broke into the world of the Hebrews to deliver them from bondage and bring them out to freedom, so too, Jesus came down to us and broke into our world to deliver us from the bondage of sin and death.

Jesus is the great I AM in the flesh. He took on flesh for us and came to live among us. In the Gospel of John Jesus says of himself, "I AM ... I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the vine. I am the gate. I am the bread of life. I am the light of the world. I am the Good Shepherd. I am the resurrection and the life!"

As the Son of God, Jesus reveals the very nature and character of God every time he said "I AM." Jesus is Yahweh, God in the flesh for us. He came down to earth for us and broke into our world.

God is a personal God. Not remote. Not unknowable. This is a God who knows people and calls them by name. The great I AM knows each one of us - by name! He knows us, he cares about us and he keeps his promises. God is faithful.

God says, "I will be with you." The great I AM is with us - through every trial and in every moment. The great I AM - Yahweh - I AM is with you.

Calendar for Week of 9/10/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center] 9:45 - 1st grade bible presentation [WC]
9:45 - Sunday School
9:45 - Christianity, Cults...[Lounge]
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11-1 - COGS Kids pageant practice
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
12:00 - New Members lunch [Hall]
2:-3:30 - CR Training [Hall]
Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting [Lounge]
5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
7:00 - Church Council [Lounge]

TUESDAY

8:30am-7:30pm - Worship Center
6:30 - Disciple Bible Study [Hall]

WEDNESDAY

8:30am-4pm - Worship Center
9:00 - Mom's Group [rms: 200 & 202]
5:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00 - Traditional Coir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

8:30am-7:30pm - Worship Center
5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

6:00 - Cricut Class [Hall]
7-9 - Private rehearsal [WC]
8:00 - Swap set up [Hall]

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
9-3 - Clothing Swap [Hall]
5-9:30 - Barber Shop Quartet Concert

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