



Sunday Worship

September 15, 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

The Love of God

Leatherman

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

Let us worship the God of life and wisdom whose words guide our life on the right paths.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***HYMN #265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of hearts, to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being voices for justice. But with your gracious mercy, Tender-hearted God, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that your Teacher of grace and hope, Jesus the Messiah, has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

... 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 50:4-9

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #693** Though I May Speak

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 3:1-12

SERMON Sticks and Stones

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**

God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves—our words, our thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBER Elizabeth (Betts) Slim

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 #722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
in dwindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS, September 15, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Sarah H. Smith. Sarah is the wife of faithful member George Smith.

WELCOME SUE LEWIS: Once again we welcome Sue Lewis who is our substitute organist. While we are searching for a permanent Director of Music, we are blessed to have Sue's talent shared with us this week and during several other worship services in the next month.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23: It will be good to come together for discussion and exploration of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Bible study is held each Monday beginning at 9:30 AM both in-person as well as on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

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.

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 15	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
September 16	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
September 17	10:00 am	Stewardship Meeting
	6:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
September 18	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
September 19	11:00 am	Memorial service for Donna Jagiela
	6:00 am	Beekeepers Meeting

Elder of the month: Donna Jencks **Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz
Ushers: Courtney Woolslayer and Rachel Dell'Orefice **Sunday school Teacher:** Ruth Squillace

In our thoughts and prayers:

Please pray for the Jagiela family and friends as they mourn the loss of Donna who entered the church triumphant this past week. *I know that my redeemer lives...and I know that I shall see God.*

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



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