

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2024

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession: (*Ephesians 6:10-20*)

Most Gracious Lord, Your word to us is to put on the whole armor of God so we are fully equipped to stand firm against evil in all of its forms. Forgive us for:

- Not grounding ourselves in the truth You have given us
- Not seeking what is right according to Your word
- Not living in peace with You and with one another
- Not guarding our heart from being attached to evil
- Not controlling our thoughts
- And most of all, not believing in the importance of prayer

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (*Psalms 34:22*)

But as for those who serve the LORD, He will redeem them; everyone who takes refuge in Him will be freely pardoned. Dearly Beloved hear and believe the good news;

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

A-men. A---men. Amen! CCLI License #875928

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Special Music: *Your Friend*

--John Jamar, Raina Kafka, Josh March, Lorna March

Prayer for Illumination

--Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Pg. 198, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:15-22

Pg. 464, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 6:56-69

Pg. 892, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Eternal Life, Life Abundant*

*Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

No. 592

*Affirmation of Faith:

I love God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I embrace 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 hold dear 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.

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Cheryl Thom, Anne Starr, Sara Miller, Yvonne Schultz, Carol Hochstein, Emily Cummings, Mark Kaad, Karyn Daft; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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 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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *I'll Fly Away* No. 779

*Benediction

*Response: *I'll Fly Away* chorus

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: Day of Remembrance and Healing:

2:30p.m. County Library

(presentation by Bill Cummings)

4:30p.m. Millie Hill Bat Viewing Site

(service and planting of a Tree of Hope)

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(drive-thru only)*

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on September 8th for the purpose of electing the following members to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Virginia Feleppa, Laurie Fuller, Boyd Morstad, Hope Schuiteman, Cliff Smith, Jen Spreen, and Jessica Zeuske.

Fall Clean-up: Wednesday, September 4th, 4:30p.m.

We need volunteers on Wednesday, September 4th, at 4:30p.m. for a couple of hours to help with cleaning up the grounds.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room.

If that time does not work for you but you can come earlier, let us know – we have a list! Oh...and bring a rake!

Ushers: Larry and Connie Olkkonen, Bill and Laura Stanek

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP © 2000 Thankyou Music

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You.
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. *(chorus)*

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
No, I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost. *(chorus)*

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Chorus:

My Life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. *(repeat)*

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
All of my hope is in You. *(chorus)*

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD © 2004 Rising Springs Music

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!

And 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*)