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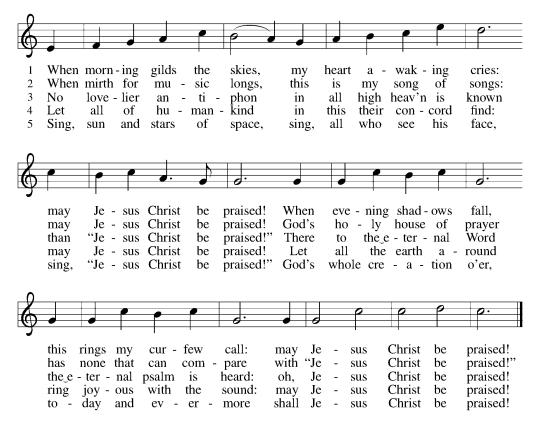
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW 853

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Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG of PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE ASSEMBLY IS SEATED.

Children's Bible Story

Children's Bible Story Song



FIRST READING – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

1Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2aAnd Joshua said to all the people, 14"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading - Psalm 34:15-22 15The eyes of the Lord are up- | on the righteous, and God's ears are open | to their cry. 16The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth. 17The righteous cry, and | the Lord hears them and delivers them from | all their troubles. 18The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. 19Many are the troubles | of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from | every one. **20God will keep safe | all their bones;** not one of them | shall be broken. 21Evil will bring death | to the wicked and those who hate the righteous | will be punished. 220 Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

Acclamation

The assembly stands.



The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

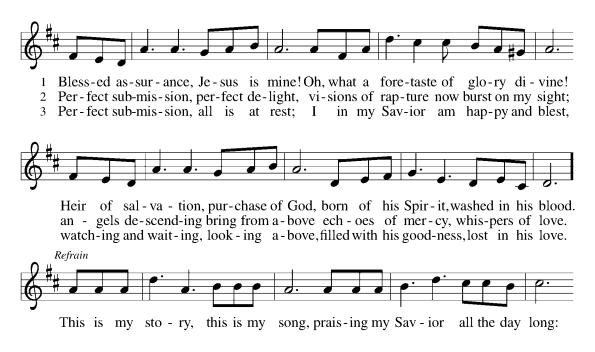
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

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this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

PRAYERS Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING OFFERING SONG



OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG



Special Music

Elaine Bodi

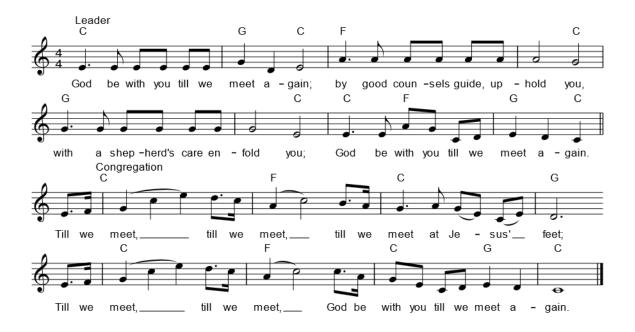
SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional

Lift High the Cross

Elaine Bodi

This morning we dedicate the new flooring purchased with generous donations of the congregation and memorial monies for June Goetz, Marsi Gilbert, Phyllis Hoffman, Julie Terry, Bernice Rath, Jeff Roose, Larry Miller, Troy Miller, and Wilma Miller. We also dedicate the new sound system that was purchased solely through the donations of the congregation.

Please join in the Usher training in the sanctuary following the Anniversary Celebration. Ushering provides a service opportunity in which everyone can participate. Ushers can sign up to serve for one Sunday or the entire month. The deacons will make sure that first-time ushers are paired with veterans if you choose until you feel comfortable. Wouldn't it be a fantastic way to involve your entire family in serving the church together? If everyone takes a turn, each person will only have to commit once a year.

Remember to bring your backpacks, school supplies, etc. for the Blessing of the Backpacks and return to school.

Ida Kids Center is looking for caregivers to join their team! If you love kids and have availability in the daytime and afternoon, we would love to talk to you! Please reach out to Stephanie at idakidscenter@outlook.com

Altar guild is looking for additional ladies to assist with communion setup and care of the altar. It is not a difficult or time-consuming service for our church and we will pair you up with a veteran! Individual training will be provided. Please contact Mindy Stadler at734-755-6052 for details.

Thanks to each of you the noisy offerings In July and August totaled \$306.89. The July offering of \$ 173.45 has been placed in the Holiday Camp Fund and will help pay for the summer meal that Prince of Peace provides. The August offering of \$133.44 has been sent to Gabby's Grief Center (formally Gabby's Ladder) in Monroe to help provide a safe place for grieving children, teens, adults, and families.



We'll celebrate her installation as our newest ministry team member on Rally Day: SUN SEP 08, 2024 @ 9AM.



WELCA Meeting

We will be having a WELCA meeting (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND** at **10:15 AM**. This is open to all women of the church that are confirmed. We have a lot to discuss, and we need **EVERYONE** there. Please plan to grab a drink and a cookie or two from coffee hour and meet us in the hallway outside of the gym. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Kim Cramer.

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Anniversary Celebration & Brunch Usher Training Monday: IKC Open House – 6:00 PM Tuesday: AA - 7:00 PM Wednesday: Mid-Week Service – 7:00 PM

Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Alex and Marissa Tremonti Altar Guild – Lynne Zabawa and Terri Meadows Coffee Hour – Church Council Financial Stewards – Dave Lorenzo and Chuck & Jan Vagt Liturgical Minister – Betty Nickel Media – Kelsey DeLand Organist – Ray Smith Special Music - Elaine Bodi will sing *Be Exalted, O God* by Brent Chambers during communion; and *Lift High the Cross* during the postlude. Ushers – Jim DuRocher, Head Usher; Ivan Kamprath, Tom Adler and Dick Leonard Youth Lay Reader – Alex Tremonti

Ushers are needed for the next two Sundays, please sign up if able to help.

Coming Soon...

- Sept. 01- Blessing of the Backpacks & Back to school
- Sept. 08 Event Coordinator Installation
- Sept. 08 Rally Day
- Sept. 15 Children's Handbells Play during service
- Sept. 15 Youth Ministry & Sunday School Orientation Parents & Youth
- Sept. 17 Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins 9:30 AM
- Sept. 19 Hedge "Big Trim" 6:30 PM
- Sept. 22 Sunday School Begins 10:15 AM
- Sept. 22 WELCA Meeting 10:15 AM

Register for Sunday School using the QR code or this link: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/DdJUx3u05n</u>

