

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10am Ball Field Worship, No Livestream  
**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE**  
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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Preparation / Prelude

Announcements

### **GATHERING:**

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: # 771 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

- 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive pow'rs with you;  
great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.**
- 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined pow'r,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.**
- 3 As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew:  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
each endeavor well begun;  
great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the day:**

Let us pray, Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***THE WORD***

Children's Time

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: pg. 151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

\*Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” The gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon “Faith to Do Good”

Hymn of the Day: # 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock

- 1 **Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 **Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 **Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!**

4      **Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!**

**\*Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home.

In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love.

Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. We pray especially for **Rick, Curt, Bruce, Ann, Kevin, Elise, Kimber, Ian, Eldon, Mary Jo, Kristen**, and all those we name now before you whether out loud or in our hearts...Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **THE MEAL**

Peace and exchange:

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530<sup>th</sup> St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at [oursaviorschurch.info](http://oursaviorschurch.info) under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.

\*Offertory Hymn: # 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering prayer:

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Communion

Great Thanksgiving pg. 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.** Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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(Our Father who art in Heaven....)

**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.**

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

\*Blessing/Benediction:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors,

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending hymn: # 838 Beautiful Savior

**1 Beautiful Savior,**

**King of creation,**

**Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love thee,**

**truly I'd serve thee,**

**light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows,**

**fair are the woodlands,**

**robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**

**Jesus is fairer,**

**Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Love your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

**“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”**

**Please continue to pray for the following people:**

Rick Foley, Curt Wandmacher, Bruce Place, Ann Leonard, Kevin Johnson, Elise Foley, Kimber Hause, Ian Peterson, Eldon Schellfeffer, Mary Jo Bjork, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office. The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.

**Announcements:**

**Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 10am** Ball field Worship (No Livestream) **11am** Fellowship Hour (potluck lunch), 12pm Softball Tournament

**Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> 6am** Pie Making, **1:30pm** Preferred Living Worship Service, **2:30pm** Ellsworth Health Services Worship Service, **5pm** Soup Making

**Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> 6am** Pie Making

**Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> 6am** Pie Making

**Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> 6am** Pie Making

**Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> 9am** In Person/Livestream Worship Service, **10am** Fellowship Hour (Fair Stand),

**Happy Birthday!** August (8<sup>th</sup>) Jacy Stockwell (11<sup>th</sup>) Nick Winger (12<sup>th</sup>) Nathan Forster, Bruce Place

**Mark your Calendars!** The El Paso Days Ecumenical Service will be on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am at the St. Joseph's Cemetery on the hill in El Paso.

**FREE ribbon and lace!!!** The quilting group has been blessed with a generous gift of fabric and sewing donations. There is an assortment of ribbon and lace that we won't be able to use for quilts. Check it out on a table downstairs in the dining room and take anything that you can use. We will donate whatever is left to Goodwill.

**GOD'S WORK ~ OUR HANDS:** It's that time of year again- time to prepare for our fall GWOH Day of Service. Since it falls exactly on 9/11 this year, we will be focusing our efforts on the following organizations: law enforcement, fire department, Healthcare providers, EMS/EMT, mail carriers and veterans organizations. We ask each church committee to think of and take on a service project for that day. You don't have to be on a church committee to help with or lead a project... just contact the Evangelism Committee. And don't be surprised if WE contact YOU... after all, many hands make light work!  High schoolers: these are service hours that count toward your graduation!   Watch the website, bulletin, and Facebook page for the date & time of an organizational meeting we'll be having in August. **ALL ARE WELCOME**, and appreciated! Thanks in advance! Your Evangelism Committee, Heather Johnson, Pauline Laughnan, & Sharon Peterson





**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **August** we will be collecting **Birthday bags, ramen noodles,**

**Peanut butter, cream of mushroom soup, canned Chili, canned green beans, hamburger helper, and dish soap.** Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern.

### **Youth News:**

**Mark your Calendars!** Family Out-Door Movie Night at the ballfield. 7:30pm on Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. We will be showing The Sandlot movie. Concessions stand will be open and will be serving hotdogs, and pretzels/nachos with cheese. Rain makeup date will be Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Thank You to all!** For your continued Support and Prayers through-out this past year. The 2022 Tri-Synod Youth Gathering was a learning and meaningful experience for all participants.

**A Special Thank You** to the Adults and Youth that helped with the Motocross Fundraiser Event. You all were troopers with the hot weather. The youth collected \$1,140.00.

**A Special Thank you** to the Adults and Youth that helped with the Pancake Breakfast during the Old Car Show. We went through 50lbs of pancakes mix. The youth collected \$1,019.00.

**A Special Thank You!** To all that donated the 13 quarts of Maple Syrup; Mike Allyn, Brad Taplin, Belinda Foley, Mary Halls, Tim Wiff, Amy Parmeter, Dan Place, and Dennis Boettcher.

**A Special Thank You!** To David Kiefer for all your help with the sausages.

**Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to make these two great Youth Fundraisers possible.**

**Youth Softball League for all Churches:** We are going to pull some of the youth together on the Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> and play a little round robin for ages 6 to 14. We are going to number the players to create the teams and just make a fun day for them and hopefully have them play the parents at the end. We will have limited concessions available that day. Please respond to Donna if interested, either by email or phone.

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