



July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank Blake Olson for bringing the message this morning.

Pastor Dennis Reich
Michelle Anderson, assisting minister
Greg Moen and Danita Broders, ushers
Susie Lutz, accompanist
Dean and Doris Hoffart, greeters
Richard Hillrichs, lector
Bob Lutz, communion assistant
Brian Anderson, sound booth

Readings and Psalm for July 25
(9th Sunday after Pentecost)
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlis Lind at The Meadows, Mona Jean Roberts at Heritage of Bel Air
Health/Healing: Warren Bennett, Linda Shaffer, Doug Gottsch,
Charley Hales and Micheyla Anderson, Boyd Reeg, Orlin Olson,
Sharon and BJ Koeppe, Rory Laskowski, Jaxsyn Steiner, Donna Day,
Millie Drey's cousin Richard
Missions: Brandon and Annemarie Cyboron, Joe Rystrom, Jared and
Sau Man Weich, Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

COMING UP at CTS

Today 10:00 Blended worship with Blake Olson preaching
Join us after worship for coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall
Wednesday 5:00 Youth group
Next Sunday **9:00 4-week Bible study on Paul in Rome**
(four short videos and discussion)
10:00 worship/Christmas in July
Monday, July 26 6:30 Congregation council meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 4 5:00 Church property workday
(can start earlier if available; hot dogs/snacks at picnic shelter)
Questions: contact Brian Anderson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Charlie and Louise Skoglund, 47 years on July 20th

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Hayes, July 22
Lu Carter, July 23
Michelle Anderson, July 24
Bill Thoendel, July 24

OPENING PRAISE MEDLEY

"As the Deer"

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

CONFESSION

Lord, we need your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start, help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to you for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need your mercy. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self deceit, and free from Satan's power. Praise God for goodness.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile the relationship between you and your world which we so carelessly neglect and fracture. Teach us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (pg. 725)

Psalm 23 (responsive)

New Testament: Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 192)

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (pg. 41)

MESSAGE

Blake Olson

"He Leadeth Me" LBW #501

THE PRAYERS

THE OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

"Just As I Am" LBW #296

BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

"Beautiful Savior" LBW #518

DISMISSAL

"Alleluia"