

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship**  
**September 10, 2023 – Hymn Sing**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

\* **Confession & Forgiveness** ELW pgs. 116-118

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

\* **Gathering Hymn** # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\* **The Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsive Reading – Psalm 119:33-40**

L:<sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

**C:<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

L:<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**C:<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!**

L:<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

**C:<sup>38</sup> Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.**

L:<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

**ALL:<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

## **The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* The Gospel Announcement:**

\* P: The Holy Gospel is heard according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **\* The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39**

**24** "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. **25** It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

**26** "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. **32** So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, **33** but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

**34** "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. **36** And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. **37** Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

\* P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn:** # \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sermon**      **"Are You On The Side Of Jesus?"**

(text: Matthew 10:24-39)

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **The Apostle's Creed**

\* **The Hymn of the Day** # \_\_\_\_\_

**The Offering**

\* **Offering Response**

**"Doxology"**

\* **The Prayers of God's People**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

\* **Benediction**

\* **The Sending Hymn** # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\* **The Dismissal**

*P:* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!      ***C: Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able.

**Announcements:**

	<b><u>Weekly Events:</u></b>
Tues. Sept. 12 –	7:00am Jr. High Study 10:00am - Prayer Shawl <b>3:30pm – Council Meeting</b>
Wed. Sept. 13	6:30am – Men's Bible Study 7:00am – High School Study 11:00am – Pastor's Bible Study 1:00pm – Prayer Group 6:00pm – Confirmation 7:00pm - Choir
Thurs. Sept. 14	1:00pm – Quilters 6:00pm – Pastor's Bible Study
Sat. Aug 16 –	7:00am – Gideons
<b>Sunday, Sept. 17 –</b>	<b>9:30 am Rally Day/ Outdoor Worship</b> <b>10:45am Games &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>12:00pm Potluck Lunch</b>

**Altar Flowers**  
**Given by Dianne Van Drew**  
**In memory of David Van Drew**

**Congregational Meeting**  
September 24  
to approve filling cracks,  
sealing and restriping the  
north parking lot for an  
amount of \$6000.

**Rally Day**

**Outdoor Worship**

**September 17, 2023**

**9:30am Worship**

**10:45am Games and Fellowship**

**Corn Hole Tournament**

**12:00pm Lunch**

**Chicken will be provided.**

**Please bring your lawn chair and a  
salad or dessert.**

**No hot dishes.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Plan to attend **FALL INTO FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** on Sunday, November 5 following Sunday School. We won't have an auction, instead games and giveaways for all ages with a great potluck. We will fund this wonderful event with proceeds from Dave and Bernice Schuetz' garage sale being held on September 28 and 29. The more treasures you give them to sell, the greater our giveaways will be. Plan to attend and gather up all of your wonderful treasures; contact Bernice about when/how to bring to her. More details to follow.

**Fill The Cross**

Please bring your loose change and add it to the cross in the back of church. Change will be used for Fall Into Fun, Food, and Fellowship event.