

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsively)

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You are king and ruler of all!

The nations are yours!

All people are yours.

The world belongs to you.

You gather us in as your people.

We say,

"Our God is good! His mercy is never failing!"

Open our lips, that our mouths may declare your praise!

O Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth.

SALUTATION

*+HYMN OF PRAISE 529 Gather Us In

Tune: GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsively)*

637 Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) [sung in Greek]

Tune: KYRIE GHANA

Forgive us God for our words that injure, that are not careful and not of your kingdom.

That do not seek your will.

637 Kyrie Eleison [sung in Greek]

Forgive us God for our thoughts and our attitudes that are indifferent to the suffering of others, that map out our greed and are only self-seeking.

637 Kyrie Eleison [sung in Greek]

Forgive us God for our actions that are not loving. For postures that do not reflect your grace. Forgive us for our inability to forgive others. Make us more and more into the image of your son. Forgive us God and heal us. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 137

p. 576

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

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:1-10

p. 80

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Slaves, Infanticide, and the Problem with Forgiveness”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is....we worship and adore your
glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

COMMUNION

HYMN: 818 Eat This Bread

Tune: BERTHIER

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to Christ and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in Christ, and you will not thirst.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from
this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY O Lord, Increase Our Faith Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in Thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience in all our adversities.
Sweet Jesus say Amen.

*DOXOLOGY 965

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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 363 Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine (vs. 1 & 3)

Tune: ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE By the Waters of Babylon Johann Pachelbel

+Latecomers will be seated.

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching: Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, Yasser Palacios, liturgists;

Barb Neevel, prayer for illumination; 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 by Al and Jane Osman.

The Worldwide Communion Sunday offering this morning will go to provide food, clothing and shelter to the people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela through the ministry of Frontera de Gracia (the Border of Grace), in Juarez, Mexico.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Bruce Bassett, Jim VanderMeer, Lynne Bonnette

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Shelly and Faith Millen 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: “Meet Jim Padilla DeBorst” facilitated by Pastor Ryan Boes Meets in the Sanctuary and on Zoom (same link as worship). Next week: “Meet Henry and Lindsey Cherry” facilitated by Marcia Bishop.

“The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything” meets in room 22. Class led by George Hunsberger

EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL): Les invitamos a las 11:30 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 11:30 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
11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Ministry/El Encuentro
11:30 a.m. Education Hour
5:00 p.m. Carillon Choir
7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. History Book Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:15 p.m. Governing Elders' Meeting

7:00 p.m. Special Education Ministry

7:30 p.m. JET Steering Team

7:30 p.m. Outreach Team

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

Saturday

6:30 p.m. Service of Love and Hope: A Lord's Day Service

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: Holland Hospital-Bob Kuiper. Tom Norman has returned home from the hospital. Dennis DeWitt has moved from the hospital to Resthaven Rehab. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane VanEs (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

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CHURCH BUS FOR FREEDOM VILLAGE: For residents of Freedom Village planning your transportation via the church bus, please note that our bus will pick up at 9:40 a.m. to bring passengers to the 10:00 a.m. service, and return at both of the following times: 11:20 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: The office will be closed at noon on Fridays, beginning Friday, October 7. This schedule will go through the end of the year.

MICRO PANTRY: The Micro Pantry supplies are running low. Please help us keep the pantry supplied by bringing in the following items: cereal, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, canned fruit, refried beans, canned diced tomatoes, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned potatoes, toilet paper, shampoo

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: Benjamin's Hope is one of the missions that Women's Ministries supports. The women of Third Reformed are invited to tour this facility on Saturday, October 15. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. the bus will hold 22 and some may be driving. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at the farm. Please wear comfortable shoes as some walking may be required. Please RSVP and sign the sheet in the Gathering Place today.

Questions call Mary DeWitt, 616-368-7634.

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**A Service of
Love and Hope:
A Lord's Day Liturgy**
Featuring the Music of U2

Saturday October 8, 2022
6:30 PM

Participants:
Pastor Ryan Boes, Linda Strouf, Eleanor McMullen,
Curtis Pierce, Joel Schoon-Tanis and The Voice,
Carter and Laura Baer, David Van Farowe,
Yasser Palacios, Kate Bolt, Scott Millen,
Pastor Janelle López-Koolhaas,
Andy Lunn and more.

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