Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Adagio Cantabile J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Votum

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23 (responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

SALUTATION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

CALL TO CONFESSION Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always been good witnesses to your truth nor accurate signposts that point to your grace. Our words have hurt and our actions have been callous. Forgive us, God, and restore us. Help us be a people that point to the true shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 p. 41

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22 p. 192

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

SERMON "The Needy and Neglected"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

The Response to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (responsively)

We believe in one God.

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Going Home Antonin Dvořák

*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 927 God, the Father of Your People

Tune: HOLY MANNA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gigue Robert Hilf

*You may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Angel Lopez, Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolhaas, liturgists; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today,** please head to trcholland.org/quickstart to let us know you were here.



The flowers at the chancel are given in memory of Elliot Tanis by Elaine Tanis.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura Baer, Jim Vander Meer, Pablo Perez.

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Mary Klaaren and Jane Dalman 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.

SUMMER 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.)

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] **ELENCUENTRO** (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! English translation via headset is available.

The Week Ahead

Sunday

11:30 a.m. Spanish Worship Gathering **Monday-Friday** - High School Mission Trip

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. High School Bible Study

Wednesday

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)

5:30 p.m. LIFT Dinner6:15 p.m. LIFT Activities

Saturday

9:30 a.m. El Encuentro Music Rehearsal9:30 a.m. Curso de Discipulado en Español

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 616-392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to Steve DeYoung & Kama Jongerius on the death of Steve's mother, Ruth DeYoung, on July 12 in Waupun, WI.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Blodgett Hospital-Bea Rozeboom. Hospice-Etta Hesselink, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Home-Bill Charlton; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense. Missionaries - Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).

SUMMER LIFT is happening. Join us this week for LIFT. Come enjoy dinner with your fellow Third Church members and friends at 5:30. At 6:15 there will be activities for all ages.

WALK-IN CHOIR: All ages are invited to join a walk-in choir that will next sing during the service on Sunday, August 11. Rehearsal will be in the choir room (lower level rm. #4) at 9:30 a.m. Questions contact Linda Strouf.



Whether it's with your head, your heart, or your hands; with mini, mid-teen, mid-life, or mature members; in quick ways or quiet ways; with paint brush or pruning shears, dust rag or delicious dish:

We Need You!

Learn more at the Volunteer Fair on Sunday, August 4

And what's better than a Volunteer Fair? A Volunteer Fair after a fabulous all-church lunch! Combined service at 10 AM, followed by lunch and the fair.

The main meal will be provided before the Sunday, August 4 volunteer fair. We hope that you'll sign up to provide fruit or veggie trays or a handheld dessert that will be easy to walk around the volunteer fair with. The sign up link can be found in the Third Church New or you can call the church office to sign up.

