

August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Preacher: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Kathy Quady

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print: Please see an usher if you would like larger print hymns.

Prayground: We have a Kids Corner for young kids on the front left side (by the stained glass windows). Kids and their adults are more than welcome to sit in that area during the service where there are coloring pages and puzzle books to engage young minds and hands in worship.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Brother James's Air

Searle Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If I make of my life an offering and a dedication to God, then this dedication will include all of my entanglements and involvements. There follows, then, a radical change over my entire landscape and miraculously I am free at my center. -Howard Thurman

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 111

I give thanks to God with everything I've got—

Wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.

God's works are so great,

worth a lifetime of study—endless enjoyment!

Do that and you'll know the blessing of God.

God's Hallelujah lasts forever!

***OPENING HYMN**

#4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The scriptures remind us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but they also remind us that the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Trusting in God's mercy let us confess our sin.

Creator God, we confess that we are often puffed up by pride, self righteousness, and comfort or weighed down by self doubt, fear, and laziness. These chains that bind us keep us from you; from following you, trusting you, and collaborating with you towards a more loving, just, and peaceful world. These walls we construct separate us from our neighbors, both those who would help and love us as well as those you call us to love and help.

Forgive us for our sins, which hold us back from being the disciples Jesus calls us to be and help us to celebrate your divine image in ourselves and in others. Refresh us by the movement

of your Spirit and renew in us the promise of our baptism. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your beloved. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends remember that we are loved by God, who is merciful, and that in Jesus God's mercy is made known. Therefore, in the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As you have called us together, O God, open us by your Spirit to the word you have for us today, that we may receive it and respond in love and faith. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 141:1-4

I call upon you, O LORD; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.

²Let my prayer be counted as incense before you
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

³Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD;
keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Do not turn my heart to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Numbers 20:1-8

The Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there.

²Now there was no water for the congregation, so they gathered together against Moses and against Aaron. ³The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had died when our kindred died before the LORD! ⁴Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here? ⁵Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to bring us to this wretched place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." ⁶Then Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting; they fell on their faces, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. ⁷The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸"Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and command the rock before their eyes to yield its water. Thus you shall bring water out of the rock for them; thus you shall provide drink for the congregation and their livestock."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

#837 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

THIRD READING

Revelation 4:6b-11

and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come."

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

An Embodied Faith: The Body in Worship

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Is He Worthy?

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Michele Lawlor, Pat Olsen, Mike Agre, Ashton Olsen, Chuck Klassen
Ralph Johansen, piano



*“Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen
and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the
third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his
name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower the church throughout the world in our life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war, want, and injustice. Especially we pray for Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, the United States of America, and all other places in the midst of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust, equity, and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from hate and violence; guard us all from the perils of addiction and over consumption. Grant us courage to confront all injustices. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen this congregation in our work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those amongst us in need of your healing, your comfort, and your peace. Especially...

Uphold all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make yourself known to those who are spiritually hungry or lost. Guide those that seek that they may find in you the abundant life of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#637 O Sing to the Lord

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING SONG

A Benediction of Peace

Sorenson

Quartet, Ashton Olsen, sop sax, Ralph Johansen, piano

POSTLUDE

Prelude on Mit Freuden Zart

Paul Laubengeyer

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 111 in the Message, by Eugene Peterson.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Faith: We will be taking a break and are tentatively resuming September 17th.

Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the blood drive. **We will be clearing the Fellowship Hall after Worship & Fellowship on the 23rd.**

Meals on Wheels: BPC is in charge of providing volunteer drivers for delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) for the month of September. MOW now has 4 routes in the Buffalo area every weekday and we need drivers to cover as many routes as we can during September. **The time is from 10:45 to about 12:15.** It is a very rewarding mission activity that is greatly appreciated by the people who depend on this service for one hot meal each day. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is the sponsoring agency for Meals on Wheels in the Buffalo area. **You MUST register and sign up through the Catholic Charities Volunteer Website** at the following link: *You can also visit with Ali during the week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am and 2pm for any assistance.*

<https://ccstcloud.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/SeniorDining>

Women's Retreat "Weekend with an Immersive God": Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Come away for a refreshing time to reconnect, rest, and be immersed in God's presence.

Date: Sept. 25-27

Place: Clearwater Forest, Deerwood

September 1: \$55 due + food, which is estimated to be approximately \$25

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Maseca corn flour.** Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Today August 23	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship
Monday August 24	12:00pm: Blood Drive
Tuesday August 25	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast
Thursday August 27	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Sunday August 30	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels

- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Taylor, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Dan Vanderheiden (Del's family)
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother's wife)
- Nancy Grittman
- Sandy Anderson and family following Steve Anderson's death

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4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

ADORATION

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O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor

Em



1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done
3 So dance for our God and blow all the
4 O shout to our God, who gave us the
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -

Am B7



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a
won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done
trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the
Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the
lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -

Em E Am



new song. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
won - ders. For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Am Em B7 Em



O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

PORTUGUESE

- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.*

SPANISH

- 1 *Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 *Es él quien nos da el Espíritu Santo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.