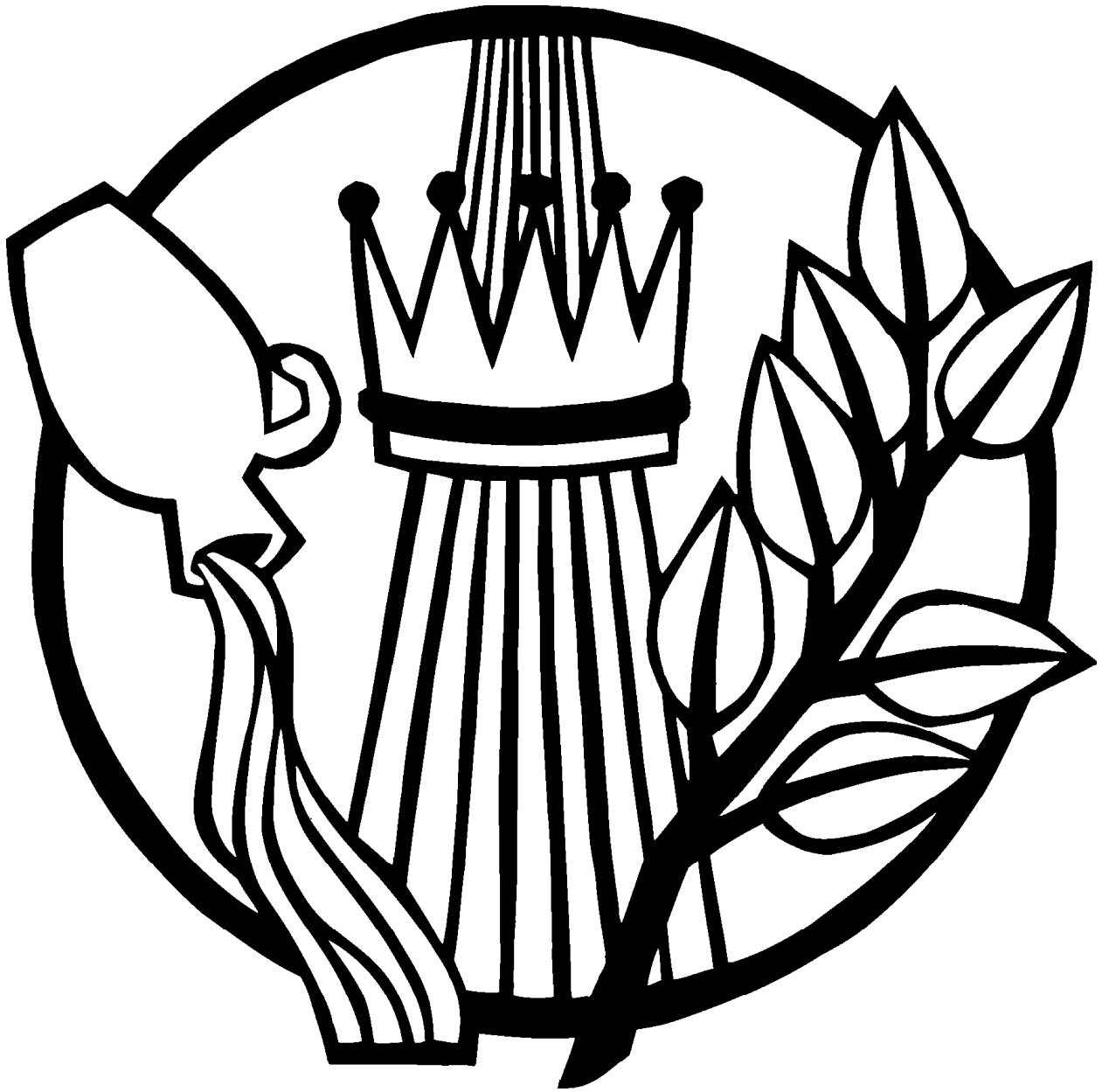


***Sunday, September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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God Is Still Speaking

Welcome to Immanuel

*Who ever you are, where ever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here.*

Spencer Jones

Music Coordinator

Those serving us this Sunday, Sept 15, 2024

Greeters: Chuck Wolf and Bob Vande Hey

Ushers: Chuck Wolf and Bob Vande Hey

Reader: Pastor

Those serving us this Sunday, Sept 22, 2024

Greeters: Don & Heather Hessler

Ushers: Don & Heather Hessler

Reader: Pastor

Please pray for:

Beverly Wilfling

Larry Schroeder

Chuck Wolf

Jean Vande Hey

Lois Hoppe

Tom Rihm

Welcome and Announcements

† *indicates congregation is invited to stand*
(Please sign the attendance sheet)

*Beautiful Savior

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
 Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842
 Tr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1823-1904

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
 Silesian Melody

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood-lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon-light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (L=Leader; **P=People**)

L: All nature reveals God's handiwork.

P: All living things find their being in God.

L: As God's people, we find strength in God's love; joy in God's grace; and purpose in Christ's ministry.

P: Let us praise God for the wonders of all creation, and the wonder of God's love.

Opening Hymn No. 141 "Beautiful Savior"

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul,
my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fair-er,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Thank all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

We give you thanks, O God, for the power of your creative love which has called the cosmos into being, and for the power of your redemptive love, which has called us to lives of humble service. Come now and join us as we worship you. Receive our prayers and praises; inspire us with your word; and pour out the gifts of the Spirit, that we may be empowered to carry on the work of Christ among us. Amen!

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 19:1-10 (W=Women, **M=Men**)

W: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

M: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

W: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the earth.

M: **In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

W: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

M: **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

W: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

M: **the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous all together.**

W: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

M: **sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb.**

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools in their knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored my counsel and wanted none of my reproof,
I will also laugh at your calamity; I will mock you when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
therefore they will eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure,
and will live at ease, without fear of disaster.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships; though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the village of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah, and still others, one of the prophets.: Then he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Here ends this reading of the scripture

He Leadeth Me 690

In Your unfailling love You will lead the people You have redeemed. Exodus 15:13

1. He lead-eth me! O bless-ed thought! O words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine,
 3. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-t'ry's won,

What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead-eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me; By His own hand He lead-eth me:

His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

TEXT: Joseph Gilmore
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

HE LEADETH ME
 L.M. with Refrain

Optional extended or choral ending

His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

Hymn No. 690

“He Leadeth Me”

1. He leadeth Me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

3. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain:

Prayers of the People and 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!

Sermon: “Given the Word—Becoming the Word”

Offering

Unison Prayer of Dedication

You have been generous to us, O God, and we are grateful. Inspired by your generosity toward us, we bring our gifts and our lives to you. Bless these offerings, that they may go out into the world and accomplish all that you intend. Amen!

Closing Hymn No. 435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy pow'r.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The host of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, as sail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure Thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

Benediction

Postludes

435 God of Grace and God of Glory

Be strong and courageous; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you. Joshua 1:9

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple pour Thy
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3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to Thy con -
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives that they may

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poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom; Grant us cour - age
set men free. Grant us wis - dom; Grant us cour - age

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.

Office Hours this Week

Pastor's Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 - 2

Heather's Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs

REMINDER: Heather will be out of the office 9/4 to 9-20. Off 9-10 to 9-12, working remotely the rest of the time.

Looking Forward

We would like for everyone to please sign the Pew Pads again. This will allow us to know who is at services.

The Food Pantry is open from 12:30-2:30 on the first, second and third Wed of the month. If you or someone you know cannot meet these hours, please talk to Heather or Judy.

Community meal every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Sept 22 Council meeting after service

Sept 25 Community Meal 5pm

Anniversary Blessings

Daniel Hanson and Angel Lord Sept 15

Gary & Judy Joosten Sept 20

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE: If you need emergency Pastoral care, call Rev. Tom Fritz at (920-268-5757) Please leave a detailed message. Talk slowly and leave: 1) your name & phone number; 2. which hospital and who the person is and room #; 3. anything else necessary to help him understand the situation. If you need to talk to the secretary, you can reach Heather at 920-734-7843. Any other church concerns, please contact Bob Vande Hey at 920-740-6177.