

# Full Service Bulletin

## MISSION SERVICE AUGUST 25, 2024 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BACKPACK BLESSING

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

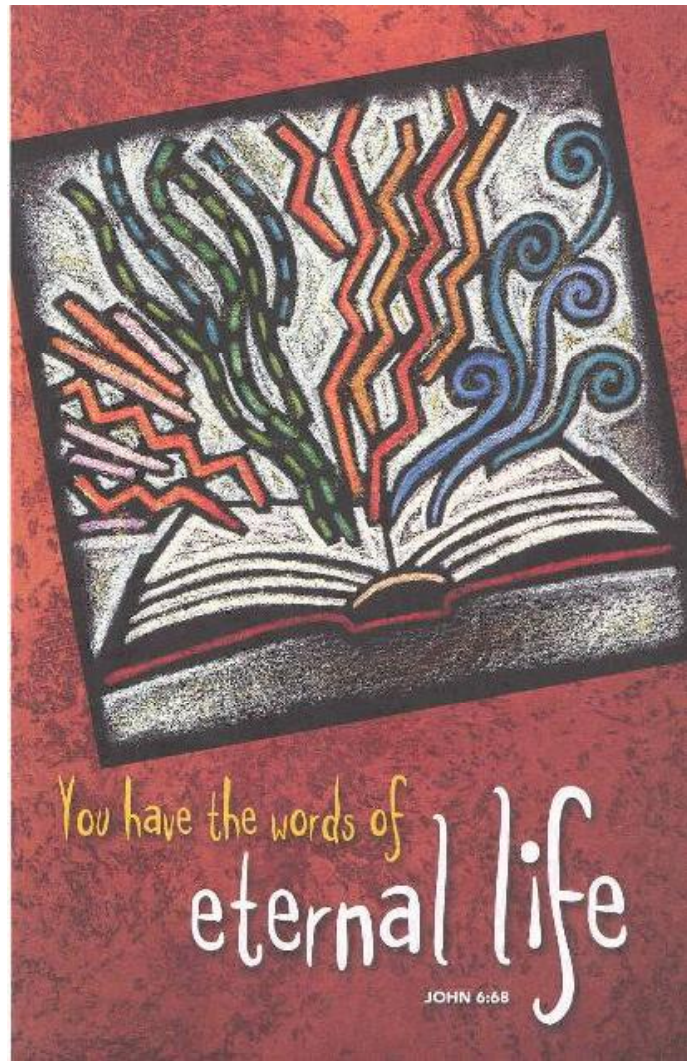
*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**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** *Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. Joshua challenges all to follow his example of serving the Lord, rather than the cultural idols of the day. In order to take such a stand, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the Word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*



### WELCOME AND MEDITATION

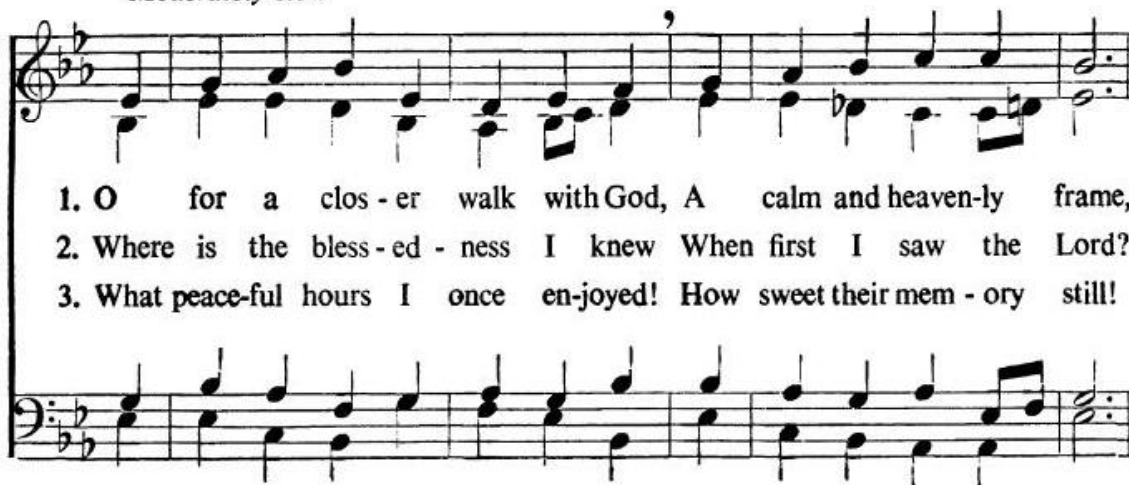
# GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“O For a Closer Walk with God” (SBH # 466 - favorite)

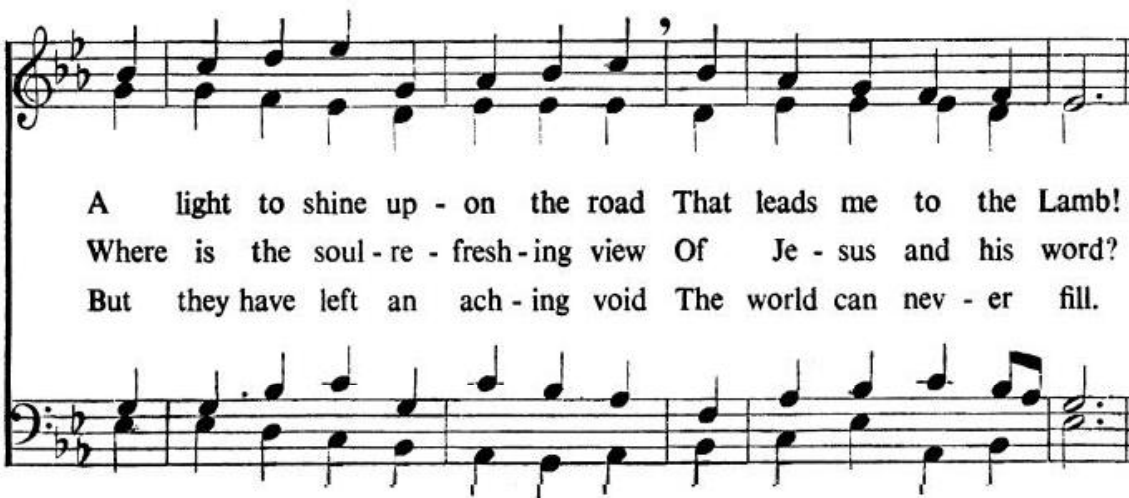
CAITHNESS, C. M.

*Scottish Psalter, 1635*

*Moderately slow*



1. O for a clos - er walk with God, A calm and heaven - ly frame,  
2. Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew When first I saw the Lord?  
3. What peace - ful hours I once en - joyed! How sweet their mem - ory still!



A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!  
Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view Of Je - sus and his word?  
But they have left an ach - ing void The world can nev - er fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return,

Sweet messenger of rest!

I hate the sins that made thee mourn,

And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have known,

Whate'er that idol be,

Help me to tear it from thy throne,

And worship only thee.

6 So shall my walk be close with God,

Calm and serene my frame;

So purer light shall mark the road

That leads me to the Lamb.

*William Cowper, 1731-1800*

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

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the presence of God, Who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)*

P: God our strength,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. AMEN.**

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in Whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

**C: AMEN.**

## **GREETING** (*Please rise.*)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the life of the 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** "*Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*"

*(SBH # 596 - favorite)*

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross;  
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone;  
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss.  
 Forth to the might - y con - flict, In this His glo - rious day.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
 This day the noise of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my shall He lead,  
 Ye that are men, now serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes,  
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put on with prayer;  
 To Him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be:

Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.  
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 He with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:      C: Holy God, Your word feeds  
 Your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices  
 and preserve us in Your truth, that, renouncing what is  
 false and evil, we may live in You, through Your Son,  
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 34:15-22

(congregation reads *indented*)

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

**and His ears are attentive to their cry;**

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

**to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

**He delivers them from all their troubles.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

**and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

A righteous man may have many troubles,

**but the LORD delivers him from them all;**

He protects all his bones,

**not one of them will be broken.**

Evil will slay the wicked;

**the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**

The LORD redeems His servants;

**no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him.**

## PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

*"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" (Maj # 385 - favorite)*

UNKNOWN FOLK MELODY FROM INDIA  
Unison

1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low  
2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-  
3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol-low, Tho' none go with me, I still will  
4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low

Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
fol-low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol-low, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
Je-sus, Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

The image shows a musical score for a unison song. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low; 2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-; 3. Tho' none go with me, I still will fol-low, Tho' none go with me, I still will; 4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-cide now to fol-low. The second system lyrics are: Je-sus, I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fore me; The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. fol-low, Tho' none go with me, I still will fol-low, No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back. Je-sus, Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? No turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

## 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** - Ruthann Kistler

**FIRST READING** ....Joshua 24:1-18 ..... p. 368

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

**SECOND READING** ....Ephesians 6:10-24..... p. 1824

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.) (ELW p151)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** .....Mark 7:1-13.....p. 1563

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Young children may go to Children's Church)*

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** "Feeding on the Bread of Life - Part IV"

## 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.)*

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (SBH # 515 1st tune - favorite)*

1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing, In ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom-ised To all who fol - low Thee

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side;  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom-ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.  
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend. A - men.

Words: John E. Bode, 1816-1874  
 Tune: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

ANGEL'S STORY  
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## 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!*

**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)*

*(Students come forward wearing their backpacks and receive tags.)*

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**P:** Lord, bless these backpacks and the students who will use them. We ask You to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they are loved by You and have everything they need to learn and grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel Your loving care in all they do. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, Who as a child in the Temple showed His longing to learn about You, and as an adult taught by story and example Your great love for us.

**C: AMEN.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*(Ephesians 3:19)*

**C: AMEN.**

### **SENDING HYMN** *(Please rise.)*

*“Onward Christian Soldiers” (Maj # 600 - favorite)*

1 On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war, With the cross of  
 2 Like a might-y ar - my moves the Church of God; Broth-ers, we are  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per-ish, king - doms rise and wane, But the Church of  
 4 On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap-py throng; Blend with ours your

1 Je - sus go - ing on be - fore. Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a -  
 2 tread - ing where the saints have trod. We are not di - vid - ed, all one  
 3 Je - sus con-stant will re - main. Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that  
 4 voic - es in the tri - umph song. Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to

1 gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle, see His bän-ners go.  
 2 bod - y we: One in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
 3 Church pre-vail; We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
 4 Christ the King: This through count-less a - ges men and an - gels sing.

On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, march-ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

## **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**

### **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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**AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY**

GREETERS: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Sharon Branigan  
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer  
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jonah Kincaid  
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Nancy Cook / 10:45-Nancy Cook  
LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker  
LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Lyn Stryker  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler  
ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham, Sharon Branigan  
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker  
GRASS CUTTERS (8/19-24): Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler  
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry  
SEXTON: *Volunteer needed*  
PHONETREE: Jim Femister  
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**Volunteers Needed**, *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*  
Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

**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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