



We celebrate faith by:

ROOTING our lives in a relationship with our God.

REJOICING in the gifts of life and love our God graciously offers.

REACHING out to our world with God's healing and hope!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***September 3, 2023 – 10:00 AM***



Pastor: Rev. Joel Samuelson
Minister of Discipleship: Michelle Hintz
Organist/Piano Accompanist: Rhonda Gowen

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus said, "Take up your cross, and follow me."

ALL: **We don't always know what that means.**

L: We are on a journey of discovery.

ALL: **We are here because we want to be God's people.**

L: We are here because we are broken and want to be renewed.

ALL: **We are here to celebrate the gifts of life and God's presence in our lives.**

L: Let us worship as those who are called...

ALL: **To act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

OPENING SONG

"We Are Called"

Red #720 (vv. 1 & 3)

GREETING

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

ALL: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

L: Loving God, You call us to take up our cross and to follow after You...to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our hearts to Your call, and then send us out to live and work as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus our Redeemer and Lord, we pray...

ALL: **AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us through Scripture, Preaching, and Song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Thy Word"

Grey #183

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Sixteenth Chapter.

ALL: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Red #798 (vv. 1 & 5)



*Today's Message:
Pastor Joel Samuelson*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

(SEE OVERHEAD)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERING RESPONSE

"We Are an Offering"

Red #692

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(Spoken) Red p. 144

(Sung) Red p. 144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

(Red p. 134 top right column or See Projection)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Come to the Table"

Red #481 (Repeat)

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Red #491

"Great Are You, Lord"

Grey #102 (Repeat)

BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

Red #660

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Altar flowers this week are in celebration of Dick Olson's 82nd birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dick!

IN NEED OF HEALING –Duey Johnson, Jeff Beiswanger, Blaine Olsen, Harlan Pleinis, Willard Kemmet, Charlene Schuchard, Darrell Bittner, Sidney Weigel, Lori LaCoe, Lou Ann Heinle, Vic Huber

CANCER CARE – Terry Kristensen, Ashley, Alice Nelson, Rollie Schepp, Kelsey, Birdie Fode, Ruby, Gary Dietz, Marty Well, Colby, Arlene Walch, Arlene, Dick Olson, Ron Schepp, David, Wanda

TODAY'S WORSHIP HOSTS

Greeters & Ushers – Rayne & Reinie Kembel

Council Representative – Kadon Hintz

***RALLY DAY**

Join us in supporting the youth Sunday, Sept 10 at 9am for coffee and breakfast treats before our 10am service!

Hunter Pinke will be our guest speaker. Stay for a potluck lunch and fellowship after church!

***BIBLE STUDY**

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will start on Wednesday, September 13th at 9:30. ALL are welcome for this study. There is no prerequisite, no commitment and no pressure in this study as we talk about the upcoming Sunday's gospel lesson.

***CARD SHOWER**

We are celebrating Tracie Emineth and her service to the church on Sunday, Sept 17th and Wednesday, Sept 20th. We'll start collecting cards for Tracie on Sunday, Sept 3 in the narthex. Please consider writing any memories, messages of thanks or support to Tracie before the 17th.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00am WORSHIP - Communion	4 10:00am QUILTERS	5 9:00am Whole Heart Prayer Gathering 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm BIO Girls - Summer Session	6 6:00pm Confirmation Kick-off 6:00pm WORSHIP - Contemporary - BBQ	7 9:00am Whole Heart Prayer Gathering	8	9