

Welcome to



**23 July 2023**      **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together.*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)    **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)    **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen** (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)    **C: Amen**

## Announcements and Schedule

### Studies this Week:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd  
7:00pm – Women’s Group – 160 Buxton Dr  
7:00pm – Men's Group – 160 Buxton Dr  
Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St.

*We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.*

In July we are collecting Clothing for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There will be a tote in the Narthex for boys and one for girls. Let’s fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November.

Our Annual Ice Cream Social is today starting at 2:00pm. We will meet again at Kelly Kurtz’ pool (1267 South Oak Lawn Drive, Forest). Please plan to attend, bring some ice cream or a dessert, and invite a friend.

We also are collecting small travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. This is to make packets for the homeless. Please place in the box in the Narthex labeled “Clothing Connection.”

The Women/Men’s Groups will be at the Behnke’s – August 16 and at the Brill’s, August the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan to come!

Rev. Andy Behnke will be preaching August 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be a reception following the Service celebrating his Ordination into the Gospel Ministry. Please plan to come and celebrate!

Our Annual BBQ will be at the Bryant’s house (1237 Austin Mill Rd. Evington) on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Grill Master, Web, will cook the meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own chair. Please invite a friend. We will eat around 2pm.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 119.57-64

\*Hymn # 456 “How Firm a Foundation”

First Lesson – Isaiah 44.6-8

Call to Prayer # 443 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 8.18 - 27

Offertory

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel – Matthew 13.24-30,36-43     **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “The Sower Shines Through the Seed”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

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

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ “Seed, Scattered and Sown”

\*Hymn # 667 “As We Go” 2x

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal and Recessional

## Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer, Bea Gardner & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,

The people of Turkey and Syria

The people in East Palestine, Ohio and those hit by tornadoes.

Elizabeth Woolwine, breast cancer

Chad Reeves, young man who had a heart attack

Shawn Butler, cancer

April Stephens’ mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer

Yvette Clark, heart rhythm concerns

Carol Bryant, upcoming surgery

Gail Everett, upcoming surgery

Werner Van Clapdorp

Abigail Englund

David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.

Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web’s, with cancer

Yvette Clark’s great grandson, Camden

Emmielou Yoder, Carey’s niece

Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich’s

Michael & Danielle Dorsett’s baby Paisley

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

Jan Grey

Chris Griffin, Web’s mom, general health issues

Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year

Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother in law, cardiac concerns

Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson

Laura Cash, friend of Web’s

Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie’s sister in law

Debbie Reeves, cancer

Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis

Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Melody Henry, Mona’s sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes