

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup> , 2023**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA**

**Order of Worship**

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Hymn

# 532

***Gather Us In***

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| <p>1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,<br/>now is the darkness vanished away;<br/>see in this space our fears and our<br/>dreamings<br/>brought here to you in the light of this day.<br/>Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,<br/>gather us in, the blind and the lame;<br/>call to us now, and we shall awaken,<br/>we shall arise at the sound of our name.</p> <p>2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,<br/>we are the old who yearn for your face;<br/>we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,<br/>called to be light to the whole human race.<br/>Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,<br/>gather us in, the proud and the strong;<br/>give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,<br/>give us the courage to enter the song.</p> | <p>3 Here we will take the wine and the water,<br/>here we will take the bread of new birth,<br/>here you shall call your sons and your<br/>daughters,<br/>call us anew to be salt for the earth.<br/>Give us to drink the wine of compassion,<br/>give us to eat the bread that is you;<br/>nourish us well, and teach us to fashion<br/>lives that are holy and hearts that are true.</p> <p>4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,<br/>not in some heaven, light years away—<br/>here in this place the new light is shining,<br/>now is the kingdom, and now is the day.<br/>Gather us in and hold us forever,<br/>gather us in and make us your own;<br/>gather us in, all peoples together,<br/>fire of love in our flesh and our bone.</p> |
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Sermon

## Hymn

# 705

### God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its 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 hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail 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,

*Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969*

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

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## Sharing the Peace

## Offering

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## The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution...

L: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

**C: Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

## Hymn

# 546

### To Be Your Presence

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!

- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love  
expressed,  
alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and  
voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

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## Blessing

### Sending

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

#### **An invitation to Holy Communion:**

All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children are also welcome. You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. **If you prefer grape juice, take the glass from the center of the tray.** If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you. Come and Celebrate the Feast of Our Lord.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 30th, 2023

**PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Your help is needed, please! In August, we will begin scraping and repainting the churches outside window frames. We will need scrapers, sanders, dusters, tapers, primers, and paint finishers. Soon a sign-up board will be posted in the narthex & more communication is forthcoming.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Habitat is looking for volunteers to help feed workers for the weeks of July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact July P. @ 218-969-2225. Sign-up is on the narthex table.

**NEW WELCA PROJECT** We will start collecting (for August and September) drawstring backpacks, and 70 page wide or college ruled notebooks for Lutheran World Relief School Kits – **no other supplies needed.**

**COMMUNITY VBS** It starts this week! Keep the workers and children who will be attending in your prayers! If you have any questions about volunteering, please see Tamera Brown.

**JOIN US FOR THE NEW BIBLE STUDY** Our “Fun-Duh-mentals” Bible Study will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 5:30pm to 6:30pm, in the Fireside Room (Aug. 9 & 23). We will be exploring different ways to study the Bible, along with doing the actual Bible Study. Come explore with us, all are invited!

**ITEMS FOR LITTLE PANTRY** For August we will collect “Single-Serve items.” Food items you would eat on-the-go, like applesauce, fruit cups, individual (lunch size) cracker & cookie packs, breakfast bars, beef sticks, cans or pouches of tuna/chicken, vitamin water, Gatorade, waters are needed! **NO PRODUCE THAT WILL ROT AFTER A DAY WITHOUT REFRIDGERATION PLEASE!** You may leave your donated items in the shopping cart in the narthex, or in the pantry itself. *Please do not put dairy, produce, or meat items that require refrigeration into the pantry; unfortunately, it is not cooled & foods have to be shelf-stable.*

**AEOA OPPORTUNITY** When covid started, AEOA lost many volunteer drivers. They are hoping to build up their volunteer driver list to provide non-emergent transportation to appointments. Volunteers use their own vehicles but are reimbursed for mileage at the federal rate. Please call Randy Hokkanen at 218-735-6873 or email him at [randy.hokkanen@aeoa.org](mailto:randy.hokkanen@aeoa.org) if interested.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** *There are donors who are matching your funds.* LWR is helping, through you, to meet the needs of people in *Ukraine, Turkey, Ethiopia and Somalia*, who are currently experiencing trauma from war and natural disaster crisis. You can send donations to: *Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, or call LWR @ 800-638-3522.* Your help brings needed medical supplies, health services, shelter, food, etc. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – And visit [LWR.ORG/UKRAINE-CRISIS](http://LWR.ORG/UKRAINE-CRISIS).**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEK** New dates are available to sign up for assisting in the month of August, as well as for serving Coffee! Take a look at the narthex round table and see if there are open dates you may be available to serve.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Call Deb Lekatz at 218-749-6247. Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Fred (Karen McCue’s son, has Leukemia), Chuck, Sue, Mike (esoph.cancer), Kate, Pastor Rob (Methodist Church), Matt (community), Ken, Janet H., Ruth T., Hermine, Deb L., Avery, Marilee, Nancy, Diane, Matt, Ethan (community), Adam, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Brandon, Jessica, Breanna, Jeremy, Richard, Shari, Rodney, Dave C., Lee, Kathy, Mary, Wally C., Marlene, Cliff, Gerilyn & family, Bonnie M.(MS), Victoria. *Karen McCue, at the loss of her mother.*



**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** *July 30<sup>th</sup> is sponsored in loving memory of Darlene Skorich.* If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday worship in honor of someone or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.** Those in nursing homes, assisted living communities, or at home and unable to attend in person, thank you for considering. Our live worship can be heard on KRBT 1340AM & 104.9FM at 9:30 am Sundays.

#### MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday, WELCA Bible Study @ 1pm in the Fireside Room**
- **Wednesdays, Quilting, 9 am - early afternoon**

