

in Hope's Meditation Garden July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Christie Beckmann

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



PASTOR CHRISTIE & CHILDREN

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM

We praise you, O God, for water. We praise you, O God, for water.

We need water to drink.

We need water to drink.

We need water to wash.

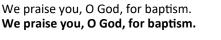
We need water to wash.

We need water to grow.

We need water to grow.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.



We praise you, O God, for your Spirit. We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water. We praise you, O God, for water.

> Amen, with water. Amen, with water.



GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

PRAISE BAND

1 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

GREETING **PASTOR CHRISTIE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER of the DAY **PASTOR CHRISTIE**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



(Please sing the chorus with the Praise Band)

(Chorus)

And He walks with me, and He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 55:10-13 BONNIE LONG

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹SO shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
 ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

PSALM 65:1-13

²To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.



PSALM 65:[1-8] 9-13 (continued)

SECOND READING ROMANS 8:1-11 BONNIE LONG

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

PASTOR CHRISTIE

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

 $^{^{12}}$ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SERMON PASTOR CHRISTIE

SONG OF THE DAY HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD PRAISE BAND

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty Let all the Earth rejoice All the Earth rejoice He wraps himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice

CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God



Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

CHORUS X 2

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

The Apostles' Creed

CHORUS

APOSTLES' CREED MARY BRYANT

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Response to - "Hear us, O God." Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.

PASTOR CHRISTIE

And also with you.

SONG WE WILL REMEMBER PRAISE BAND

CHORUS

We will remember, we will remember We will remember the works of Your hands We will stop and give you praise For great is Thy faithfulness

Vs 1 & 2 – Solos CHORUS



Vs. 3 – ALL SING

When we walk through life's darkest valleys We will look back at all You have done And we will shout, our God is good And He is the faithful One Hallelujah, hallelujah
To the one from whom all blessings flow Hallelujah, hallelujah

To the one whose glory has been shown

CHORUS

THANKSGIVING for the WORD

PASTOR CHRISTIE

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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 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.



BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

PRAISE BAND

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope is providing **Crayola crayons (24 pack)** for the Northwest Health and Safety Fair in August. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in this project. Please pace in the basket in the Narthex/Lobby.

For July SON, is requesting

15 oz. canned fruit.
Please put your donations in the
Narthex bins marked SON Ministries.

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS

WELCOME

Summer Schedule

for Nursery & Children's Church

Special thanks as always to our amazing children's ministry providers: Kayla Terbrueggen in the nursery, and Erica Leppert, who directs our children's church and oversees our Christian Education ministries on church council.

Due to some much-needed summer fun time...

Children's Church will not meet July 30 and the nursery will be unstaffed August 27.



K.C. Kless Jim Bailey **Mary Siess Russ Vinup Barb Vieson Mary Emrick** Kim Gaffney **Nancy Baker** Judi Wendel **Sharon Helm Bob Lammey Anne Mercier** Lana Albright Len Schneider **Robert Kelbley Trinity Henline Becky Roberts Connie Bertram Debbie Creamer** Jonathan Weber **Carmen Hasdorff** Connie Terbrueggen Karen Eichelbrenner Beulah & John Kroger **Bruce & Bobbie Bradford**

Prayers this week as of Tuesday...

Terry & Doris Heybruch Mickee & Tim Hamlin Toni & Ron Eberhard **Denise Cartwright Verldon Campbell Betty Leonhardt Barbara Justice Sharon Carmon** Pam Schroeder Lucinda Hardin Vickie Groenke Don Schneider **Sharon Gilbert** Larry Ridener Ron Thatcher **Hannah Tolle Pam Niehaus Mary Donnell Nancy Knopf Bonnie Long** Julia Beagle Marlyn Ford Skip Lister Mark Long **Barb Falk**



Alex Poornan Matt Kreimer
Joseph Fetterman Paula Lundy