

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

August 25, 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

*My Tribute*

Crouch/Fettke/Linn

The Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who is our refuge and strength. He is our ever-present help in time of trouble.

**God is the stronghold of our lives. We do not need to be afraid.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

**We rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to God. Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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\*The Call to Confession

We were once dead in our sins, but Jesus triumphed over sin and death through the cross. Trusting in Christ as our Savior, let us confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, too often, we have failed to understand that it is you alone who sustains us, and not our own strength or ability. Too often, we have trusted ourselves and have dismissed your saving power. Too often, we have made ourselves comfortable in life and have failed to recognize the spiritual battle going on around us and within us. Too often, we have followed the path of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly as the powers of darkness acted. Forgive us.** [Silent confession.]

**Lord God, in your love and mercy, forgive our sins. In your mighty power, help us to stand strong in you through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Let us rejoice, for God forgives us all our sins and makes us alive with Christ. Our salvation is secure. **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

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Pollard/Stebbins

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

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The Sermon

*How Are We to Live?*

Pastor Ruth Estell

*Standing Strong in the Lord*

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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\*The Hymn

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

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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

*Jesus Paid It All*

Grape/Bolks/Linn

\*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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 388

\*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 *Joy to the World* Watts/Handel

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.  
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**Liturgist:** Linda Poplewski

**Ushers:** Fred Herter, Larry Smith, Scott Peters, and Sayre Nichol

**Greeter:** Edda Schmidt

**Fellowship Hour:** Rousseau Family

**Musical Talents:** Pastor Ruth Estell and Judy Estell

**The Flowers today are in appreciation of Chuck Kemerer** for his beautiful  
solo on August 11, given by Reid Calcott.

**Session will meet Tuesday, August 27 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of August 26 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.



**If you have a church key and selected a new code, please make note of the following:**

**On August 30, the new alarm codes will take effect.** After this date, use your new code to arm/disarm the alarm system. **The old code will open the inner doors.** Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!



Saturday, **August 31**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a bag lunch for the Rescue Mission which is assembled the day before in our church kitchen. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work!

## Sign Up Sheets

The sign-up sheets for September and October are on the sign-up table. We need Liturgists, Greeters, Ushers, Fellowship Hour Hosts, and Communion Servers for World Communion Sunday. Please consider helping out on Sunday mornings.



For September, the mission focus will be **"It's All About the Cross,"** the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and Bibles to provide to inmates at the Saginaw County Jail. Our mission focus collection will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover, and with a positive theme, inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating Bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in the jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.



**Sunday, September 8**, we will "Kick-off" the New Church Year.

Here are some opportunities to join in the fun:

- 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 8:15 the morning of September 8, 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.
- Sunday school commences for the new "school year" and will be held every Sunday.
- "Sundaes for Sunday". We will have fellowship hour following the worship service and offer a Sundae Bar in Fellowship hall.

# Ephesians 6:10-20

## New International Version

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

