

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/21 Mary Weich
8/24 Rand Petersen, 5
8/25 Roger Bailey
8/26 Isabelle Seagren, 13

THIS WEEK

Monday

Bible study 7 pm (Facebook)

Wednesday

6/6:30 meal/study

Thursday

2:00 Bible study

Friday

rummage sale 8AM-5PM

Saturday

rummage sale 8AM-2PM

Food Pantry Sunday, Aug. 27

Today's worship servants

Pastor Cindy Cone
Charlie Skoglund assisting
Organist: Marsha Burke
Greeters: Lonnie & Judy Sparks
Ushers: Warren B., Greg M.
Lector: Connie Atkinson
Communion: Michelle and
Katelyn Anderson
Coffee: Dean & Doris Hoffart
Offerings: Doug & Pat Witte
August eucharistic ministry:
Michelle Anderson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Condolences to the family of
Mia Nowak. Mia is the grand-
daughter of Merlin and Kris
Lee.

Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

Health and healing

Gary Benson
Megan Bewernitz
Tim Freese
Joe Grosserode
Dwight Oberle
Dennis Reich
Richard and Sandy Thorin
Mia Volquardsen

Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs
Mona Jean Roberts
Roger Young

SERMON QUESTIONS

- a) Look at Matthew 25 and
summarize the verses in two
words:
25:1-13 _____
25:14-24 _____
25:31-46 _____
- b) Do we inherit or merit
God's Kingdom?

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church August 20, 2023 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP

Consider the wonderful works of God;
remember the abundance of God's steadfast love.

**We have been blessed in ways we have not realized;
we have received more than we could ever deserve.**

See the prosperity and abundance around you;
remember the heritage of a nation richly blessed.

**How merciful is the God of our ancestors!
How gloriously our nation has prospered!**

We have gathered because we believe God's word;
we are together to sing praise to our Deliverer.

**We are here to be claimed again by our God.
We have assembled to express our gratitude.**

LBW #448 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

INVOCATION

*Move before us, O God, as we worship and seek your blessing in
this hour. Be to us a light in our darkness to lead the way. Be as
a cloud to protect us from all that would distract us from your
truth. Keep us moving toward the goals you intend and the
mission on which you send us. Teach us again to pray with
Christ, that we may have courage to follow without losing heart.
Strengthen our faith as we prepare for life in the world that
forgets or ignores you, and invites us to do the same. Amen*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*We have been guided through the rough seas of life by a
Presence we have often ignored. We have survived many perils
by the mercy of an unseen hand. Yet how often have we
considered the wonderful works of God or given thanks to the
Source of Life? Let us confess our sin and rebellion.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have been ungrateful and insensitive, cutting ourselves off from you and from other people. We do not see our own iniquity. We do not sense any wickedness in our own ways. We seek to measure life by our own standards, not yours. We do not recognize our own lies or the oppression we inflict on people by whose labors we benefit. Awaken our consciences, we pray, that we may receive pardon and new life. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The abundance of God's steadfast love is always available to those ready to receive it. The God of covenant claims us as beloved children, redeemed and forgiven. Rejoice in the gladness of God's people, for God is ready to accomplish great things through us. Live in humble trust, willing to try new ventures. Be alert to opportunities to share what God entrusts to your use.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, whose ways are not our ways, summon us from our safe places to hear your challenge and respond to your invitation. Lead us through our fears to deeper trust. Lift us from our doubts to more winsome faith. Work your miracles in us so we may witness to your mighty power, for the sake of all your children. Amen

LESSONS Ephesians 2:1-10
Numbers 21:4-9
GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

LBW #76 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Thank you, God, for guiding us through life. Thank you for the abundance we have enjoyed. Thank you for prospering our efforts and blessing us far beyond our own work. We are grateful for all we have learned when we dared to trust you in difficult times. Use these experiences to your glory. Use our offerings to prosper your mission among us and beyond us. Use our lives to communicate your salvation to all who long for the fullness of life you intend. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Take heart; have no fear; live by faith.

Dare to respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ.

We believe God remembers us and saves us.

We want to follow where Jesus leads.

There are signs of God's presence on every hand;
there is evidence of God's favor all around us.

God is with us at the morning watch;

God is present in the darkest night.

Live with gladness in a nation richly blessed.

Live with generosity for the sake of all people.

We will remember the abundance of God's love.

We will share the heritage we have received.

Amen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL