Worship Spotlight

Why do we say: "The Lord be with you!" and recite scripture together?

"The Lord be with you!" is a Biblical form of blessing (Ruth 2:4; compare Judg. 6:12; Luke 1:28; John 20:19; 2 Thess. 3:16; 2 Tim. 4:22). Here the pastor prays that the Lord Jesus Christ would be present with the congregation, leading them and ministering to them throughout the service. The people reciprocate, asking the Lord to be present with their Pastor as he ministers to them. They are acknowledging that the Pastor is an ordained servant, called by God to speak God's word and administer Christ's gifts to them.

This dialogue is a wonderful recognition that both pastor and congregation can do nothing apart from Christ. It also recognizes the bond of love between pastor and people: they begin the service by praying for each other. It exemplifies the kind of "one another-ing" that is central to the Christian life.

It is traditional to have some sort of responsive scriptural prayer at this point in the service as well. "Our help is in the name of the Lord / Who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8) is the verse commonly used. At other times words are chosen that reflect the theme of the day or the season in the church year.

All responses in the service should be spoken loudly (Rev. 5:12, 6:10, 7:10, 19:1, etc.), with confidence in the Christ who has brought us near to God (Heb. 4:16).



July 18th, 2021

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6

†Congregational Singing

"All Praise to Him"

†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

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Nothing But the Blood"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Lord is My Salvation"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 15:22-26; 16:2-4, 13-15
Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6
†Gospel Reading John 6:30-35, 48-58
†Profession of Faith The Philippian Hymn
Sermon Pastor David Salyer

"Bread from Heaven" Sermon Series: Exodus

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†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.

Once the Pastor has prayed for the bread and wine, we will process down the center aisle to partake. Parents, please help distribute to your communing children. You may eat and drink at the front of the sanctuary, depositing empty cups in the baskets on either side, or you make take the bread and cup to your seat to partake. Use the outside aisles to return to your seat.

We encourage words of blessing during this time: "Peace be with you" (Jn. 14:27) or "Christ be with you" (Rom. 16:20), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" "O Living Bread from Heaven"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Freitag Nursery Volunteers: NA

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, July 18th - *The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost* 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- ❖ Pastor Chad and family will be taking a sabbatical this summer from June 20th-August 8th for a time of rest and refreshment. Please pray for them over these weeks and direct any needs to Pastor David or the elders.
- ❖ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,508.27. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$98,231.56. Received 7/11: \$994.98. Received year-to-date: \$103,026.28.
- ❖ July Birthdays: (18) Marla Reiter, (27) Georgia Cleland, (28) Mordecai LeFeber 2011, (29) Roz Gibbins, (29) Miabelle Lano 2010
- August Birthdays: (3) Tim Hajda, (5) Howard Bass, Lydia Hajda 2000, (7) Peregrine Salyer 2016, (12) Jake Riley, (15) Amy Bates, (17) Luke Riley 2011, (22) Nancy Larsen, (25) Amy Freitag, (26) Gary Elliott, (27) Josiah Wood 2008

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ♦That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- ♦ Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Director Thomas Kuhn and intern Jason Hawkins).
- ♦That God would deliver us from the Coronavirus and, through us, bring healing, comfort, and hope to all who are afflicted or bereaved.
- ♦For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Anika Fong

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