#### WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

#### Why do we stand for the Gospel reading?

In churches that have multiple scripture readings it is common for the congregation to stand for the Gospel reading. This is *not* because the Gospels are more inspired or more important than the other scriptures—the whole Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God.

No, we stand because the Gospels recount the acts and words of Jesus in his earthly ministry. We stand to honor Him. We are acknowledging that all of Scripture was fulfilled in Jesus' person and work. All that was written before and after points toward Jesus (Matt. 5:17; Luke 24:27).

It is also important that we engage our whole being in our worship of Jesus Christ. After all, the Eternal Son of God took on human nature in His incarnation. It was as a man that he walked among us: touching, healing, speaking, teaching. In flesh he put death to death on the cross. He was resurrected in the same body, though now his flesh was glorified and free from the effects of death and decay. In this same body Jesus has ascended into Heaven where he now reigns over all creation. Thus Jesus has redeemed and glorified our human nature in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension. By standing for the reading of his Gospel, we proclaim that truth with our bodies, which will one day be like His (Rom. 6:5; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2).

Therefore, as you are able, stand with boldness as the Gospel of King Jesus is read. Stand tall in the body God formed for you, the body which Christ redeemed for you, the body which will one day be resurrected to enjoy the New Heavens and Earth with Him forever.



September 3rd, 2023 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Prelude

Announcements

#### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-3, 6 <sup>†</sup>Congregational Singing #76 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *†*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.

#### <sup>†</sup>Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Psalm 32:1-5

# GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession Silent Confession

**Corporate Confession** 

+Congregational Singing

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

## "Our Great God"

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon Genesis 27:1-8, 11-13, 18-19, 26-29 Hebrews 11:17-21 Matthew 10:16-23 The Apostles' Creed Pastor Chad Anderson

"Jacob Is Blessed" Sermon Series: Genesis

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

"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

# GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response Postlude #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Sylvia LeFeber

### CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, September 3rd - *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost* 9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- We will hold a church workday Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The day will consist of deep cleaning in the church building along with various exterior projects and maintenance. All ages are welcome to join the fun! Cleaning supplies will be provided but if people would bring hand equipment (shovels, rakes, trimmers, chainsaws, etc.) that would be very helpful. Pickups and trailers are always welcome.
- Sunday School classes for adults and children have resumed. Adults will be studying the history and theology of worship. Children's classes will study the same texts as the morning's sermon. Classes are held at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.
- Youth Group will be taking a break for about a month. There will be no Youth Group July 30th through Labor Day weekend. Youth Group will resume Sunday, September 10th.
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-todate: \$134,399.62. Received 8/20: \$2,966.54. Received year-to-date: \$129,730.72.
- September Birthdays: (9) Katherine (Kate) Hajda 2016, (14) Myra Williams 2018, (17) Beatrice Rodgers 2013, (18) Nathan LeFeber, (20) Annie Hooton, (21) Zane Johnson 2010, Sam Lanka, (26) Lori Wimmer, (29) Charis Wood 2006

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# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.

- Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Thomas Kuhn).
- Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ♦For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm (Julia Rose born 4/6).

# STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah
Holl, Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Jen Zimmerman

(Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship) **Youth Group:** Eric Wood

Custodian: Charis Wood

#625 (a cappella)