



Be Strong...Put on...Stand Firm...Keep Alert!
September 4, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC

THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF WORK

OPENING HYMN #689 vs 1-2 ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

LITANY OF LABOR

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.
Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

All: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Leader: Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

All: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

Leader: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

All: By our labor, our families are made secure.

Leader: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

All: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

All: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Leader: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

All: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Leader: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

All: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Leader: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

All: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Pastor: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all people work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

SONG OF RESPONSE #689 vs 3-4 ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Baby Care Kits and BEYOND Butterfly Center Dedication
and guests Pr. Karen + Diego from ILAG

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 1:1-3 NRSV

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 6:10-20 NRSV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Be Bold, Be Strong*

HOLY GOSPEL...Mark 1:9-15 NRSV

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos ***Be Strong in the Lord***

MESSAGE SONG ***We Shall Overcome***

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING SONG

#674 *LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMLPOY*

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

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING SONG #537 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: The God of strength and courage makes us bold in our faith, so that, as we go on our way rejoicing, we proclaim the good news of Jesus with the world.

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Linda Roesle, Stacia DeBill, Mary Louise and Wallace Behrhorst.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
Shirley Lunecki, Mother of Dan Lunecki
Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of Weldon and Mary Alison

We pray for all who mourn the death of Tom Moore, stepfather of Dabney Gomes.

We pray for Milt Nielsen and children, Michelle and Chris and their family on the death of Sandy Nielsen. Surround all who grieve your comfort and peace.

We pray for our country and our world, that as violence continues to eat at the soul of our lives we may learn how to be peacemakers. Calm our hearts and transform our mind and body with your love and peace.

We pray for the Butterfly Pre-School ministry as they begin this week. Be with the children, parents, and staff as they begin a new year filled with awe and wonder.

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
Flute	(10:45) Kristina Bishop
Altar Care	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45) Diane Peterson
Altar Flowers	Given by Linda Roesle, "In memory of my parents, Arthur and LaVerne Kalbow and my sister, Cheryl Kalbow Welsh".
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Lynn Spillar
AV	Dave Wegner, Peter Forsberg, Peter Walsh and Jamie Nichols
Bread	Kitt Richter
Food For Fellowship	Bob and Joan Vorkoper
Hosts	(8:15) Terrie Thomas, Sandy Smith; (10:45) Anita Knight, Virginia Bosman
Tellers	Anita Knight and Virginia Bosman
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Operations	Dave Wegner
Creative Media	Dabney Gomes
Director of Youth Ministry	Joel Timmons
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Controller	Kevin Marlow

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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