

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/29 Roger Young  
9/1 Arlis Lind  
9/2 Linda Shaffer

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/31 Linda & Jerry Shaffer

## THIS WEEK

Today: Food Pantry Sunday

### Monday

9am Mary's UFO group

7pm Bible study (Facebook)

### Wednesday

6/6:30 meal/study

### Next Monday

HAPPY LABOR DAY

(church office closed)

### Today's worship servants

Pastor Cindy Cone

Charlie Skoglund assisting

Organist: Marsha Burke

Greeters: Broders family

Ushers: Mike & Nell Finkral

Lector: Connie Atkinson

Communion: Bob L., Louise S.

Coffee: Rich & Kay Jaeger

Offerings: Nell and Louise

Eucharistic ministry: Michelle A.

(next month Svitaks)

**Please check your** mailbox or in-box for next month's newsletter and volunteer schedule.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### Ongoing prayer support

Nevin and Tara Peters

### Health and healing

Craig Doescher (Marsha Burke's cousin), cancer  
Gary Benson

Megan Bewernitz

Joe Grosserode

Dwight Oberle

Dennis Reich

Richard and Sandy Thorin

Mia Volquardsen

### Skilled care

Cherlyn Hillrichs

Mona Jean Roberts

Roger Young

## SERMON QUESTIONS

- a) What books are included in the Torah or Pentateuch?
- b) What is a methurgeman?
- c) Why is the Ascension cloud important?
- d) Where did we gain the word church from?

## Christ the Servant Lutheran Church August 27, 2023 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Our faith draws us together this day.

Let us trust enough to open our ears and hearts.

**We have heard of God's miracles in other times;  
our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.**

Give ear, all people, to God's word for today.

Taste the bounty of God's blessing here and now.

**We long for a faith that makes sense today.**

**We want to keep the story alive for new generations.**

God's revelation is for all people, near and far.

God is waiting to communicate with you and me.

**May God have mercy on us and all people.**

**Surely God's will shall be made known to us.**

### LBW #543 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### INVOCATION

*Where are you, O God, when our prayers go unanswered? When our hopes are fulfilled, how will we know it is you who has acted on our behalf? Why do some prayers seem never to be heard? Speak to us, God, for we need yet more proof of your caring presence. There is much we do not understand. Some of what seems clear to us we do not like. Break through our resistance, to meet us here, we pray. Amen*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*What attention have we given this week to our covenant with God? Do we recognize God's law, and walk in it? Have we remembered the ways God has led us and provided for us? Or are our lives full of other concerns, so that forgetfulness and rebellion break our relationship with the Eternal?*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our thoughts are not full of your love. We forget to listen for your guidance. When we speak to you, it is often to beg or complain, not to give thanks. Our greed outruns our gratitude. We live fearfully rather than faithfully. When you assure and bless us, we are not satisfied. O God, we cannot turn ourselves around. Help us to change. Amen

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*God's mercy comes to us in our disobedience. God's gracious favor answers our cry for help. God hears our complaining and provides for us in unexpected ways in the desert places of our lives. Come to the saving waters. Taste the bread God gives us to eat. We are a people forgiven and blessed.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all people, whose healing grace answers our cries of faith, open our eyes to see your wonders, our hearts to experience your love, our lips to share our faith. Move us from self-concern to inclusive actions, that all your children may be encouraged to explore a vital relationship with you that has a positive impact on your world. Amen

LESSONS Exodus 19:1-9

John 17:20-24

GOSPEL John 14:25-30

MESSAGE Pastor Cindy Cone

**LBW #206 "Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed"**

## APOSTLES' CREED

## THE PRAYERS/THE PEACE

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

For all your gifts--those we remember and all we have not recognized--we give thanks, Loving God. We are grateful for the privilege of giving from the abundance you provide. We are thankful for the influence of this congregation in our lives and in our community. Help us together to use what we have shared to fulfill your purposes. Amen

## HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go out to gather and share what God provides. There is work to do; there are people to help.

**God rains on us daily the bread of heaven;  
it is ours to receive and share.**

Be aware in new ways of God's presence.

Be open to God's gifts and God's call.

**We will dare to ask questions and risk a response.**

**We will seek to notice and appreciate God's gifts.**

Every morning you will see the glory of God;

every evening you will know God's mercy.

**Holiness and mercy are all around us.**

**On every hand, there are resources to strengthen us.**

Amen

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**LBW #230 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL