

# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude

*Aria*

Craig Phillips

The Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

**We sing and make music in our hearts to the Lord. We rejoice and give thanks to God!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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\*The Call to Confession

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. With this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we humbly confess our sins. We are your holy people, and yet there are things in our lives that are out of place. We confess those thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions that have been impure, immoral, or full of greed. We are tempted and deceived by the darkness of this world. Have mercy on us. [Silent Confession.]**

**Lord, forgive our sins. Help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. May we be filled with your Spirit, giving you all our thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

It is said, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.' Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In Christ, our sins are forgiven and we walk in the light. **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

The Special Music

*We are Marching in the Light of God*

South African Folk Song

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 5:3-20

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The Sermon

*How Are We to Live?*

*As Children of Light*

Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Canon in B Minor* Robert Schumann

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 339

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Ralph Vaughan Williams

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.  
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**Liturgist:** Karen Kalina

**Ushers:** Randy Wierda, Patty Donohue, Sayre Nichol and Larry Smith

**Greeter:** Diane Kemerer

**Fellowship Hour:** Mary Smith

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry & a choir ensemble.



Office hours for the week of August 19 will be **Monday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



**If you have a church key, please make note of the following:  
By August 21, let Sonia know that you have a church key and inform her what 4-digit code you would like as your unique code for the alarm system.**

On August 30, these new alarm codes will take effect. Prior to that date, please use the current code. After this date, use your new code to arm/disarm the alarm system. Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!

## Newsletter Correction

Alexander Fowler's new address is:

**E1 Fowler; Alexander J  
2nd Platoon:ACES  
1-79 FA BN, Delta BTRY, \_ PLT  
5970 S. Boundary Road  
Fort Sill, OK 73503**

## Ensembles Resuming Soon

The musical ensembles will be returning soon. If you have been considering joining the choir or ringing with the handbells, now would be a great time to start! Handbell rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00pm. The choir will also resume that evening at 7:00pm.



In addition, Sunday, September 8, is a special walk-up-choir for kick-off Sunday. Anyone is invited to come and join in singing the anthem for that Sunday. We will have one rehearsal at 8:15am in the morning and then sing in the service. This is a good chance to try out the choir and see if you may like it. Or, to come back and sing if you have been away for a while.

If you have any questions, please ask Thomas Heidenreich or email him at [music@spcsaginaw.org](mailto:music@spcsaginaw.org)

## Ephesians 5:3-20 New International Version

<sup>3</sup> But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. <sup>4</sup> Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partners with them.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.