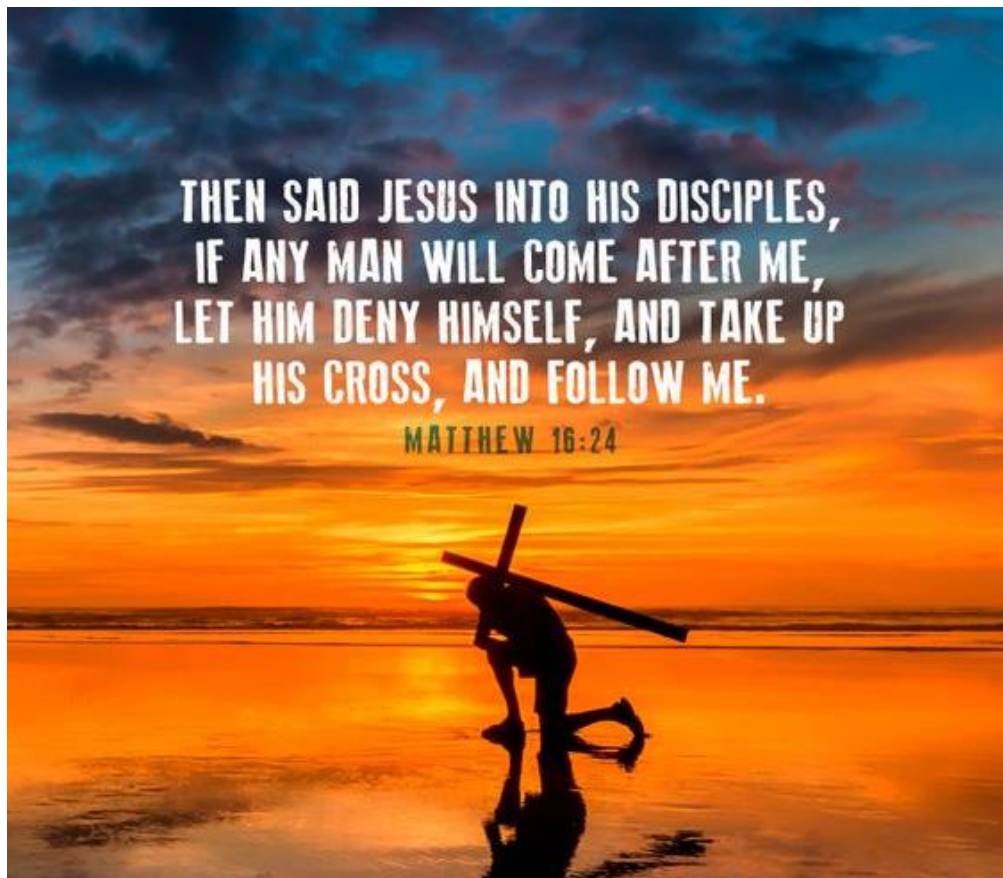

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P We gather in the name of God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

HYMN

Son of God

ELW 655



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.**

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Live the gift of God's mercy: as you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

FATHER, I ADORE YOU

W&P 37

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Gm, C, F, Gm. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the notes: C, F, Gm, C, F. The lyrics are: 1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love you.

THE GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together we pray,

C **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of our Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Armen

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

HYMN

For the Beauty

ELW 879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

each petition concludes...

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

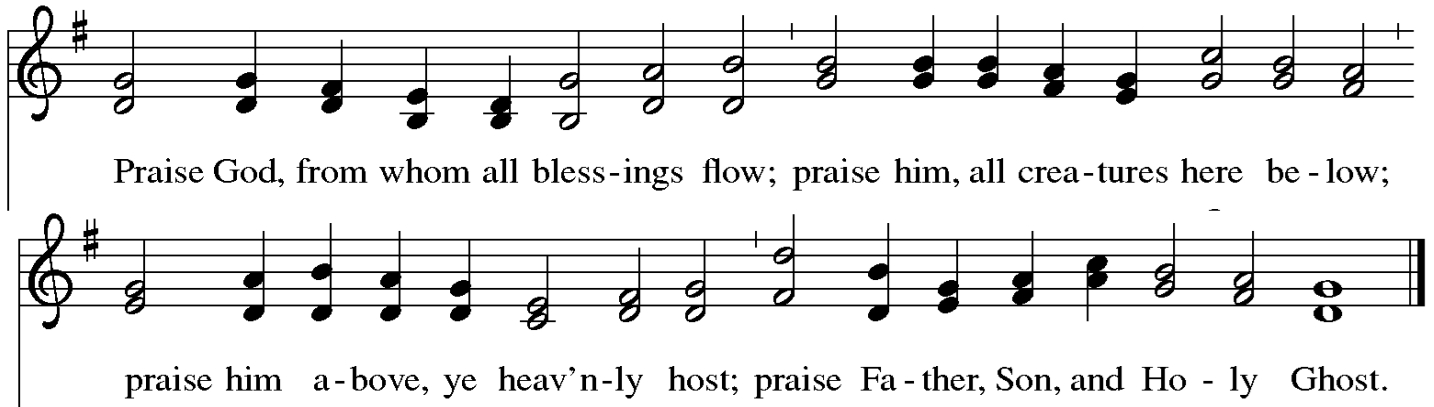
C And also with you.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 884



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A Together we pray,

C 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.

DISTRIBUTION

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion.

If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

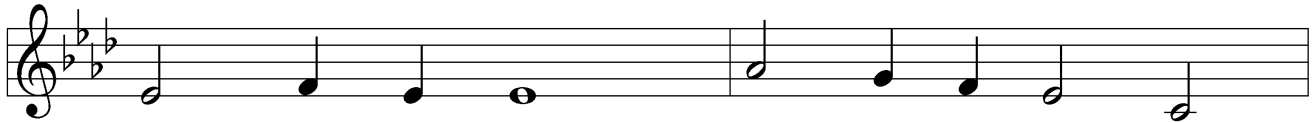
A Together we pray,

C **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

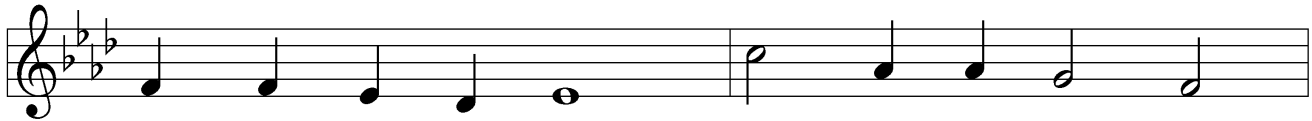
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

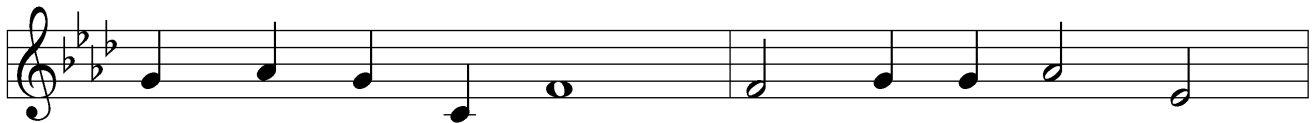
HYMN

Come, Labor On

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way the gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 glows the west - ern sky, till the long shad - ows



waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 may do ser - vice here: by fee - blest a - gents
 gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 may our God ful - fill his righ - teous will.
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 with the set - ting sun, . . . "Ser - vants, well done."

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 13th, 11:30 am, at Landy's. It is located immediately off SR 776, east of McDonald's, near the Englewood Beach Road turn-off. You will notice the large tiki roof which has been added since the hurricane. We will eat inside in air-conditioned comfort!! They have an eclectic menu, with lots of seafood, soup, salads etc. They also specialize in Greek food. Separate checks for all, and the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline is next Sunday, September 10th. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more Information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Looking Ahead

Next Sunday, September 10, is *God's Work – Our Hands* Sunday. It is a time to collect items for some special community projects. This year we would like to help all four of the ministries we contribute to regularly. These include Kids Needs, Meals on Wheels, the St. Francis food pantry and our campers ministry to the homeless.

NOTE: Kids Needs has a special need for boys' clothes. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a container in the narthex on September 10 so you can make your donations.

Can You Help?

The Lutheran Chicks once again need plastic grocery bags (like Walmart and Publix give). Bring your bags and drop them in the narthex. They are used to make water-proof mats for the campers.

Food Pantry

This week the food bank especially needs canned meats. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

A Few Changes and Upcoming Events

~ The Worship and Music Committee meeting has been changed to Monday, October 9 at 10:00 am.

~ Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month (11:00 am) for the remainder of the year.

~ We are attempting to schedule a church picnic at the Manasota Beach Club sometime in early November.

WE PRAY FOR...

Lou Taylor

Jerry Marsh

Rosie LaQuay

Verna Newlon

Brian Wing

Joyce Schultz

Lisa LaQuay

Bruce Grosvenor

Art Hanson

Attendance last Sunday: 44

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning

6:30 am

AA meets at church

Monday

8:00 pm

AA meets at church

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday

7:30 am

Men's Breakfast

8:30 am

Work Crew

9:00 am

Lutheran Chicks

5:00 pm

Girl Scouts

6:00 pm

Prayer with Grace

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Linda Hughs

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Debby Porter

Ushers: Jay Fisher, Art Hanson, Jim Hughs

Your Church Council

Steve Wolfe (President), Jeff Kamm (Vice President), Jeff Petersen (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Ellen Lindhurst, Jim Taylor, Gene Newlon, Larry Bennett, Jay Fisher.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT

Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....

As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life