

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2009

10:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

WE ARE INVITED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chorale Procession

Paul Bryan

CALL TO WORSHIP

All glorious God, we give you thanks:
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.
You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.
—based on Ephesians 1:3-18

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 516

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

*WORDS OF WELCOME

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(*The congregation may exchange the Peace.*)

SOLO

César Franck

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer;
From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee,
When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For Thou has been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy.

When I cry unto God then shall my enemies turn back;
This I know, for God is for me.
In God will I praise His word,
In God I have put my trust, in God will I praise His word.
Let my mouth be filled with praise, and with Thy honor all the day.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings.
We treat others unjustly, but do not admit our sin against you.
Put a new and right spirit within us.
We are outraged when someone else is unjust,
but do not admit our own guilt.
Put a new and right spirit within us.
We demand punishment for others,
but do not admit our own fear of punishment.
Put a new and right spirit within us.

O God, teach us again that you desire honesty of heart.
**Forgive us; put a new and right spirit within us,
and open our lips to declare your praise.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Psalm 103:8-12

CALL TO NEW OBEDIENCE Matthew 22:37-40

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP CENTERS

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Tune: BEECHER

SERMON "More Than Idealism: A Life Worthy of the Calling"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION

(You will be guided by the elders to the front via the center aisle to receive communion by intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. Please join in singing during communion *Sing! A New Creation* 249

"Remembering with Love and Hope" and 258 "Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ.")

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

WE RESPOND WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Belhar Confession* (responsively)

We believe that God is self-revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace in a world full of injustice and enmity. God is the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. God's church is called to follow our Lord in this.

God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; frees prisoners and restores sight to the blind.

God wishes to teach all people to do what is good and to seek the right;

God's church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO

arr. by Mark Hayes

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

I found free grace and dying love,
I'm new born again, been a long time a-talkin'
'bout my trials here below.
Free grace, sinner. Free grace, I'm new born again.
My Savior died for you and me.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 592*
Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs 369*
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Finale Stanley Vann

+Latecomers will be seated. *Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Shelly Millen, prayer of illumination; Tommie Leenhouts, soloist; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another. Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

The flowers at the chancel today are given by Diann Koeman in memory of her mother, Henrietta Koeman.

The rose by the font is in celebration of the birth of a son, Nile Delany, to Tara and Darrell Leonard, on July 22.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, Mike and Beverley Rannow will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Don and LaVerne Lievens, Rick and Jane Vandervelde, Joel, Kathy, and Harper Schoon Tanis; Ushers – Edward and Diana Marsilje; Deacons – Scott Wolterink, Marj Hoekstra, Jon Rietberg, Karen Holleman; Refreshment Servers – Joe, Jane, Jonah, and Timothy Vandermeer.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service.
Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, John and Kara Green.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue our summer series, Living in Mission Everywhere, in room 7. This week Habeeb and Ellen Awad will give a lesson on the Middle East.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet in the chapel during the worship service.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

7:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at Helder Park
(corner of 104th and Quincy)

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen Moreau and Calli Estes who were married on July 17 in Stillwater, Minnesota.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Carlyle Neckers who died on July 24.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Pray for – Jan Bosch, Bob Brinks, Ruth Ter Beek. The Inn – Jantina Holleman, Marjorie Rottschafer, Dorothy Sheets, Crystal Teague. In the Military – Sam Bonnette, Mark South, Christine Loman.

CAMPER'S CORNER

CAMP FOWLER

August 2-8

Josey Beird

TIMBERWOLF LAKE

August 5-9

Joel Palmateer

Katie Rietberg

PORTAGE BIBLE CAMP

August 8-15

Abbie Palmateer

Matt Palmateer

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

SIGN UP YOUR KIDS FOR OUR ROME:

PAUL & THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH

August 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tear off and put in offering plate or bring to the church office.

Name (s) and ages _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Phone _____

Allergies, or other medical conditions _____

Sign ups also available at the children's info table in the Gathering Place.

GENERAL ITEMS

SANCTUARY TOUR: Next Sunday, August 9 Dr. Elton Bruins, church archivist and historian, will make a brief presentation on the history and architecture of Third Reformed Church immediately following morning worship at the chancel steps.

Let's Go Camping! For all interested, we have reserved the Group Camping Area at Pioneer County Park on Lake Michigan (15 miles north of PJ Hoffmaster State Park). The area is reserved for August 9-11, with sites open at 3:00pm on Sunday, August 9, and departure no later than 11:00am on Tuesday, August 11. Please stop by the Gathering Place to sign up, and for maps and more information on Pioneer County Park. Questions? Valerie Burke, 616-283-4081.

SIGN UP begins today for the Blood Drive on Monday, June 15, 12:00-6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

PRAYER TEAM: There will be a brunch after church August 16 in the Fellowship Hall for Prayer Team members. Anyone interested in joining the Prayer Team please call Lois Hunt, 335-5652, or Jane Dykstra, 393-2000.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join your friends for a time to enjoy flowers and food at the Osmans' garden at 1081 W. 27th St. from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday night, August 16. Should it be raining, the event (minus the flowers) will be held in Fellowship Hall at Third. Bring your chairs or blankets if you can. If you need transportation, call the church office at 392-1459. This event is being planned by the Fellowship Committee.

St. Francis invites the congregation to their Summer Festival, Community United in Faith, on Friday, August 7 – Sunday, August 9. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday. Go to the literature table in the Gathering Place for more information and for tickets.

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are wired with an Induction Hearing Loop

A Stephen Ministry Congregation