

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

Gathering Song (Stand) #71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*

Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord has promised to shake the earth and the heavens once more. God's voice shakes the earth and all created things.

Yet God gives us a kingdom that cannot be shaken. The Lord alone is our fortress and refuge.

Give thanks to God, a consuming fire. Worship the Lord with reverence and with awe!

God has been our hope and our trust. We shall forever praise the Lord.

Come then to Zion, to the city of the living God. Come to Jesus in the heavenly Jerusalem.

If we do not refuse the One who is speaking, the Lord shall enroll us in the assembly of heaven!

Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith # 95 "Praise Him Praise Him" *JOYFUL SONG*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Luke 13:10-17

***Responsorial (Stand) "Better is One Day"** *Worship Team*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers Concerns, and the Lord's Prayer – 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings to Almighty God – The Apostle Paul wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).



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Prayer, and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Closing Hymn (Stand) #384 "Rock Of Ages"** *TOPLADY*

***Spoken Benediction (Stand)**

***Postlude** Janice Hedberg Church Organist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).
5. **HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT LOVE HAS DONE?

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 13:10-17

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