

Questions:

- a) Jesus is the Latin form of the Greek translation of the Hebrew Joshua or Jehoshua ... what does His name mean?
- b) Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew term Messiah ... is Christ a name or a title?
- c) How do we define grace?

Happy Birthday

Lu Carter today

Michelle Anderson 7/24

Bill Thoendel 7/24

Happy Anniversary

Ron and Pastor Cindy 7/28

This week:

Monday

Bible study 7 pm (Facebook)

Wednesday

6/6:30 meal/study

Thursday

2:00 Bible study

Next Sunday

Worship 10 am

Food Pantry Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs

Mona Jean Roberts

Roger Young

Health and healing

Megan Bewernitz

Jill Barr

Zander Barr

Dennis Reich

Gary Benson

Will Fenton

Mia Nowak

Dwight Oberle

Charlie Skoglund

Richard and Sandy Thorin

Greg Witte

Worship servants:

Pastor Cindy Cone

Charlie Skoglund assisting

Organist: Marsha Burke

Greeter: Broders family

Ushers: Duane & Shirley Theil

Lector: Kay Jaeger

Communion: Katelyn &

Michelle Anderson

Coffee: Rich & Kay Jaeger

Offerings: Doug & Pat Witte

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

July 23, 2023 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of God awaits us here; come to worship.

The Holy Spirit welcomes us; gather to pray.

From the routines and struggles of our lives, we come.

Amid the stresses and worries of every day, we gather.

Come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ;

God is waiting to offer us a new life of freedom.

In hope, we seek God's caring presence;

in faith, we dare to trust God's steadfast love.

Plunge into soul-refreshing waters that invigorate;

offer to one another the bread of life.

We are resident aliens in a foreign land;

God's realm is the true home we are seeking

LBW 393 "RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE"

INVOCATION

God of hosts, renew in us the hope that survives disappointment and the faith that rises above ridicule. Help us to stand for what is right and to champion the cause of those who have no voice or power of their own. You, O God, are the source of life, our true Parent. By your Spirit, we are your daughters and sons, and are sisters and brothers to one another. Equip us to live as members of your family, uniting in your worship and praise. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like our spiritual ancestor Moses, we may try to bury our sins, hoping no one will ever know what we have done. Yet we cannot hide our guilt from ourselves, and most certainly we cannot hide our wrongdoing from God. Neither can we run away from ourselves or from God. We are invited to let go of all that isolates us from God and from our own true selves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rescue us, O God, from sinking in the mire of pretension and guilt. Save us from the deadly grasp of unacknowledged sin. Keep us from presuming to judge others when we ourselves need even more to be corrected. We confess now, in silence, the offenses we recall. . . .
Forgive, we pray, our sins of the flesh, which keep us from life in your Spirit. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is God's acceptable time of forgiveness and healing. Even before we sinned, God provided for us a way of restoration and renewal. We are debtors, called to live by the Spirit as heirs with Christ of all God's promises. Live, then, as a free people who celebrate God's mercy and reach out to others in Christ's name. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sower of good seed, by whose word we are equipped for fruitful living, we long to be good soil in which your truth can take root. May we hear your word and understand it, not just for ourselves, but for the sake of sisters and brothers who need our faithful witness. Amen

LESSONS Exodus 3:13-16
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (responsive)
GOSPEL John 20:24-29
MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

LBW 60 "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For all who have made life more pleasant for us, we give you thanks, O God. For the abundance of your steadfast love, which rescues and enlivens us, we are most grateful. We present here practical expressions of thanksgiving, to extend your purposes in the world. May this offering scatter seeds of love in life-changing ways. May we learn from all we help, that all of us may grow toward discipleship. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

As carriers of the word, your worship continues;
God is worshiped through our daily service.

**May our routines be transformed by new awareness,
and our worries be an avenue to true devotion.**

Go out from this place, renewed by the Spirit.
God has freed us to pursue life at its fullest.

**God's care goes with us into daily life and work.
God's steadfast love is ours to pass on to others.**

You are heirs of God's promise, with Christ.
You are God's adopted and beloved children.

**We seek to grow in Christ-likeness.
We aspire to bear fruit in caring service.**

Amen

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LBW 145 "THINE IS THE GLORY"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL