

Questions:

- 1) When God looks at Planet Earth, what borders, national flags, or skin colors does He see?
- 2) Who introduced these things, and what problems do they cause?
- 3) Read Psalm 104:10-23,25-28. Why was the Psalmist able to “see” so many things in the created order around him that few see today?

Happy Anniversary

6/14 Wendell & Wanda Muhs

This week:

Congregational meeting and potluck today after worship

Monday Bible study
(Facebook) 7 p.m.

Wednesday meal/Small
Catechism study 6/6:30 p.m.

Thursday Card club 2 p.m.,
Council meeting 6:30

Today's worship servants:

Pastor Cindy Cone
Charlie Skoglund assisting
Susie Lutz, organist
Rich and Kay Jaeger, greeters
Katelyn and Michelle
Anderson, ushers
Colin Broders, lector
Duane and Shirley Theil,
communion
Jared Weich, coffee

In our prayers:

Health and healing

Matthew Hales
Gary Benson
Will Fenton
Mia Nowak
Dwight Oberle
Charlie Skoglund
Richard and Sandy Thorin
Greg Witte

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs, room 111
St. Joseph's Care Center
Mona Jean Roberts, room 109
Heritage of Bel Air
Roger Young, room 407
Heritage of Bel Air

Altar flowers are given by
Megan Phillips and by Judy
Sparks in memory of her
mother and son.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

June 11, 2023 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are all whom God has chosen as a heritage;
come to God, who welcomes all humankind.

**God fashions our hearts and observes our deeds;
all who express awe before God will be blessed.**

God's eye is on all who hope in God's steadfast love.

God's grace abides in all who live by faith.

We wait in silent expectation for God's revelation.

Our hearts are glad, for we trust in God's holy name.

In our moments together, God shows us a new way.

God blesses us, that we may be a blessing to others.

We have come to know God more fully.

We are here to join our voices in worship and praise.

HYMN: “Have No Fear, Little Flock” #476

INVOCATION

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Deliver us from the death of selfish ambition and self-centered pursuits. Keep us from misplaced trust in weapons and defenses. Draw us away from pretense and boasting. Lead us to know ourselves truly, as we bow before your majesty. We are your children, knowing the benefits of your love and the responsibilities that come with the gift of life. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle Paul said it simply and pointedly: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The measure of our faithfulness is not our goodness in comparison to others, but the ways our lives reflect divine radiance. Do we walk humbly with our God moment by moment, day by day?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God, you have forgiven us many times. Still we wander away from you, living as if we need not account to anyone for our words or deeds. We depend on our own cunning rather than on your direction. We flex our muscles instead of relying on your mercy. We build our lives on other foundations than the one you have given us in Jesus Christ. We boast of our accomplishments rather than your generous provision for us. Merciful God, we need your forgiveness again. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are justified by God's grace as a gift. The good works we do are not to earn God's favor, but become our joyful response to God's righteousness and mercy. God has passed over our former sins. God welcomes the renewal of our faith. We rejoice in God's welcome to all who repent and are truly sorry for past mistakes and broken promises. God restores us to full relationship with the Eternal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: **Sovereign Parent, whose word we have heard again and again, show us your will for us once more. Open our ears to hear your word in fresh ways. Open our wills to respond with renewed purpose. Open our lips to share the good news with the gentle authority of Christ, not so that we may be justified, but that others may be blessed and your name glorified in all the earth. Amen**

READINGS Genesis 1:9-25
 Psalm 104:10-23, 25-28 [responsive]
 Revelation 21:1-5

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

HYMN: "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" #455

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER

All: **We dedicate all we have to your will and way. We set aside these tokens for our common ministry in Christ's name. May this church teach with the authority of Christ. May we venture into new territory with the courage of Abraham. May we serve with the conviction of Paul. May we do all to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Not everyone who speaks of God will be blessed.
Seek, rather, to live by the faith that is ours.

May our words be expressions of humble trust.

May our deeds be full of thanksgiving.

God's blessing is given neither for words nor for deeds;
God's steadfast love is a gift, freely given.

**Praise God for generous promises and unexpected gifts;
thank God for a heritage of love and hope.**

Let us live with thanksgiving and with hope.

Let us build on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

**We will pass on what we have received;
we will help each other build on solid ground.**

Amen

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HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" #507

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL