

**WELCOME TO  
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*Welcome and Announcements*

*Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with your joys/prayers/concerns. Ushers will collect them during prayer time.*

\*Call to Worship on screen  
“God of Wonders”

\*Prayer of Confession  
**God of the universe, you spoke and the world was created. You sent your Son and He conquered sin and death. What You say happens. It is good to be in Your care, in Jesus’ name, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

\*Hymn #59  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

First Scripture Reading pg. 1  
Genesis 1: 1-5, 2:1  
Liturgist—Tom Jones

Children’s Time

Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer  
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.**

\*Stand if able: **Bold = congregational response**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen  
“Waymaker”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory  
Doxology #625  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading pg. 999  
Mark 8: 27-32

Sermon  
“Not a Probability, It’s a Sure Thing!”

Communion  
\*Hymn #8

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

\*Benediction  
\*Postlude on Screen  
“He Is Able”

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*Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!*



**How to become a Christian**

- Admit to God that you have done things that oppose His desires for you.**  
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”  
Romans 3:23
- Acknowledge Jesus Christ as God’s only solution to your condition.**  
“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”  
John 14:6
- Ask God to forgive your sins and invite Jesus into your life.**  
“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”  
John 1:12

**What to Pray**

“Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to earth, living an unblemished life, and dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as Savior and Lord of everything I do. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.”

**What to Do**

Go to God in prayer daily.  
Read God’s word daily.  
Open your life to other Christian friends.  
Worship God weekly at church.

If God is speaking to you this morning and you desire to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, or desire prayer for a particular matter, we invite you to the front of the sanctuary at the close of the service where Pastor Dave and/or others will be glad to pray and talk with you.

**CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF**

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Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

**Nursery is open for 1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger.**

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Sept 17 10:30 am Bill Marvin  
Sept 24 10:30 am  
Oct 1 10:30 am  
Oct 8 10:30 am

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

9/3/23	9:00 am	52	11:00 am	125
9/2/22	9:00 am	67	11:00 am	90

**Flowers:** If you wish to have flowers on the Altar for any occasion, please contact the church office at 436-8682.

**Hearing Devices** are available from the sound booth. Please turn the device off and return it to the sound booth after the service.

The Mission of Church of the Straits  
To worship God faithfully  
To grow together spiritually  
To serve Jesus Christ and our neighbor joyfully  
... in the power of God’s Spirit.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
**Sept 10, 2023 – Sept 17, 2023**

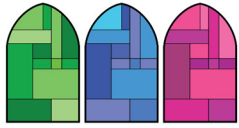
<b>SUN 9-10</b>	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>MON 9-11</b>	1:00 pm	Missions
	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>WED 9-13</b>	11:00 am	Evangelism
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
<b>SAT 9-16</b>	9:00 am	Men's Group
<b>SUN 9-17</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	AA
	6:00 pm	Prayer Group



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sanctuary Window Fund campaign has begun.**

Prayerfully consider helping us raise the necessary funds to replace all windows in our beautiful sanctuary. The church has committed \$13k and we are being asked to come up with the additional \$60k. We hope to start the two week project in the fall.



Window Replacment  
Capital Campaign

Progress: \$35K out of \$73K

**Youth Sunday School** will start next week Sept 17th. We meet at 9:30am. All children that wish to attend will need to sign-up.

**Childrens Church** will also begin next week and on Sundays without communion (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th). We will have activities downstairs after Childrens Time during the service.

**Substitute Teaches Also Needed:** Please Sign Up!



**Upcoming Events:**

- Sept 24:** SARM Pizza Party
- Sept 28:** CPR Training Class
- Oct 7:** SARM at MC Volleyball Game



**Change to Make a Change - July thru Sept**

SARM is accepting donations for the AA Crisis Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers, wipes, burp rags, and formula. Donations or cash offerings can be dropped off here at the Church. Contact Shannon Cooley for more info.

**CPR Class Sept 28th at 4:30pm**

We will be hosting a CPR class. Cost is \$60. Please sign up by the entryway.



**The Bliss Pioneer Memorial Church** in Bliss at the corner of Pleasantview Rd and Sturgeon Bay Road will hold it's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Service today September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pastor John Shott of the Cheboygan Nazarene Church will have the message. The historical church, which is 120 yrs old, only has 2 scheduled services a year

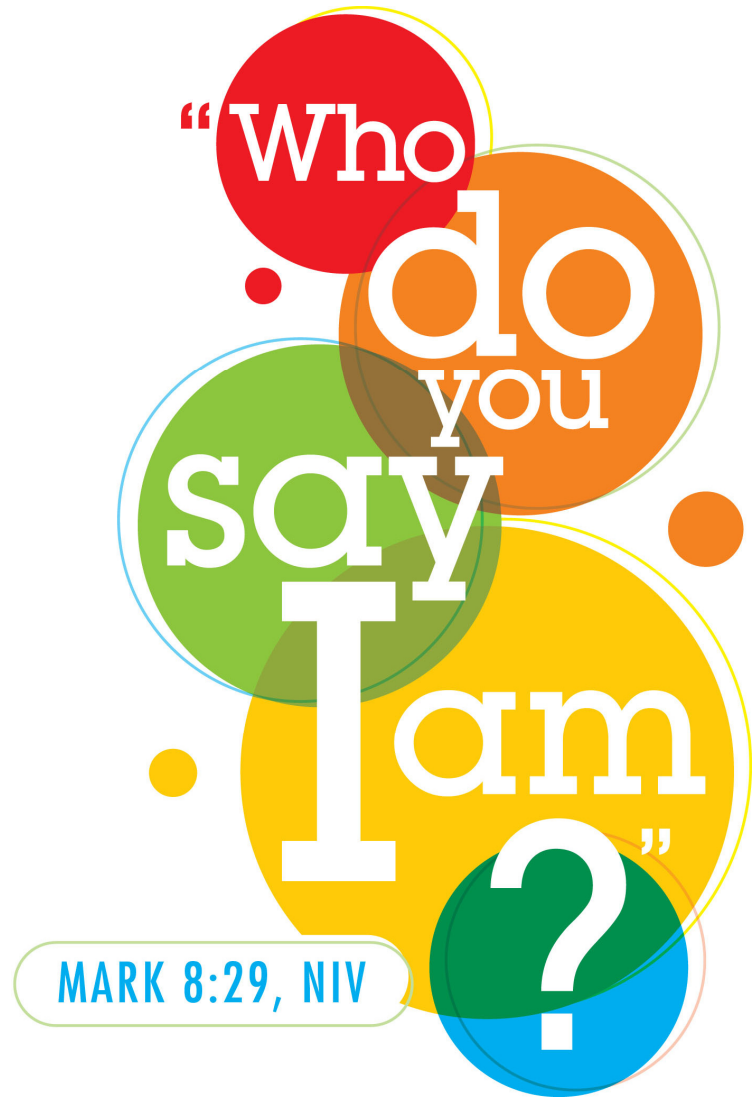
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: Miranda Zabik, Debbie Hodde, Family of Chad Miller, "The Sound", Courtney Miskuff, Laura Jackson, Roy Cole, Sandra Tillman, Harmon Family, Nancy, Danny, Karen Caswell, Barbie, Devon Dicus, Molly Tate, Hazel Sexton, Mary Brooks, Becky Jankowski, Jerry Archer, Cheryl Newman, Mike Hampton, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, JoAnn Rinehart, Amy, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.



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Welcome to Our Service