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September 14th, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- Bible Study this Wednesday @ 10 am in the Pastor's Study.
- Sept. 17th One Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- Sept. 28th Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service

Opening Prayer:

This world would deny You, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise You, and exalt Your name, for we know that You are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known Your healing. We have known Your provision. We have known Your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise You ever more. Amen

***Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 1,3,4 #103**

Call to Worship:

L: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

P: God is our hope and our refuge.

L: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

P: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Steadfast and sheltering God, You are our refuge in every age, our hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, You call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects Your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in You and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of Your people. We give not because all is well but because You are good. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #66

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "Rejoice With the Angels"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "To God Be The Glory"**

#98

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You today with heavy hearts, and at the same time, we come with gratitude for Your mercy and grace. Allow us at this time to feel Your presence, to hear Your voice, and to be renewed by the Holy Spirit so that we are edified where needed, strengthened where we are weak, and made bold so that we leave here with the courage to stand firm in You as we walk through the challenges of the week to come.

You are an amazing God. If we take a moment, we can see how You have used us this week as one of Your instruments in the lives of those around us. We can see how You were bigger than we believed or made You out to be. We will recognize where You walked with us.

We praise Your name for giving us the words to share, directing us to the actions to take, when doing Your work this week.

Thank You for the miracles that we have witnessed. Thank You for the hope that You allowed when we were so close to hopelessness. Thank You for pulling Your people together, allowing us to realize that we are not alone on this journey we call life.

We thank You for the success that we witnessed at the benefit dinner for Pastor Jan. Thank You for allowing him to show up, even if it was for a moment. We ask that You continue to walk with him and bring healing to him. All for Your glory.

There are those in our church family who need Your healing. We lift to You, Anne, Judy Stevens, Brad, Judy Stouffer, and Don Leonard. We continue to lift Cory and Judy Neiser's niece, Beth. We also lift to You, Becky Sue, and Becky's grandson, Dylan. There probably are more that need Your healing, we may not know who they are, but we know that You know all. So we lift them to You also. You are the Great Physician, and we know that You are the Way Maker, and the Miracle Worker. It is through knowing this that we ask You to extend Your healing to all those who have been spoken here, all for Your glory.

It seems as though time is flying, which feels like Your Son's return will be soon.

Father God, we ask You to help us be change agents in this world. Give us courage to speak out about our faith, to teach those around us about Your love for all people, and to lead by example, showing and speaking with respect to others. All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

If My People Pray by Promise Keepers
Inspired by 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people
Called by name
Will humble themselves and pray
If they seek My face
And turn from their sins
I will hear
I will forgive
And I will heal their land.

My eyes shall be opened
And My ears will attend
To the prayers that are spoken
From the hearts of humble men

I have chosen and blessed you
That my name may be yours
I have set my heart upon you
And my love will always endure

Let's seek Him while He's listening
And bow before His throne
In brokenness and humble confession
Let's worship Jesus alone.