

Question:

What is the difference between Christian giving and Christian management?

This week:

Monday

Bible study 7 pm (Facebook)

Wednesday

6/6:30 meal/study

Thursday

2:00 Card club

6:30 Council meeting

Next Sunday

Worship 10 am

Worship servants:

Pastor Cindy Cone

Charlie Skoglund assisting

Organist: Marsha

Greeter: Lonnie & Judy

Ushers: Mike & Nell

Lector: Linda

Communion: Svitaks

Coffee: Hoffarts

Offerings: Nell & Louise

Happy Birthday

Brian Anderson today

Jerry Hayes, July 22

Happy Anniversary

Charlie & Louise Skoglund,

July 20

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bereavement

Condolences to Sau Man Weich and family at the recent passing of her father.

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Health and healing

Megan Bewernitz

Jill Barr and son Zander

Dennis Reich

Gary Benson

Will Fenton

Mia Nowak

Dwight Oberle

Charlie Skoglund

Richard and Sandy Thorin

Greg Witte

Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs

Mona Jean Roberts

Roger Young

The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast celebrating parents Sunday, July 23, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at KC Hall, 105 Elm Ave. Proceeds benefit the Birthright office in Norfolk.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

July 16, 2023 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, all who are weary.

Gather together, all who carry heavy burdens.

**Our help is in the name of God,
who made heaven and earth.**

Bless God, who is revealed more clearly to infants than to those considered intelligent and wise.

**Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ,
who rescues us from sin and death.**

Seek the renewal of your spirits;
delight in God's law in your inmost selves.

**Praise God for all who live in awe,
for all who seek to do God's will.**

LBW 39 "Joy to the World"

INVOCATION

Visit us, O God, with your protection and guidance. Save us from the wrong we do not intend, and rescue us from the poor choices we sometimes make. Draw us out of the raging waters of our narrow conceits to the wider vision you have for us. Be a midwife to us as we seek new life in Christ. May we find delight in your law and gain wisdom in your service. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is on our side, yet how easily we move away from God's side. God is eager to walk with us through the turmoil and troubles of life, yet we hide from God and flee from the only relationship that can fulfill us. God offers us rest and renewal, but we often refuse to turn away from our busy schedules to receive God's gift. Who will rescue us from this body of death?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who rescued our spiritual ancestors from their bondage to slavery, deliver us from the sins we confess and the unknown evil we have allowed. How wretched we are, knowing what is right and good, yet failing to do it. How miserable we feel, trying to avoid wrong, yet finding ourselves in the middle of it. How deep is our desolation when we reach for spiritual heights, yet live in slavery to passions of the flesh. Break these patterns, we pray, to allow our growth in gentle and humble service. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Creator of heaven and earth is our helper and will deliver us from the ways of death. We are not destined to live in bondage to our worst selves, but are freed to grow in faith and trust. God promises acceptance and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The yoke of Christ is easy and the burdens light for those who live their thanks and seek God's will. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, by whose gracious will we have been privileged to know you through Jesus Christ, reveal yourself once more through ancient word and present action. Lift the heavy burdens we cannot carry alone and the sin that clings so closely, that we may be freed to worship and serve you. As we welcome the yoke of Christ, we seek the gentleness and humility that empower us for the tasks you give us. May we share with all the rest Christ offers the weary. Amen

LESSONS Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Psalm 100 (responsive)

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-26

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

LBW 250 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We give thanks for all whose courage has passed life and faith to us. We lift up all who trust you, O God, in spite of ruthless oppression. We offer ourselves with our gifts, that right and truth may prevail throughout your world. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Greet the world with refreshed spirits;
go to lift burdens, as yours have been lifted.

God has quieted the wars within us;

God unites us with one another in service.

God dwells with you and strengthens you;
God multiplies your energy and influence.

God has delivered us from slavery to sin;

we receive Christ's easy yoke and light burden.

Go out to listen and to testify.

Open yourself to the wisdom of children.

God is being revealed in all our meetings;

God will be praised in all we say and do.

Amen

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LBW 507 "How Firm a Foundation"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL