

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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 *Chorale on Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren* Michael Praetorius

The Call to Worship

God our Father and Creator calls us to worship. We gather as one body.

We join our hearts and voices in praise to God!

Jesus Christ, through the shedding of his blood, has reconciled us to God and made us one.

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The Holy Spirit is God's presence and power in our lives, uniting us as one.

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*The Hymn of Praise *The Church's One Foundation* 442
Verses 1-3, 5

*The Call to Confession (based on *Our World Belongs to God*, st.39)

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

*The Prayer of Confession (based on *Our World Belongs to God*, st.40)

God of grace, we grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole. Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.

Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

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 Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 page 261 NT

The Sermon *How Are We to Live?* Pastor Ruth Estell
As the One Body of Christ

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54-55

What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

*The Hymn *We All Are One in Mission* 435

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 *Prelude on Slane* Healey Willan

*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 *In Christ There Is No East or West* 439

*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 *Variation on Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren* Michael Praetorius

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Ruth Anderson

Ushers: Randy Wierda, Patty Donohue, Scott Peters, and Sayre Nichol

Greeters: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Fellowship Hour: No Fellowship hour today, see you at the picnic.

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry

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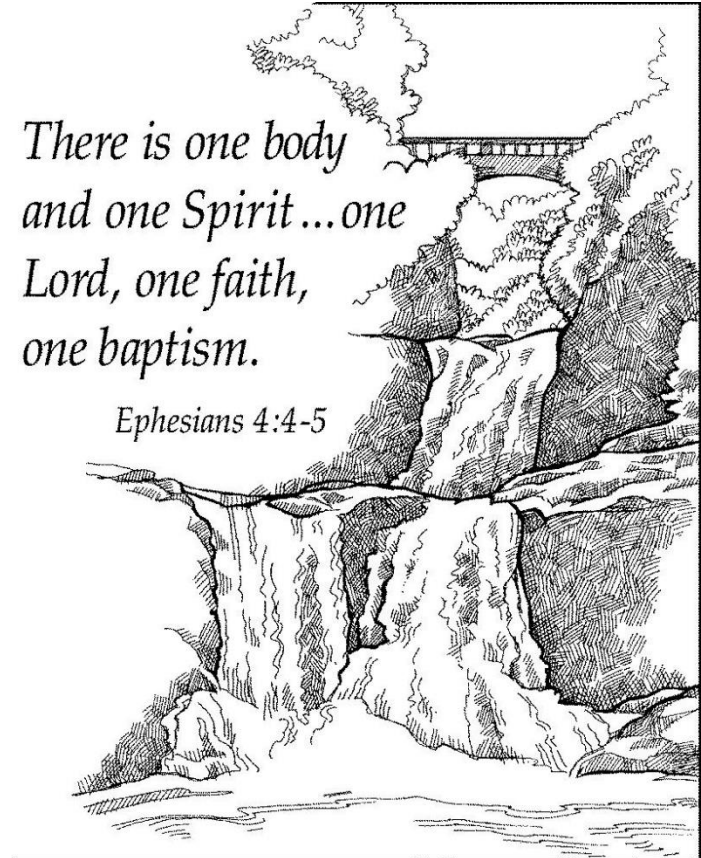
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*There is one body
and one Spirit...one
Lord, one faith,
one baptism.*

Ephesians 4:4-5



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

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of August 5 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.

*****In addition to being Treasurer, Adam Engel has agreed to be our Interim Financial Secretary. Any financial questions can be directed toward him. His email is: adam@spcsaginaw.org. You may also leave a message for him by calling the church office.

*****As way of a reminder, any maintenance-related concerns can be directed toward Doug Engel. His email is doug@spcsaginaw.org. Maintenance request forms are located on the cart outside the office.



You may have noticed that security cameras have been installed around all the entrances to the church. To help keep the building secure, everyone who has a key to the church is going to have a unique code to the alarm system. The code to unlock the inside doors will remain the same.

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!

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

Mission Committee Notes

For the August mission, school supplies will be collected thru August 18. Please keep an eye open for bargains while you're out and about. Thank you!



Care – Pairs

Care - Pairs is a system where we can pair two people together to simply make a phone call to check on each other. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area if you are interested in this program. If you want to know more, either take an information sheet or call Ruth Anderson @ 989-401-1908 or 989-225-1620.



It's TODAY! at 1:00 p.m. We have booked and paid for the pavilion at **Wickes Park on Hospital Rd.** (The pavilion at the McCarty entrance is reserved by someone else, so please be sure to enter from Hospital Rd.) **If you haven't signed up, no worries, we will have plenty of food. Don't forget to bring a chair, if you have one, and something to drink.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Sunday, September 8

Watch the bulletin announcements, weekly update, and September newsletter for details.

Ephesians 4:1-16 New International Version

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. **8** This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? **10** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) **11** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.