

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Brethren, We Have Met to Worship arr. by James Curnow

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 542 All Glory Be to God on High
Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH' SEI EHR

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (*responsively*)

O God, our joy is gone and our grief is upon us. Our hearts are sick. We hear the cries of the poor and the hungry. We wonder if you are even on your throne anymore.

We lament the state of your world O Lord and we know that we are a part of its brokenness. We are sick with grief, in part because we are active in the destruction we work against. We come to you now to repent. Heal us, and heal your world.

Instead of our cynicism,
help us trust you.

Instead of our callousness,
give us hearts that feel.

Instead of our lust for violence and hunger for power,
give us an appetite for peace and wholeness.

Forgive us God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN 709 Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)
Tune: JESUS LOVES ME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 79:1-9 p. 540

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Timothy 2:1-7 p. 208

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “We’re Talking About Politics ”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 348 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Tune: FAITHFULNESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Sing Praise to God setting by Noel Goemanne

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur still:
to God all praise and glory.

What God’s almighty power hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye never sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that men may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises;
be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body, bear your part:
to God all praise and glory.

O ye who name Christ’s holy name, give God all praise and glory;
all ye who own his power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from his throne, the Lord is God, and He alone:
to God all praise and glory. Amen

—Johann J. Schutz, translated by Frances E. Cox

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH

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.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 933 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Intrada Keith Kolander

+Latecomers will be seated. *You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Ángel López, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Meg Frens, prayer of thanksgiving and intercession; Bruce Formsma, trumpet; Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel are given in celebration of the marriage of Hannah Faga and Ryan Trask yesterday.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Jim VanderMeer, Jane Johnson Keeter, Lynne Bonnette

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Debbie & Dan Rooks will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

nursery care available

Preschool-First Grade room 2 Second -Fifth Grade room 1

6th-8th grades room 11 Senior High Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:30-12:30

Mosaic: "El Encuentro" Meets in the Fellowship Hall & by Zoom (using the same link as the worship service) NEXT WEEK: Panel on Reciprocal Language facilitated by Jim Padilla DeBorst

Beginning September 25 George Hunsberger will lead a class on "The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything."

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:15 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO** (SPANISH GATHERING) We invite you to join us at 11:15 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you!*

The Week Ahead

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Kamerkoor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team Breakfast
- 11:15 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
- 11:30 a.m. Education Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Congregational Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Martha Bible Study

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Care Elders' Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Consistory

Wednesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. LIFT Classes
- 6:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Saints

Congregational News

Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. Home-Bill Charlton, Don Maatman, Barb Mummert, Lucille Schroeder, Ruby Steketee. Missionaries-Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

LIFT (Life in Faith Together) continues this Wednesday. Dinner and community celebration time is from 5:30-6:15 p.m., classes and activities for all ages following. Adult opportunity: Bilingual Bible Study (drop ins welcome). The first session will be Wednesday, September 14 and will run weekly through December 7.

El Encuentro & Congregational Lunch

11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to attend El Encuentro Service.

This will be the Adult Education opportunity for the day.

The service will be in Spanish,
but will be translated for those who need it.

Following the service everyone is invited to join together for lunch.

This will be a great time to get to know your fellow church goers.