Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship) **Custodians:** Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

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### WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

#### Why do we confess our sins?

Being called into the presence of a righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us when we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



**November 20th, 2022** The Last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar

## Prelude

Announcements

#### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship †Congregational Singing Psalm 47:1-3, 6 #76 "O for a Thousand Tongues"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

"My Heart is Filled"

Psalm 32:1-5

## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

+Congregational Singing

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may

# delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your

Name. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness +Congregational Singing

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon Esther 5:2-4, 9, 14; 6:1-3, 6-12 1 Peter 5:6–11 Matthew 23:1–12 The Apostles' Creed Pastor David Salyer

"Be Unto Your Name"

"Honored By the King" Sermon Series: Esther

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

# GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.* 

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

+Congregational Singing #559 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

# GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response Postlude #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Carol Holl, Rene Sykes

### CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, November 20th - Last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar
9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School
10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service
After the service . . . Fellowship Meal (Team #2) & Hanging of the Greens
3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

There will be a Fellowship Meal Sunday, November 20th. Please bring a main dish and a side/dessert to share. Serving Team #2 will be serving: Freitag, Zimmerman, D. Salyer, Barber, Hughett, Goodbrake, Wood, Sykes, Schillinger, Rodgers, Bates, Lutkemeier. Note: Being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.

- \*\*\*After the Fellowship Meal on Nov. 20th, we will hang greenery and decorations in anticipation of the Christmas season. Please join the fun!\*\*\*
- Perspectives on the World Christian Movement will offer a discipleship course in Kearney on Sunday evenings beginning in January. Please begin looking at your calendar and prayerfully consider registering for this course. You will be edified and encouraged to learn more about God's mission to redeem all nations and the unique ways you can join in His mission.

https://class.perspectives.org/Visitor/Public.aspx?ClassId=435385

- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,789.04. Budgeted need year-todate: \$174,295.84. Received 11/13: \$3,850.40. Received year-to-date: \$180,247.85.
- November Birthdays: (15) Xan Barber, Evelyn LeFeber 2006, Sylvia LeFeber 2006, (18) Julia Bauer 2020, (22) James Hooton 2015, (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011, (30) Celia Williams 2017

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- That God would bless our church with many children and give us grace to nurture them in the faith.
- Presbytery: Grace Covenant Church in Grand Island (Pastor Todd Bowen)
- Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ♦For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Rachel Goodbrake (Andrew David Arthur born 7/22), Rachael Hajda (Eliza Jane born 5/13), Kristin Holl, Bethany Remm.

# STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia

#625 (a cappella)