

Questions:

- 1) Why are these symbols important? Food, family, money, home, cattle
- 2) What then are we to do?

This week:

Monday

Bible study 7 pm (Facebook)

Wednesday

6/6:30 meal, study

Thursday

Bible study 2 pm

Friday-Saturday

Peters rummage sale
at Christ the Servant

Next Sunday

Worship 10 am
Fellowship hall reserved 12pm

Worship servants:

Pastor Cindy Cone
Charlie Skoglund assisting
Organist: Susie Lutz
Greeter: Katelyn Anderson
Ushers: Katelyn & Michelle
Lector: Lu Carter
Communion: Duane & Shirley
Coffee: Jared Weich
Offerings: Doug & Pat

In our prayers:

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Health and healing

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

We are collecting peanut butter for the food pantry this month.

Please see handouts on the back table for items needed for foster care backpacks.

Greenfiber is discontinuing its community recycling program and will collect its bins soon.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
July 9, 2023 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of steadfast love calls us together.
We are gifted by God's promised presence.

God names us and gathers us as one body;

God inclines an ear to us and hears our prayers.

When we meet God, there is refuge for us;

when we meet God, there is also struggle and pain.

God leads us to face ourselves and our potential;

God prompts us to wrestle with our fears.

God calls us to daring commitment and service.

In Christ, we take the risks of faithful discipleship.

We come to hear God's promises once more;

we dare to seek the new life Christ offers.

LBW 34 "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"

INVOCATION

In awe and wonder, we meet you here, O God of the prophets and our God. We have struggled with you in lonely places and praised you in the company of your people. We have cried out to you, and you have shown your steadfast love. We have resisted you, and you have drawn us back into the circle of Christ's disciples. Pour out your blessing on each one, we pray. Hear our prayers, and renew our spirits. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are sometimes people of unrealized vision and unfulfilled dreams. Our wrestling with forces within and beyond us exhausts rather than empowers. We have missed the mark so often that we sometimes feel enslaved to sin. Yet God visits us at night and accompanies us by day, seeking to welcome and bless. Let us be open to God's transforming spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the prophets, hear our cries. We do not intend to deceive or to utter lies. We seek to avoid violence and divisions. We want to live peaceably among all people. Yet we find ourselves violating the best we know and shrinking from situations that call for courageous witness. We are far from realizing the full life you intend for us. Hear us. Forgive us. Bless us, we pray, through Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God meets us face to face and listens to our every longing. In Christ, we are given a refuge and are saved from our deceits. We are freed to give up our old ways and to walk in newness of life. Let us live, then, as people who are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of abundant mercy, we turn to you for water for all your thirsting children. We come seeking your hospitality, that we may be equipped to welcome others. We reach for those high standards of commitment which you call forth, that our loyalties may not be misplaced. Keep us from easy assurances that would lure us from the challenges of faithful living. Amen

LESSONS Job 38:1-21
Psalm 145, responsive

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

LBW 210 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For your abounding grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance, from calamity. Through giving in Christ's name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of One who gave life itself for us. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has named us anew and commissions us to serve. Go forth to fulfill your baptism as Christ's disciples.

**Our steps will hold fast to paths where God directs;
our lips will proclaim God's steadfast love.**

Live as people freed from bondage to sin;
celebrate the gift of new life in Christ Jesus.

**We will dare to say the unsayable, in love,
and do the unpopular when that is necessary.**

Welcome all who take up their cross to follow Christ;
minister to the needs of all God's children.

**We will cherish the prophet's word and the child's faith.
We will seek first the will of our Creator.**

Amen

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LBW 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL