

Questions:

- a) What is between the crib and the cross for Jesus' life?
- b) Triune God created ... Triune God redeemed ... Triune God _____?
- c) What happens when humanity does not submit to Jesus' authority and conform to His will?
- d) Christianity is to embrace _____.

Happy Birthday

Connie Atkinson today
Susie Lutz, July 31

This week:

Monday

Bible study 7 pm (Facebook)

Wednesday

6/6:30 meal/study

Thursday

9:00 PieceMakers quilting

Marilyn Woolard is in need of help loading and hauling tables from the fellowship hall to her house (900 W. Meadow Ridge Road) August 11-12 and returning them the afternoon of the 12th. Marilyn also has a piano for sale.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs

Mona Jean Roberts

Roger Young

Prayers (continued)

Health and healing

Megan Bewernitz

Jill Barr and 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

Greeters: Dean & Doris Hoffart

Ushers: Mike and Nell Finkral

Lector: Brenda Beaudette

Communion: Mary Weich

and Louise Skoglund

Coffee: Kathy Rogers

Offerings: Louise S., Nell F.

Pack Away Hunger

Saturday, October 14--

signup sheet on back table

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

July 30, 2023 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's steadfast love extends beyond the farthest star, yet that love is also present among us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

God's saving acts were experienced by our ancestors, and God continues to act in our own day.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all God's benefits.

God's concern is for all creation, for all worlds, yet that care draws us close in these moments.

The whole creation is filled with eager longing;

bless the Lord, all who live in hope.

"THY HOLY WINGS" With One Voice 741

INVOCATION

God of awesome moments and fearful challenges, grant us eyes to see and ears to hear your revelation in our midst today. We have turned aside from our daily routines to encounter your mystery. We have dared to step out of our safe places to hear the cries of your people and observe their affliction. We tremble at the thought of what you may require of us, yet we are eager for your presence and open to your call. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

With the apostle Paul we long to be set free, with all creation, from our bondage to decay. By our own actions, the flame of God's Spirit is so often dimmed within us that others cannot discern it. Yet God is always willing to re-create and renew us as we confess our neglect, wrongdoing, and need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have pursued futile plans, without seeking your guidance. We have resisted the way you would have us go. We demand proofs before we will believe, yet close our eyes to your wonders on every hand. We do not seek the leaven of your word and Spirit to expand our lives and make them attractive and useful. O Holy One, we need a new vision and the self-discipline to embrace your realm here and now. Help us! Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As parents long to extend forgiveness and offer a more abundant life to their children, so God has pity on us when we realize our offenses. When we come before God in awe and amazement, we find God to be merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. God redeems us from the depths to which we have sunk and removes our transgressions from us. Our lives are made new in the realm of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Great Storyteller, whose life of loving compassion fulfilled all God's intentions for humanity, help us to see the potential greatness in the tiniest of seeds and the quiet influence of a bit of yeast. Grant that we may burst out of our shells to make growth possible. Let us be leaven in your world, not for our glory, but that your realm may expand. May there be an abundant harvest of good among all your children. Amen

LESSONS 1 Peter 3:18-22
Psalm 88 (responsive)

GOSPEL John 19:28-37

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

LBW 327 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bless you, O God, and remember your steadfast love and mercy. We have heard your challenge to us on behalf of our sisters and brothers who are oppressed. With these resources, we would minister to people who suffer in cruel surroundings. With our personal efforts, we would make way for your glorious reign among us. Bless our offerings of self and substance to the glory of your holy name. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The place where you are standing is holy ground.
Where you live and work and play are holy, too.

God's steadfast love is with us wherever we go.

We will bless God's holy name every day.

The God our ancestors trusted has a mission for us.

God sees the misery of many in the midst of abundance.

God sends us to our sisters and brothers in need.

We are here to respond to one another's cries.

Wait patiently for what God is yet to reveal.

Live daily in God's realm, with confidence and hope.

**We long to be good seeds toward a good harvest;
we mean to live as children of the heavenly realm.**

Amen

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LBW 27 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL