

Full Service Bulletin



**PRAISE SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
RALLY DAY / VBS REUNION**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

Life in community is a precious thing, but it easily breaks down if rumors and idle talk are given free rein. In today's gospel, Jesus prescribes a manner for dealing with conflict in community life, a procedure reflected in many congregations' constitutions. The intent of such a form of church discipline is to restore people to community life. May all who come to worship in the presence of Christ today also find communities that seek to understand one another in truth and in love.

PRELUDE "He Is the Light" (VBS cd track # 2 - Jay Stocker)

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Earth and All Stars!" (ELW # 731)

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry!
Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees!
Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!
Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams!

Loud shout - ing ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Loud rus - tling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Loud hum - ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Loud build - ing work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain
He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!
Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

© Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
© Tune: David N. Johnson, b. 1922

EARTH AND ALL STARS
4 5 7 4 5 7 and refrain

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who is Sower, Seed and Fruit.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel.)

P: God of heaven and earth,

C: **We name before You the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C: **Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. AMEN.**

P: Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please stand.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Redeemed"

(Maj # 663 - favorite - Text: Fanny J. Crosby; Tune: Wm. J. Kirkpatrick)

1. Redeemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 2. Redeemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, No language my rapture can tell;
 3. I think of my bless-ed Re-deem - er, I think of Him all the day long;
 4. I know I shall see in His beau - ty, The King in whose law I de - light;

Redeemed thro' His in - fi-nite mer - cy, His child, and for-ev-er I am.
 I know that the light of His pres - ence With me doth con-tin-ual-ly dwell.
 I sing, for I can-not be si - lent, His love is the theme of my song.
 Who lov - ing-ly guardeth my foot-steps, And giv-eth me songs in the night.

CHORUS.

Re - deemed, re - deemed, Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 Redeemed, redeemed,

Re - deemed, re - deemed, His child, and for - ev - er, I am.
 Redeemed, redeemed,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord God, enliven and pre-serve Your church with Your perpetual mercy. Without Your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 119:33-40

(congregation reads indented)

Teach me, O LORD, to follow Your decrees;

then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law

and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of Your commands,

for there I find delight.

Turn my heart toward Your statutes

and not toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

preserve my life according to Your word.

Fulfill Your promise to Your servant,

so that You may be feared.

Take away the disgrace I dread,

for Your laws are good.

How I long for Your precepts!

Preserve my life in Your righteousness.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit. VBS participants come forward.)*

“Turn Your Eyes” (VBS cd track # 5 - Helen H. Lemmel)

O-oh o-o-oh, o-oh, Jesus.

Verse 1: **O soul, are you weary and troubled?**

No light in the darkness you see.

There’s light for a look at the Savior.

And life more abundant and free.

Modern Chorus: **Turn your eyes, Turn your eyes,**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

Turn your eyes, Turn your eyes,

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus

O-oh o-o-oh, o-oh, Jesus. O-oh o-o-oh, o-oh, Jesus.

Tradition Chorus: **Turn your eyes upon Jesus**

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth

will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

Modern Chorus

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus. O-oh o-o-oh, o-oh, Jesus.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

PRAISE SONG "Light of the World" (VBS cd # 8 - Jay Stocker)

**The world is searching for an answer,
A ray of hope in a hopeless world.
Who can we turn to?
Where is our rescue?
There is someone, He's the answer.
He's the light, and He'll light the way.
His name is Jesus,
and He came to save us.**

Chorus: **He is the light, light, light. Light of the world,
And He shine. shine, shines All over the earth,
Shining bright, bright, bright.
He is the light of the world.**

(Repeat)

(Repeat from beginning)

Woh-oh, woh, Woh-oh, woh, Woh-oh, woh. *Chorus*

FIRST READINGEzekiel 33:7-11.....Pew Bible p. 1339

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGRomans 13:8-14.....Pg. 1765

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" verse 1 (SBH # 188 2nd tune)

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND. L. M. *Pensum Sacrum*, Görlitz, 1648

Adapted and harm by J. S. BACH, 1685-1750

Brightly

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, And
2. Our voic - es, tune to sing thy praise, Our

let thy Ho - ly Spir - it bow All hearts in love and
 hearts in true de - vo - tion raise, Our faith in - crease, and

fear to - day, To hear the truth and keep thy way.
 grant us light That we may know thy Name a - right. A-men.

*Wilhelm II, Duke of Saxe-Weimar, 1598-1662
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78 a.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 18:15-20.....Pg. 1527
 P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Following God’s Path of Love”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
 (Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“If That Isn’t Love” (Maj # 200 - Dottie Rambo)

1 He left the splen-dor of heav-en, Know-ing His des - ti -
 2 E - ven in death He re - mem-bered The thief hang - ing by His

1 ny Was the lone - ly hill of Gol - go - tha, There to lay down His
 2 side; He spoke with love and com - pas - sion Then He took him to

1 life for me. If that is - n't love the o - cean is
 2 Par - a - - dise.

dry, There're no stars in the sky and the spar-row can't

fly! If that is - n't love then heav - en's a myth,

There's no feel-ing like this, if that is - n't love.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord's Prayer*:

L: What is The Sixth Petition?

C: "And lead us not into temptation," (*Matthew 6:13*)

L: What does this mean?

C: God, indeed, tempts no one, but we pray in this request that God will protect us and save us, so that the devil, the world and our bodily desires will neither deceive us nor seduce us into unbelief, despair or other great and shameful sins, and so that we will win and be victorious in the end, even if they attack us.

L: What is The Seventh Petition?

C: "But deliver us from evil." (*Matthew 6:13*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We pray in this request, as a summary, that our Father in Heaven will save us from every kind of evil that threatens body, soul, property and honor. We pray that when at last our final hour has come, He will grant us a blessed death, and graciously take us from this valley of tears to Himself in heaven.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Certification of Education Ministries

All involved in Christian Education please stand in place.

Christian Education Director:

Our Lord, Who came among us as a Servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You stand among us as persons called to service in the educational ministries of the Church. Will you assume this ministry of the Church in the confidence that it comes from God?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

CE: Will you teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

CE: Will you trust in God's care, pray lovingly for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of God with a godly life through your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithfulness in your use of the means of grace and prayer?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, Who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you His grace and His Spirit to perform them.

C: Amen.

Church Council President or other officer:

On behalf of the Church Council of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, I declare you certified to serve in the Church's Ministry of Christian Education. May our Heavenly Father bless you and guide you and keep you faithful as you serve.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" (SBH # 436 2nd tune - request)



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE “*Shine His Light*” (VBS cd track # 1 - Sam Mizell)
 “*Shine*” (VBS cd track # 3 - Chris Sligh)

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

GUEST ORGANIST (by recording): Jack Psolka

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-**VOL NEED**

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Alice Stein / 10:45-Jim Femister

ALTAR GUILD: Darlene Treisner, Diane Hahn

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown

GRASS CUTTERS: Lyn Stryker, Bruce Landis, Melissa Yalch

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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