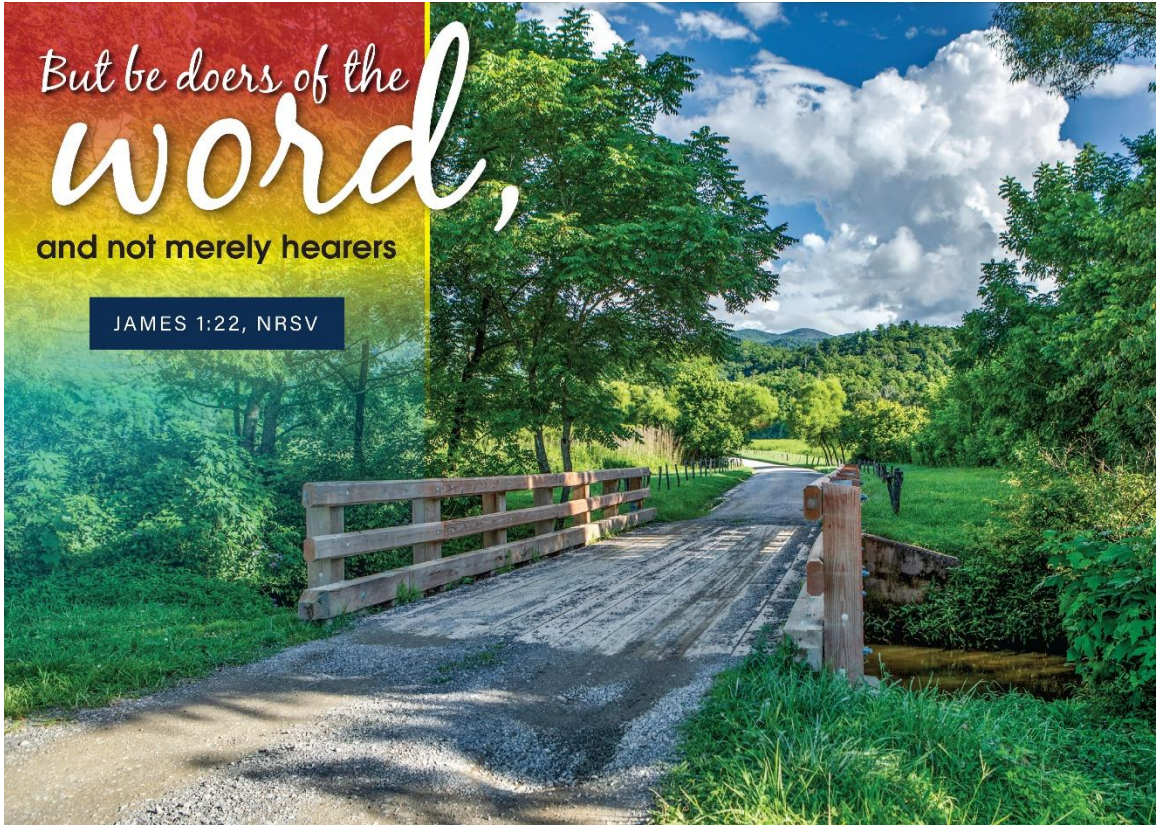


Pentecost 15



September 1, 2024

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

This summer, we are using Ray Makeever's worship setting "Come, Let Us Worship God."
Please refer to the Worship Booklet (WB) if you would like musical notes for the service.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

"Come, Let Us Worship God"

WB p. 1

(Congregation, please echo the song leader.)

- 1 Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God.
Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 2 Rest for the weary. Rest for the weary.
Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 3 Food for the hungry. Food for the hungry.
Welcome everyone. To the love of God.
- 4 Hope for the children. Hope for the children.
Welcome everyone. To the love of God.

Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

“God of Love, Have Mercy”

WB p. 2

Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: God of love, have mercy.
For the peace from above, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mercy.
For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all people, pray to our God: God of love, have mercy. God of love, have mercy.
For the people of God, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious God. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

“Open Our Eyes Lord”

Open our eyes Lord; We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him; And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord; And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord; We want to see Jesus

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter seven.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Head, Heart, Hands”

Pastor Kathy

Hymn of the Day

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #583 vs 1,3&4

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the People

“Here My Cry Oh God”

WB p. 4

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
Listen to my song: Singing praises all along.

Sharing God’s Peace

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

“What Have We to Offer?”

WB p. 4

What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.
God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.
What have we to offer? What have we to give? Lives we will live.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Merciful God, in your Son Jesus you show us the way of life. You teach us to love one another and to share the gifts of our lives. Receive these gifts, fruit of the earth and harvest of our labor, and lead us always by your wise guiding. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a

blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW #818

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: Gracious God, you have fed us at your table and filled us with your presence. Strengthen us with your Spirit that we might live as Christ's body in the world.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today,

to bring truth and love to ev'ry nation.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessed Bottoms Prayer Requests

Blessed Bottoms provided diapers for 72 children this month, a record number of requests. This means we were able to help 41 families in August through the generosity of our supporters.

Blessed Bottoms Prayer Requests:

- For a clear mind to make the right decisions to care for my disabled daughter and the good graces that her SSI will be approved
- Financial stability and clear sight for upcoming decisions
- That my job hunt is a success!
- For good health and a surrounded by peace and good people. Good friendships to form for our children as they enter into middle school and a strong faith and confidence from the lord
- Please pray that my sister finds the strength to beat her addiction
- Good start to the school year
- Please pray that God will bless my husband's studying and enable him to do well at MLC this time and that he will make it through the second career pastor program. Thanks!
- For my husband to get a job and more families for my daycare.
- Salvation in family
- Health and healing for family and friends/spiritually especially
- Healing postpartum and good timing to go back to work. Continued healthy kids and school decision on sending to private school or home school. Gods leading and clarify and peace knowing what He is leading us to
- That I'm able to find a job
- To see the light at the end of the dark tunnel
- Please pray that I find a good career that I will be good at, like, and take care of my family.
- Good health and job security
- Continued wellness and health
- Overcome hardships

There are several ways you can continue to support Blessed Bottoms:

- Donations can be left in the Pack and Play at Cash Wise, dropped off at church, or checks can be sent to First United Methodist Church, 125 South Broadway, New Ulm (put Blessed Bottoms on the memo line).
- Also, on Monday, September 23 the Blessed Bottoms volunteers will be at Pizza Ranch bussing tables through their Community Impact program. Come and join us, have a delicious dinner and help us help the babies of the New Ulm area.

Blessed Bottoms Wish list:

- Diapers size 1, 5, 6, 4/5T
- Unscented baby wipes



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(10:00) Jenny Krosch

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(10:00)

Lector: (8:30) Deb Kaehler

(10:00)

Ushers: (8:30)

(10:00)

P/P: (8:30)

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
8/25 General Offering	\$ 5,507.78	\$ 324,123.20	\$ 348,514.96
8/25 Building Fund	\$ 474.00	\$ 90,927.00	\$ 35,961.45
TOTAL:	\$ 5,981.78	\$ 415,050.20	\$ 384,476.42
8/25 World Hunger	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,935.00	

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:00AM Sun.
8/25/24	109	79

In Our Prayers This Week:

Rich Baumann, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Joseph Guza, Brad Haynes, Amber (and baby Arielle) Hoffmann, Bryan Hopf, Marilyn Hudson, Sue Hunstad, Lyndon Jones, Treacy Meyer, Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt, Jim Senske, Don Solberg, Nancy Wichmann