

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 4G – Glorify – Gather – Go - Give

Oct 23 – Fall Festival – Trunk or Treat – Chili Cookoff (3 pm)

Pic of Charla Morton’s friend in Florida... Remember to pray for those devastated by Ian.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 111:1–3*

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

L: Great are the works of the LORD,

C: studied by all who delight in them.

L: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C: and His righteousness endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *2 Timothy 2:10*

L: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

L: Gracious God,

C: You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. Yet 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. We have also neglected the gatherings of our church family, the place of Your dwelling, for things far less important. For Jesus’ sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. The blood of Jesus covers every misspoken and intentional harmful word and deed. His blood cleanses and purifies every thought and act of defilement. His blood brings forgiveness to those who turn from their sin and power to see His image in the least of these. Having repented of our sins and trusting in Christ's redemptive work, God grants us the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal glory in and with Christ our Savior. So let us rejoice in God the Father's divine favor, celebrate Christ's bond of love with all His saints, and revel in the Spirit who guides us in this life until we gather with all the saints in heaven before the glorious throne of God; Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "We are the Body of Christ"

**One heart one spirit
One voice to praise You
We are the body of Christ**

**One goal one vision
To see You exalted
We are the body of Christ**

**And to this we give our lives
To see You glorified**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You showed mercy by sending Your Son to become one of us and to die for us.

C: Grant us always to see our coming to faith in Him as the beginning of our lives, lived in communion with You and all Your saints - united in the bond of love - in time and to eternity;

L: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost is from Psalm 42.

L: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The EPISTLE is from Acts 2:42–47 (The Fellowship of the Believers)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 5:15*

L: Alleluia. Now even more the report about Him went abroad,
C: and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:15-20* (When two or three are gathered)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

**Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other’s faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior’s name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.**

SERMON “We Are Gathered in His Name”

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES’ CREED *stand*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING **“Jesus You Are My Life”**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: We gather this morning, O Lord, to pray for the church for whom Christ died. Help us to see all our brothers and sisters as the Body of Christ. Remove the boundaries that often separate us so that the young and old, the rich and poor, the strong and weak may be joined together as a spiritual household that works to encourage, support and lift up the whole body so that we may all grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ our Savior. Gathered in Jesus’ name,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We gather this morning, O Lord, to pray for the world that does not recognize You or know You. Open the hearts of the lost, and give to Your church the authority and power to speak the truths of Your Word that salvation may come to the ends of the earth. Gathered in Jesus’ name,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We gather this morning, O Lord, to plead for Your mercy upon those who are standing in the devastated pathway of Hurricane Ian. We mourn those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and property. Lord God, open wide the storehouse of Your abundance through the gifts and offerings of the church, so that those who have lost everything may see the church as an extension of Your merciful goodness. Restore their spirits and replenish the things that are necessary for living. Gathered in Jesus’ name,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We gather this morning, O Lord, to seek Your healing comfort for those who struggle with long-term illness and sudden emergencies. Be with the many on our prayer list who feel separated from the church because of their infirmity or from a feeling of disconnection. Give to Your church open hearts and outstretched and praying hands to encourage the disheartened, to love the hurting, build one another up for the fortification of Your church. Be with first responders, emergency technicians, doctors and nurses, and all who use their gifts to relieve pain and restore health. Use us all with our various abilities to work for the common good to the praise and glory of God our Father. Gathered in Jesus' name,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We gather this morning to give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are celebrating Birthdays this week. Bless our little Carlin Schefelker, Theresa Longhorn, Ashton Gorney, Heidi Brady, Hannah Williams, Muriel Mayer, Jessica Carron, Rochelle Monaco, and Zachary Monaco so that they may live another year to give You the glory that You deserve. Gathered in Jesus' name.

C: hear our prayer.

L: We gather together this morning to thank You for the gift of marriage. We praise You for the perpetual grace given to the marriages of Pastor Perry & Diane Schefelker and Joe & Marcie Monaco. As they celebrate again this week, we ask You to strengthen the marriage bonds that hold them close to You and to each other. Enable them to cling to You and to each other through all of life's uncertainties. Let their love and joy be unending, and their faithful marriages a model to all of Christ's love for His bride, the Church! Gathered in Jesus' name.

C: hear our prayer.

L Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

P: Gathered in Your name we pray as You have taught us saying:

**All: 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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C:** Amen.

HYMN NO. 785 “We Praise You, O God”

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You,
we kneel and adore You;
We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us,
You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us,
Your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

SENDING

- L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

We have to send off a wonderful couple, Don & Jaye Drouin, who are moving back to their home of 35 years in Branson. We will miss them!!