

**Sunday July 9, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH  
we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS  
we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**  
**Please notify usher if you would like assistance.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – “We Welcome You”**

**CCLI #295357**

- 1. We are all Together, To call upon Your name,  
 There is nothing we like better,  
 Than to sing and give You praise.

**CHORUS:**

Lord, we welcome You, We welcome You,  
We welcome You, Come fill this place

- 2. Bring healing and salvation,  
 Let Your kingdom come,  
 Right here just like in heaven,  
 May Your will be done.

**CHORUS**

- 3. Father, come fill this place,  
 We welcome You,  
 Jesus, we seek Your face because

All we want to do is, Give our love to you. **CHORUS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:**

**LAWNMOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn this summer. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

**FOOD SHELF DONATIONS** are needed. Nonperishable items can be left in boxes in the Narthex.

**VEGGIE STAND OPEN** the Veggie Stand will be open on Saturday mornings to raise money for Local Benevolence. Contributions of baked good items are welcome for sale that day.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Wahkon Inn, 12:30pm. Speaker, Laurie Kimball; “Moving On”. \$13 Call Lois Johnson for reservations, 320 684-2000. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**July 10, 2023 – July 16, 2023**

Monday	7/10	9:00 am	Women’s Devotion
		11:30 am	Card Players
		1:00 pm	Council Meeting

		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/11	9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7/12	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7/13	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		10:00 am	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
Saturday	7/15	8:00 am	Veggie Stand Fundraising
Sunday	7/16	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

**OPENING HYMN:                    “Lord Reign in Me”                    CCLI#2490706**

*(Please Stand on the last Verse)*

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that You reign in me again.

(Chorus)

Lord, reign in me  
Reign in Your power,  
Over all my dreams,  
In my darkest hour,  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again.

Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again.                    (Chorus x 2)

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
God. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*You are great, O God,*

**and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM - “Who Am I?” Casting Crowns**

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## SCRIPTURE

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### **FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25A**

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life.   **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

<sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have

revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #742 ELW**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all

ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need (*especially*), and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,

**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER – Led by The Praise Team**

### **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, generous God,

**for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN: "As You Go on Your Way"**

As you go on your way, may God go with you.

May He go before you to show you the way.

May He go behind you to encourage you,

Beside you to befriend you,

Above you to watch over,

With-in you to give you peace.

With-in you to give you peace.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Praise Team

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Hospitality: Bev & Wally Swenson

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, July 2, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 58 Online: 8