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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## INVOCATION

*We gather for worship as one family of faith in the name of our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## GATHERING HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #888

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:**

**America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

*On this day we gather for worship with the memories of 9/11 weighing heavily upon our hearts. We recall with horror and renewed shock that*

*day when airplanes flew into buildings and people perished. We remember our fear and anger, our confusion, and sense of threat.*

**We remember all that was lost to us that day: our sense of security, our peace, our innocence, our belief that we were safely beyond such random violence and death. Most of all we remember those who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, their lives of promise extinguished in hatred.**

*Even in our worst moments God's loving kindness surrounds us. We give thanks for the ways in which God comforted us in those grim days through a deepened sense of community.*

*We trace the movement of God's grace through those among us who risked their lives to save others. We are comforted by those who offered kindness and succor and shelter to persons in distress, and by those who would not let hatred overcome love. For those whose witness to a deeper wisdom and faith comforted us, we give God thanks.*

**For public officials, neighbors, friends and strangers who brought to our troubled lives solace and clarity of purpose, we give thanks. For the calm and reassuring voices of the wise who gave us comfort and strength, we give thanks.**

*God has taught us that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. We live by hope in the future God holds for us and the whole world. Grant us hope for our children and our children's children that they may not know or inflict the horror and terror we recall this day. Bolster our hope when it lags and teach us to strive in all that we do to realize the hope that is in God's Word and witness.*

**In God our hope is boundless. God renews hope in us through the promise of a future in which none shall be afraid or lift up sword against a neighbor. We pray in hope for the peace of the world among peoples and nations, religions and cultures, until we become a beloved community reconciled to one another under God's sovereignty.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*Let us pray. God of all creation,*

**our hearts are broken over the destruction and loss we remember this day. And we acknowledge, O Lord, that on that day of your heart was the first heart to break. In our**

**remembering, may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning. Through remembering, may we find new comfort in your care. In our remembering may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world, and may we gain for ourselves a measure of your peace.**

*You who can turn the shadow of night into the bright promise of a new day, empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace for all peoples. Fashion in us a people who are more ready to grow in understanding than eager to judge those who are different from us. Form us as a people determined to heal wounds rather than inflict them.*

**We pray at last that you would cultivate such love in us that we may reach out in compassion to all who suffer; and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Christ.**

**Amen**

**HYMN**                      *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*                      #888 vs 3

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

**RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE**                      **Psalm 51:1-10**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

*For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.*

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

*Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.*

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

*Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.*

**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have**

**broken may rejoice.**

*Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Dan Johnson

**HYMN**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* #779

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;**

how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*God of grace, hear our prayer.*

### **THE 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; 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.

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*#676

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

## DISMISSAL

*You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**

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\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Patty Baker (Friend of Linda Morrison) and Carl (Uncle of Wyone Leonard)

\*\*Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including: Clayton and Cathi Twitero; Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); Joan and Barbara (Aunts of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

\*\*Those with on-going concerns, including Bob and Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Helen Murphy (Sister of Mikkey Twitero); Roger Spitzer (friend of Dar and Gwen Schroeder); Clay Walberg; Rod Dikkoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik and her mother

\*\*For our military members and their families

\*\*For our leaders at all levels

\*\*For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far

\*\*For people, animals and land recovering from summer storms and fires

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR TOUR

We are invited to meet the Love Your Neighbor Tour, which is taking a non-partisan, inter-faith message for Medicaid expansion around the state. In Rapid City, come to the Southside Pizza Ranch, 405 E Stumer Rd, on Thursday, Sept.22, 5:30-6:30pm, to greet the travelers. Lutherans believe we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We can act on that belief with our votes in November for this healthcare for our neighbors in need. The majority of those who need Medicaid expansion are low-wage workers whose jobs do not provide health benefits. Hope to see you there.

# MISSION OF THE MONTH



# St. Dymas

hope beyond bars

St. Dymas Lutheran Church is an ELCA congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD. They also support a Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton, SD. The staff and congregation of St. Dymas works inside and outside the walls to proclaim God's mercy, grace and welcome to all. They are there to give a shoulder to lean on, an ear to hear and above all, to be open to the many plans God has for God's children whom God created, chose, loves and includes in God's family. Typically, 60-75 men worship at SDSP in Sioux Falls, 40-50 at Mike Durfee Prison in Springfield, and 12-25 at the Yankton Minimum Unit.

One-third of the money to support St. Dymas comes from the congregation and two thirds from individual/family gifts as well as donations from other congregations. Our financial support is one way we can tangibly show those in prison they are not forgotten and they are loved. Another way to show this is to go to Sioux Falls to worship with the congregation. They worship on Thursday evenings so for us it would mean traveling to SF on Thursday and returning home on Friday. Pastor Deb has worshiped with the congregation in the past. It is truly a moving experience. She would very much like to take a group again. If you are interested in worshiping with the St. Dymas congregation, please contact Pastor Deb. Once the list is put together, we can start looking at a date. We need to plan about a month in advance as there is paperwork to be filled out and processed before we can go.

*Financial donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church, placed in the Globe Offering or offering plate during worship, or given electronically. There is a Mission of the Month option in the dropdown section on Tiith-ly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

