***Announcements***

**On our calendar –**  **September 4th-** Ladies Aid

 Community Meal 5-7

**September Birthdays:** Leroy White – September 6, Kathy Bartilson – September 24

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Lee, Glen, Therese Canfield, Toni, Betty, the people of Ukraine, Bruce, Mary’s neighbors, Becca Oden, Tracey Peterson, Stacy Hall, Vicky, Judy, Philip, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, Barb’s friend’s grandson Noah, the Ray Family, Kris Albert, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Kathy’s mother and family, Doug, Lisa, Lee White

**Prayer of the Week:**

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|   | *Lord, I pray for the grace to remember You in every moment of my week. Help me to acknowledge Your presence, seek Your guidance, and honor You in my thoughts, words, and actions. May my entire week be an act of worship to You. I commit this week to Your loving hands, trusting that Your plan for me is perfect. Amen* |

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**September 1st, 2024**

**10:30 am Worship**

*\*Please rise if you are able at these points in the service*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome, Church Announcements and Special Concerns**

 **Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

 **\*Call to Worship**

L: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.
**P: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**
L: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.
**P: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**
L: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.
**P: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King” **No. 22**

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**Scripture Reading James 1: 17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**\*Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” 2 times  **No. 259**

**Message**

**\*Hymn** "Living for Jesus" **No. 610**

**Prayers of the People**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our**

**daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin**

**against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Offering Invitation**

**\*Response No.46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Unison*)
**Bless these gifts by the power of your Spirit, O God. May someone near or far receive grace and hope for living because**

**of what we share here today. Amen.**

**Holy Communion.** *\*\*\*See Insert*

**\*Hymn** "Jesus Calls. Us" **No. 337**

**\*Benediction**

As Christ has fed and redeemed your life, now go into the world in peace and love offering ministries of hope and justice. Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you. **AMEN.**

**\*Closing**  "Go in Peace"

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,**

 **Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

 **Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new life,**

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**\*Postlude**

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**Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ’s table.**

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

God be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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And so,
with all your people on earth
in every place where two or more are gathered in your name
and all the company of heaven who have gone before us
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**…**

Let us pray,

**Almighty God,**

**We give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

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