

# Keep Alert and Persevere

September 25, 2022

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

***When Peace Like a River* arr. Jay Althouse**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom should I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom should I dread?

**All: When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.**

**If an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; if war arises against me, in spite of this I am confident.**

Leader: One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

**OPENING SONG #731 vs 1-2 *Earth and All Stars!***

## **SPECIAL RALLY DAY BLESSING**

Pastor: Today we celebrate the growth of our children and youth as they grow in faith and mature in years. Please join with me in prayer:

**All: O God, you have created us as human beings who mature from infancy, through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Today we celebrate that growth. We lift up all who move this day into new classes for learning and spiritual growth.**

Pastor: We pray for all our Sunday'Scool classes, NextGen Confirmation, and NextGen Senior High in their faith growth. Keep each child and student in your care. And keep us ever mindful of the promise we make each time we baptize another in faith: That we will assist them to grow in knowledge, in spiritual practices, and in living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE #731 vs 3-4 *Earth and All Stars!***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Ignite! Small Groups  
and Joel Timmons, Student Ministry Coordinator

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Mr. Crazy Hair

## **SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 5:6-15** NRSV

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what

is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.’

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE #715** vs 1-2 *Christ, Be Our Light*

#### **HOLY GOSPEL...Luke 11:37-44** NRSV

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.

‘But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.’

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Pr. Tom Grevlos *Awake O Sleeper, Rise from the Dead!*

**MESSAGE SONG #715** vs 3-5 *Christ, Be Our Light*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THANK OFFERING**

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## **GENEROSITY IMPACT** Sunday'Scool and NextGen

## **OFFERING MUSIC** Bob Cannon *Beautiful Savior*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

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.

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen  
presence of Jesus.  
God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising  
new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;  
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

8:15 Choir ***10,000 Reasons*** arr. Lloyd Larson  
10:45 Bob Cannon ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** arr. Jay Althouse

## **COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **COMMISSIONING SONG** vs 1-2, 4 ***Go to the World***

## **COMMISSIONING**

Leader: Called to live in the light of Christ, and keeping alert to  
God's presence and people around us, we go to the world  
in joy to share the Good News!

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

**POSTLUDE** ***Fanfare and Trumpet Voluntary*** David Lasky

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and Stacia DeBill

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Shirley Lunecki, Mother of Dan Lunecki

The Diebitsch Family, friends of Terrie Thomas

The Kruse Family, friends of Jackie Rieger

The Franke and Burks Family

**We pray** in celebration for the marriage of Erin Wikelius and Kevin Vendeland this weekend. May God's love surround them in their life together, that they may continually grow in the gifts of joy, partnership, and loving commitment through all the years to come.

**We pray** for all who mourn the death of John Schotborgh, father of Jennifer Hampton.

**We pray** for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

**We pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors** Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Choir** (8:15)

**Trumpet** Bob Cannon

**Altar Care** (8:15) Nancy Etzler;

(10:45) Ethel Kunze and Lois Qualben

### **Altar Flowers**

Given by Carole Morgan, "To Celebrate all God's children".

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Herb Palmer

**AV** Dave Wegner, Bill Dawson, Peter Walsh, Jamie Nichols  
and Pete Forsberg

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Communion Servers** (8:15) Nancy and Denny Etzler, Megan Getman;  
(10:45) Herb and Kathy Palmer, Keaton Robertson

**Food For Fellowship** Janice Benzel

**Hosts** (8:15) Terrie Thomas and Kitt Richter;

(10:45) The Calvo Family, The Murray Family

**Tellers** Christine Stern Calvo

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Creative Media** Dabney Gomes

**Student Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons

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***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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