



Sunday Worship
September 8, 2024
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

Lord, help us to work for you.

Lord, make us ready to serve.

Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in his name. Amen.

***HYMN #401** Gather Us In

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Compassionate God, we acknowledge once again that we fall short of our high calling as your people. If we have wished someone well, while withholding help and support we should have given, forgive us, O God. If we have loudly proclaimed our faith, but then refused to follow Christ, forgive us, O God. Through the power of your Spirit, make us persons of courage, compassion, and integrity; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Julia Myers

****HYMN #203*** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

1. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

2. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.

3. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

4. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 7:31-37

SERMON It Takes a Village

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

With hearts of praise, O Lord, we dedicate to you these gifts as tokens of our lives and work. Use them, as you use us, to the fulfilling of your purposes for creation, that we might give glory to you not only in the hearing, but in the doing of your word. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 #610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.


***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, September 8, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Sam Gallagher. Sam is the husband of faithful member Josephine Gallagher.

TODAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS: Children will be dismissed to class after "Time with the Children" during service.

 **TODAY - SPECIAL RETIREMENT LUNCH FOR LEANNE YERKES:** Following services today, join us in Fellowship Hall while we celebrate Leanne's ministry of music with a special lunch. Sandwiches and dessert will be provided. "Thank You" Leanne for sharing your wonderful gift of music with us as our Director of Music.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE:: will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 – 4pm-6pm. Tickets; ADULT: \$18, CHILD: \$10. Included: ½ Chicken for Adults and ¼ Chicken for children along with homemade sides and Dessert.

Volunteers / helpers needed: Our Chicken Barbeque is our biggest Fund Raiser of the year. Proceeds support our local Food Bank and other mission projects. We are looking for eager volunteers to help in many different ways. **1** – Help make Homemade applesauce Oct. 1 9:30am, **2** – Help make Homemade Cole Slaw Oct. 3, 9:30am, **3** – Bake a 9 x 13 inch iced cake, **4** – Oct. 5 Help in the kitchen, run deliveries, pack-up meals, set-up and clean-up. Call Sharon Ruth or the office to pre-order your meal and or volunteer.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: **Saturday Sept 14th** we will host our annual blood drive from 8AM to 12noon. To schedule an appointment, and for detailed information about donor eligibility, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or call Dana Daniels.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Packaged healthy snacks, Juice boxes for School Lunches. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

September 8	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by a Celebration for Leanne Yerkes.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
September 9	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
September 10	9:00 am	Christian Education Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship and Music Meeting

6:00 pm Beekeepers Meeting
September 11 12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
6:00 pm Beekeepers Meeting
September 14 8:00 am **BLOOD DRIVE**

Elder of the month: Donna Jencks **Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz
Ushers: Sharon Ruth and Emilie Cullerton **Sunday school Teacher:** Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

Are prayers are with Mary Lou and the Humlhanz family upon the death of her son, Randy. *Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Eloise Hyndman, David Posnett,
Dee Tori, Shannon Foster, Jim Conner, Gail Shaffer, Donna Jagiela



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