

*August 6, 2023*  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*



## *Jesus Is Our Certainty*

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing  
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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**Pastor's Greeting:**



**Hymn:** *Every Morning Mercies New*

**CW<sub>93</sub> 580 Stz 1-4**



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as  
2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our  
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may  
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay  
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,  
nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin  
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,  
Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to  
And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the  
With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.  
those who pray Strength to live for you each day.  
bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.  
voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

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### Confession and Absolution

**L:** The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

**L:** We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

**C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.**

**L:** Oh, how I love your law!

**C: I meditate on it all day long.**

**L:** Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

**C: For your words are always with me.**

**L:** How sweet are your words to my taste.

**C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**L:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

**L:** Yet so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**L:** God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!**

### Prayer of the Day

**L:** O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, may love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN!**

**First Lesson:****1 Kings 3:5-13**

**L:** <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” <sup>6</sup> Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup> “Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.

<sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup> I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

<sup>13</sup> Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

The Word of our God

**Psalm 119b.**

## Psalm 119b

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law\*  
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,\*  
for there I find delight.

### *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;\*  
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*  
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!\*  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

## Second Lesson

## Romans 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord

## Hymn: *All Depends on Our Possessing*

CW<sub>93</sub> 421 (CW<sub>21</sub> 807) Stz 1-4



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er — As God wills, so



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
be it ev - er — I to him com - mit my way.

**Gospel:****Matthew 13:44-52**

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

<sup>46</sup>When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

<sup>49</sup>This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. They replied, “Yes.”

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Hymn:** *Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ***CW<sub>93</sub> 401** (CW<sub>21</sub> 560) **Stz 1-4**

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart.  
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sin - ful soul;  
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dread - ful load  
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;



They tell me all is done; They bid my fear de - part.  
Your wounds, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.

**Refrain**

To whom but you, who can a - lone For sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?



*Jesus Is Our Certainty, In Uncertain Times*



**Apostles' Creed:** *(together we confess)*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.***

***The third day he rose again from the dead.***

***He ascended into heaven***

***and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.***

***From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen***

**Prayer:** O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayer of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

**Lord's Prayer:** *(traditional)*

***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;***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.***

***Amen!***

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn:** *Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation*

**CW<sub>93</sub> 386 Stz 1–4**

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CW<sub>93</sub> 386 Stz 1-4



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which holds my  
 2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which hu - man  
 3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For our sal -  
 4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The sea where



life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be - fore the world's cre -  
 wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who, lov - ing arms ex -  
 va - tion he has yearned. For this his Son to earth de -  
 my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my wounds find per - fect



a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion  
 tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners con - de - scends. His heart with  
 scend - ed And then a - gain to heav'n re - turned; For this so  
 heal - ing; There is no con - dem - na - tion here! For Je - sus'



which un - moved shall stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.  
 pit - y still will break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.  
 pa - tient ev - er - more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.  
 blood through earth and skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.

## Looking Ahead

August	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 10	6	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Scott	
Sun Pent 11	13	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Cole S.	Scott S
Sun Pent 12	20	9:30 AM	Mark	Paul	Dan M.	
Sun Pent 13	27	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Bob B.	Mark F
September	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 14	3	9:30 AM	Jessica	Paul	Scott S.	
Sun Pent 15	10	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan M
Sun Pent 16	17	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Gil P.	
Sun Pent 17	24	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Mark F.	Scott S

**Today, Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**

We will have an OPEN forum to discuss our existing worship space.

**Sunday, August 13**, Annual Church Potluck Picnic. Signup in the Fellowship Hall today to order and purchase your steamed crabs.

### August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

1	Kathy Kellner	
2	Jim & Ellen Cammarata	53 years
3	Coleman Schweitzer	
8	Gilbert Potter	
9	Paul & Megan Kassebaum	20 years
12	Tim Almony	
17	Carol Rogers	
18	Gil & Kathy Potter	39 years
18	Courtney Wittmershaus	
25	Angie Carne	
25	Audrey Gerlach	
28	Megan Kassebaum	
30	Garrett Schweitzer	
31	Ellen Cammarata	
31	Bob & Nancy Pieper	60 years

### 2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall

Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

August	19	K Kellner / P Taylor / C Rogers
Sept	2	Pieper Family / Schweitzer Family
Sept	16	Kassebaum Family