GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Hymn #797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

YE BANKS AND BRAES

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else."

Oswald Chambers

CALL TO WORSHIP

We trust that the Lord is with us

and all shall be made well.

Our faith is the light that guides us

through work, life and the world.

Rejoice and know that God is here.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord together!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

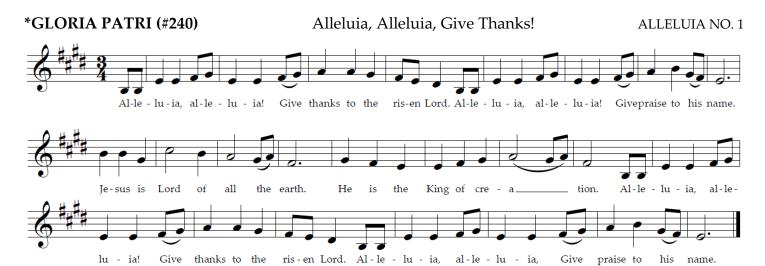
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

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



WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

THE OLD TESTAMANT READING Lamentations 3: 19-25 page 669 of the pew Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Nikki Longlee, Principal of Walnut Hill Elementary School

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

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

K. Lee Scott

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON

"Hands of Blessing"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*PROFESSING THE FAITH OF OUR CHURCH

In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem

to become one with us.

In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea

to teach us how to live.

In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary

to bear away our sin.

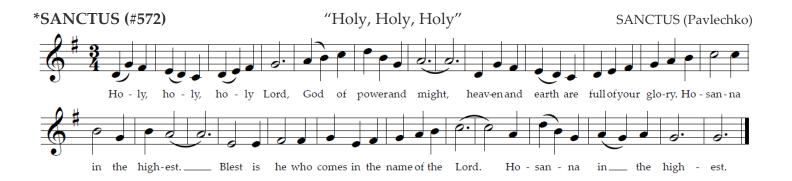
In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden

to defeat death's power over us.

In love you ascended beyond the clouds

to be our reigning Lord.

You came to love us so that we need never feel unloved, deserted, alone, or condemned.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

*DOXOLOGY (#609)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, let these offerings help us all along our paths and let them be useful in following our faith and helping our church. May our minds, souls, and bodies help to serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only You but our friends, our community, and our world. Amen.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter

POSTLUDE Marche Religieuse Alexander Guilmant

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist Don Metzger, elder on the Worship & Music Committee

Music Jacob Denton, baritone; Kristi Treu, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Ushers Brad Burch, Captain; Sue Meusey, Curt Field, Tammy Holdren

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The Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 30

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center

Monday, July 1

10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, July 2

7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

July 4-5 Office Closed

Sunday, July 7

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center11:00 Patriotic Concert in Sanctuary

Summer Schedule continues thru September 1

Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at $11\ a.m.$ in the Welcome Ctr.

No Sunday School

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Joys and Concerns. The flowers in the chancel this morning are each given by couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries: Rock and Anna Sumner in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary, Gary and Marilyn Fitch in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and Charlene and Lloyd Meyer in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

The church office is closed July 4-5. Have a happy 4th of July!

Patriotic Concert on July 7. Stay after the worship service next Sunday and enjoy a short program of patriotic music presented by brass, organ, and voices. You'll hear many of your favorites and can participate in a sing-along. It will be a fun way to celebrate Independence Day.

Back to School Supply Collection in July. School supplies will be collected throughout the month of July to benefit our OPS mission partner schools: Integrated Learning Program (ILP), Walnut Hill, Bancroft, and Sherman elementary schools. For 2024, we have added a new mission partner in Wakonda Elementary. Wakonda is impacted by the development of the

Habitat For Humanity Blue Stem Development in North Omaha. It is estimated it will send between 100 and 200 additional new students into a school that is already at capacity. With that on the horizon we've set a goal of 140 backpacks in addition to all the traditional school supplies for 2024. The collection boxes are inside the circle drive doors and in the Narthex. The mission committee and all the participating schools thank you for your generous support!

Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir Sundays. Sing with us in the Summer Choir on July 21 and August 18. Come at 9 a.m. We'll rehearse a few simple pieces to sing at the 10 a.m. worship service. This is a great time to try choir on for size without making a significant time commitment. Email Kristi Treu to let her know you are coming.

Local Disaster Relief. If you wish to offer financial support toward disaster relief in our area you may do so by designating on the memo line of your check to PCOC, "PMRV PDA."

Summer Ushers Needed. Three more ushers are needed for 7-14-24. You can sign up for yourself or with family, friends or with your church committee members, etc. Sign up on the PCOC website or email Mary Ott or Mary Lynn Bennett.

Summer Construction in Fellowship Hall! The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall is now set to begin in July. We will be getting new lights, new flat screens, and a new ceiling. This project should last through August.

Summer Coffee Fellowship Hour. Due to the anticipated summer construction in Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Fellowship Hour on Sundays has moved to the Welcome Center. Let's enjoy the Welcome Center together!

Bible Studies. The Tuesday Bible Studies resume this week. We are studying the Old Testament book of Joshua. Bring your favorite Bible and join us either at 7:00 am (men) or at 1:00 pm (everyone).

Vacation Bible School, July 9 – 11

9 a.m. to Noon, 4 yrs. to 5th grade (completed)

Join us for a summer camp adventure with God! Lu (the lightning bug) will teach us ways we can put our trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work. Contact Heather for more information. Register Online Now!



New Member Discussion on Sunday, July 21. If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion following worship on Sunday, July 21 in the Courtyard Room. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

Second Race & Reconciliation Dinner on July 21

Join Kathy Moore at the second dinner hosted by Pamela Berry, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6340 North 30th St. at 5:30 p.m. This will be a casual dinner and opportunity to hear speakers and then discuss the period from slavery to Jim Crow and Red Summer. More information will be available later. About six of us attended the first dinner in April along with friends we've partnered with from St. Luke's United Methodist. Seating is limited so feel free to let Kathy Moore know if you are interested. Registration will also be available at the Information Desk and online.

Art, culture and food in North Omaha on Wednesday, August 14th

We will start with lunch at 11:45 at Jackson's Fair Deal Café in North Omaha (2118 North 24th Street). Following lunch, we will go to the Union for Contemporary Arts at 2423 North 24th Street. There we will tour their wonderful cooperative art space which provides affordable opportunities and space for artists who might not otherwise have access. We will also visit their scheduled art exhibit featuring Nathaniel Ruleaux, a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation. Nathan describes his work by saying: "my work is an expression of my combined anger at our nation, a love of the people and the land, and dreams of what kind of world I want my child to grow up in." Contact Kathy Moore if you have questions, and please sign up at the Information Desk or online. If you can't join us on the 14th but would like to visit solo, the Union is open T, W, Th from 1 – 8 and F, S from 10 – 5.

Important Reminder from the Business Administrator's Office

When selling stock or donating directly from your IRA using your Charitable Gift Contribution to Church of the Cross, please notify the Business Administrator's office of your financial activity. This will help ensure that your gift is correctly attributed to your giving record correctly. Thank you for your assistance.