



Weekend Worship Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24 & 25, 2022

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Weekend Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM Education Hour 9:15 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

(We rise)

WE BEGIN IN SONG

(Saturday) "Here I Am to Worship" / "Great Are You Lord"

(Sunday) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess

our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the

Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and

iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,

sinful being.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for

His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Glorify Your Name" Worship Choir

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 36:24-27

(God promises that one day He will spiritually transform His people.)

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:17-23

(Because you are in Christ, your life will look different than those around you .)

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; and to be made new in the attitude of your minds.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(We rise)

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter, beginning

at the first verse.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Pastor: Together, as God's People, united in faith by Jesus, let us join

together professing our common faith using the words of the

Apostles Creed:

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

+ everlasting. Amen.

COLLECTION OF CONNECT CARDS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

(Saturday) "Only You Can Save" Paul Nelson

(Sunday) "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire! While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

THE MESSAGE

"The Lord Who Sanctifies"

Pastor Chris Ryan

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:

All:

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.

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(We rise)

WE CLOSE IN SONG

(Saturday) "In Christ Alone"

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings; Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea. Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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LIFE Groups Fall 2022			
Day/Time	Location	Facilitator	Topic
Sunday 7:27 AM	Prayer Chapel (Room 210)	Katherine Clark	Prayer covering for morning ministries - come as you are able
Sunday 9:15 AM	Trustee Conf Room (Rm 119)	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men - I Declare War, Levi Lusko
Sunday 9:15 AM	Preschool Room (121)	Stacy Rutten	Sunday School Moms Group: A Grown-Ups Guide to Kids' Wiring
Usually 1st Sun 6:00 PM	Borner's Home	Ed & Lois Borner	Christian Movies - NEXT: Oct 2nd <i>Overcomer</i>
2nd/4th Tues 9:00 AM	The Glenn	Pastor Chris Ryan	Varying Bible Study topics + game time
2nd/4th Tues 5:30 PM	East Narthex	Katherine Clark	Women's Book Club: Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa TerKeurst
2nd/4th Wed 9:15 AM	Classroom 228	Katherine Clark	Women - Luke: Gathering the Goodness of God
Wednesdays 7:15 PM	Conference Room	Jan & Lib Larson	Couples Study: Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God [Begins Sept 21st]
Thursdays 7:00 AM	Perkins	Jed Larson	Men's Study - Old Testament - Patriarchs, Prophets, & Kings
Thursdays 6:00 PM	Conference Room	LeAnn Fremo & Dixie Abrams	LifeMark (based on the brand new Kendricks Movie!) [Begins Oct 6th]
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Youth Rm	Pastor Chris Ryan	Men's Study - John
Thursdays 6:30 PM	Jed & Del Larson home	Jed & Del Larson	Sharing Your Faith
2nd Saturday 6:15 PM	Varies! Location announced at service	Kubaschs & Yagers	Saturday Supper Club - Dinner + Conversation! ALL Welcome