

Worship Service for Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 2024

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. Also join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

We Worship God Because He Is Worthy

Prelude "God So Loved The World" "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

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*Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! (Psalm 67)

*Opening Hymn "I will Sing of My Redeemer"

LUYH 568 vs 1, 2

*Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Song of Worship "We Will Extol You, God and King"

LUYH 562

Call to Confession

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

*Song of Assurance "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LUYH 590 vs 1, 6, 7

We Practice Hospitality Because God Has Welcomed Us Into His Family

Welcome

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

*Mutual Greeting

We Hear and Respond to God's Word because He is Speaking

Blessing for Children

Almighty God, we thank you for the outpouring of your Holy Spirit on us. We thank you for your Word. In it you reveal the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching and teaching of the Gospel, your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" LUYH 526

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship during this hymn. Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries.)

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-31

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "We Share the Gospel because Jesus is Good News"

*Hymn of Response "Our God"

LUYH 580

We Profess Our Faith

*Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

We Spend Time with God in Prayer because he is Listening

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Pastor, Tim Blackmon, and for our elders, deacons and lay leaders, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the city of Grand Haven, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those facing medical trials, and those who support them. For Ray and Shirley Kuiper. For Mary North and for Debbie Braak, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. For Linda Bobcean, mother of Paula Risselade, for Joyce Dark, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. **Lord, have mercy**.

We commend ourselves to Christ our God and pray as the Lord taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

We Give Generously because God Gives Good Gifts

Ministry Moment - Naji & Anne

The Offering Positive Options

Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story"

We Share the Gospel because Jesus is Good News

*Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross"

*Benediction

Postlude "Go To the World"

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon Organ: Cathy Schaaf Piano: Julie Hordyk Liturgist & Prayer of the People: Amy Anderson Vocalists: Christie VanderHeide, Paul LaMaire We display all music and readings. LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

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LUYH 264 vs 1,4,5,7

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Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude

Joyce Dark passed away on Sunday. Arrangements will be announced by Klaassen.

Linda Bobcean, mother of *Paula Risselade* passed away Monday morning and the service was held on Saturday. Please keep Linda's husband Jim Bobcean, *Paula & Joe* and their family in your prayers.

Ray Kuiper has been moved to Rest Haven's Care Center for rehabilitation over the next couple of weeks. Please pray for him, Shirley and his team.

Mary North is back home. She has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and is exploring treatment options.

Debbie Braak will be having hip replacement surgery on Thursday August 1st in Grand Rapids. Please pray for a successful procedure and good recovery.

"I am so grateful for the love and support shown during my wedding shower and throughout my life. Your beautiful gifts and presence made the occasion truly special. Thank you for being such a wonderful and caring church family. Tom & I are blessed to have you in our lives." ~ *Abbie Alfree*.

Announcements:

This Sunday's Offering: Positive Options provides pregnancy options for men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy in our area.

Walk Out Worship: Our Junior Olympians will discuss dreams today. We can dream big, but whatever we are working for, it is for God's glory. Colossians 3:23 reminds us "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters".

Faith Promise Updates:

We will have Faith Promise missionaries with us this Sunday July 28th. They will have a presentation in the Sanctuary after the service and an information table in the Atrium.

New City Kids: Bike Tour will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024. The tour will begin at the New City Kids location on Alpine in GR and will end here at Second. Funds raised will be used to develop our Michigan youth into future community leaders. For more info go to <u>www.newcitykids.org</u> or contact Mary Erickson at 616-638-6367 or <u>marylerickson@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Bridal Shower: Jordan Diephouse and Jenna Timmer plan to marry in September! Let's celebrate them with a dessert shower on Thursday, August 8 at 7pm. They are registered with Amazon. Remember, all gifts are given anonymously! Please sign up by August 4 at the Welcome Desk!

SWANs: Our next event, Wednesday August 14th, will be a Grand Haven History Refresher aboard the Grand Haven Trolley! Ellen, a volunteer from the GH Historical Museum will narrate as we ride along. *Reservations are needed* and the cost is 75 cents. Please meet at the Holiday Inn at 11:30. We will enjoy lunch around 1:00 at the Holiday Inn. You are welcome to come for lunch even if you do not go on the trolley ride."

Welcome Desk: Volunteers are needed to staff the Welcome Desk. Duties are to arrive 20 mins prior to service, greet visitors, provide general information/directions within church, advise that there is a fellowship time with coffee, answer questions on upcoming activities. Please sign up at the desk if you're available and willing to help.

Volunteer Schedule

July 28, 2024 Projection: Harley Dyk Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge Sound: Todd Cunningham Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti Coffee Hosts: Doug & Jan Zuidema/ Brian & Barb Sikkenga Nursery: Marilyn Bolt, Mary Terpstra Little Lambs: Manette DeYoung, Sydney Marotti Walk Out Worship: Marie Rycenga, Vivian McCarthy Greeters: Jim Warners, Craig & Cathy Brolick Offering: Positive Options

August 4, 2024 Projection: Dan Braak Video: Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk Sound: Mike Katje Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema Coffee Hosts: Todd & Amy Cunningham / Gord & Mary Buitendorp Nursery: Darcie Clapp, Dawn Rotman Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Gabe Schaaf Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Yasmin VanderHeide Greeters: Anne Zuidema, Mike & Lori Buitendorp Offering: Campus Ministry-GVSU

Calendar

Sunday, July 28 10:00 AM– Sunday Service 11:30 AM– Missionary Presentation

Monday, July 29 9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Tuesday, July 30 Office Closed

Wednesday, July 31 9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours 1:00 PM–Knitting Club

Thursday, August 1 8 AM-11 AM–Office Hours

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

Sunday, August 4 10:00 AM–Sunday Service

Thank you to all the servant leaders who are FILO (First In Last Out).

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