



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in B Flat"

J.S. Bach

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England."

John Wesley

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." William Makepeace Thackeray

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (11:10) "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, Father of us all, Mother of each one,

thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.

You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs,

you knit us together lovingly,

your devotion to us has not failed,

your care has followed us our whole lives long.

With our hearts, hands, and voices we give honor to you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYDRYDOL

(*Please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us, shape us, and mold us into the followers of Christ you desire us to be. Hear these our prayers, and hear us now as we pray in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI (#240)**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 116

page 491 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” (9:00)

arr. Molly Ijames

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (11:10)

arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14: 15-21

page 877 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1991)

a brief part of the Brief Statement

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Thomas Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. ——— Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Beside the Still Waters" (9:00)

John Turner

"To Love Our God" (11:10)

Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY (#607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, O God. They belong to you, as we belong to you. Through our gifts and through our lives may the good news of Jesus be proclaimed throughout the earth, and may those in need find the help and hope that will make all the difference. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00)

“Go Now In Peace”

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
 stead-strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be - lieve.
 Reach out to oth - ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in
 faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

(11:10)

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

“To God Be Thanks and Praise”

J.S. Bach

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Musicians** 9:00 Kristi Treu, piano; Annette White, organ
11:10 Alleluia Singers; Annette White, organ
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
- Ushers** 9:00 Jim Miller (captain), Linda Miller, Tim & Brenda Graumann, Frank McMullen
11:10 Tim Goodman (captain), Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Charlene & Lloyd Meyer
- Greeters** North Door: 9:00 John & Patti Sparks 11:10 Neal Hubbard
South Door: 9:00 Doug Larson 11:10 Susan Price & Nancy Koehler
- Information Center** 9:00 Mary Ann Pederson 11:10 Kristin Jacobi
- Coffee Hosts** Kathy Nickel

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Help Us Fill Our Organist Opening. Annette White has stepped into the position of interim organist/accompanist with ease, but she would eventually like to go back to being our substitute organist. As the church searches to fill our Organist/Accompanist job opening, you will see guest organists from time to time on Sunday. Please help us spread the word about this important job opening. Find the full job posting on the church website.



Announcements

For the week of May 14, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 14

9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
10:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship
11:00 Don & Millie's Caring & Sharing until 3 p.m.
11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
4:15 Serve dinner at Siena Francis House
No JHF, SHF, or College Bible Study today.

Monday, May 15

Power Outage – Church Closed 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6:30 Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
2:00 Active Minds
5:30 Finance Meeting
6:30 Mission Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

5:15 Book Group
5:30 Chamber Singers

Thursday, May 18

9 & 11 Music & Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
7:00 Refugee Committee

Friday, May 19

Cross Currents Deadline

Sunday, May 21

Pantry Sunday

9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
11:10 Worship in Sanctuary

Summer is Coming!

Our summer schedule with a single service at 10 a.m. begins on Sunday, May 28. Sunday school/adult education will return after Labor Day in September.

Joys and Concerns. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, and women who have loved us with a mother's heart! The flowers in the chancel today are given by Sue Meusey and family in loving memory of Joe Meusey.

Last Sunday for Children & Youth Sunday School. Today is the last time we will meet before summer break. Classes will resume after Labor Day in September.

Today is a Don & Millie's Caring and Sharing Day. Drop by the 108th and Center location anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. today. Tell them you are with PCOC, and 20% of your bill comes back to support the JHF mission trip.

Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House Today. We still need at least 3 more volunteers to fill our shift from 4:15 to 6:30 today. Sign up online on the church website to support this mission partner.

JHF/SHF Youth Groups Have Ended for the Year. We will resume activities again after Labor Day. For anyone going on the JHF or SHF mission trip, plan to attend a mandatory mission trip meeting on Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. At least one parent must attend with youth.

College Bible Study Updates. College Bible Study will not meet on Sunday nights as everyone is busy wrapping up the semester. Stay tuned for future meeting announcements, especially as the YA mission trip nears.

Church Power Outage Tomorrow. Due to construction on our new Welcome Center, all electricity to our building will be shut off tomorrow from 7 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Power should be restored in time for our Deacon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday night.

Book Group on Wednesday, May 17. Join us at 5:15 to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. All readers are welcome. Questions? Contact June Fettig.

Breast Cancer Support Group. For anyone currently diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Contact Christine or Heather at 402-333-7466.

Pantry Sunday Is May 21. Bring your food and hygiene items to Sunday worship next week, or drop them inside the circle drive doors at church anytime. Find the list of most needed items on the church website.

Great News About Our Refugee Family! The wait is over, and our assigned refugee family should arrive in Omaha on May 25. The eight-member family is from Syria – a mother, father, five daughters (ages 18, 15, 12, 10, 8) and one son (age 5). Lutheran Family Services is finding housing, and our mission group will furnish their household before they arrive. Please pray for all to go smoothly and for the family's safe arrival. Thanks again to everyone who has helped our effort so far. We will keep you informed about what's next in supporting this family as they start a new life in Omaha. The family will not be a part of our congregation; however, our mission team will continue to help them adapt to life in the U.S. Questions? Contact Jeanne Smay or Paula Allen.

49ers on June 6. Our June speaker is Morgan Mattson, Lead Volunteer Coordinator Refugee Services at Lutheran Family Services (LFS), who will cover a broad overview of Refugee Resettlement and how LFS supports newly arrived refugees in Nebraska and Iowa. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu provided. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Or, sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

The Pancake Man Is Coming June 4. It's one of our favorite days at church—join us for pancakes after the worship service! The cost is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 maximum per family. Any proceeds will go towards helping our new refugee family. We will have birthday candles on the stack of pancakes to celebrate Bob Reisser's 101st birthday. If you have a birthday to celebrate in June, we will have candles for you, too!

Event, Volunteer, and Mission Sign Up Opportunities

Just scan the QR code to access our online sign-up page, locate your event, and sign up!

Summer Ushers Needed. Looking for a way to serve the church? Sign up to usher on a Sunday that works for you! We are looking for ushers June 4 through September 3.



2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith House Build Day. If you are interested in helping with our Habitat for Humanity project this year, our build day will be on Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone 16 or over can volunteer, and we have room for 10 on our PCOC crew. We will meet at the site at 8 a.m., and Rob Bailey will provide the address the week before the event to those signed up. Lunch and water will be provided. Work gloves, work boots, long sleeve shirt, and pants are suggested. Goggles and hardhat will be provided. Sign up online.

AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's Volunteers Needed for Spring Season (May 6-June 24). You can help make game days great for these special needs kids as they have fun playing baseball. Over 125 volunteers are needed each game day. Volunteer positions include being a player buddy, greeting, serving concessions, announcing the game, serving as umpire, being a mascot, or setting up before/cleaning up after the games. Each shift is 2 hours. Sign up online to help this mission partner!



Hero Hotline VBS

June 13-15, 2023 – 9 to Noon

For ages 4-year-olds through just completed 5th grade.
Cost is \$10 per child/max \$20 per family. Sign up by June 1.



2023 Youth Choir Festival June 19-25, 2023.

Rehearsals Mon-Thurs. Outreach Tour on Saturday. Sing in worship on Sunday.

Young Adult Mission Weekend June 21-25, 2023. Our young adults will be staying at Calvin Crest and venturing out for mission outreach throughout the metro area. Find the full itinerary online.

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