

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing... therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Meg Yanefski, Damian, David, Doug Hoffman, Erin Fitzpatrick, Jason Russell, Jennifer Martin, Barbara, Geoff Hicks, Ted Acrey, Butch Hahn, Catherine, The Family of Andy Prieto, The Family of Sue LaPierre, The Langlois Family, Patty Christopher, Rev. Michele Allen, Annie Galm, Rev. Bruce Gillette, The Walters Family, Jennifer Grenier, Kyle Currier*

**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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 697** "Take My Life"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Hymn No. 726** "Will You Come and Follow Me" (verse 5)

**"Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and in me."**

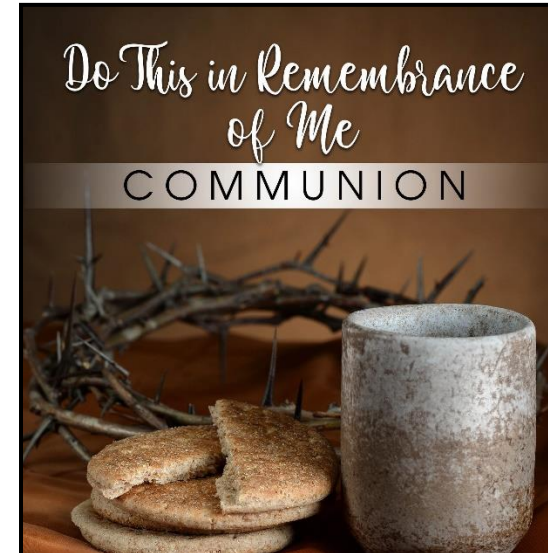
**Postlude** "Though I May Speak" - arr. Te Velde

<b><i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i></b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Ballard & Bobbi Wilkins
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23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
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## For Prayer & Contemplation

"He that is proud of riches is a fool. For if he is exalted above his neighbors because he has more gold, how much inferior is he to a gold mine." -*Jeremy Taylor*

## Gathering Hymn #507 "Come to the Table of Grace" (4 Times)

"Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace."

## Welcome & Sharing Information

### Call to Worship (Psalm 1)

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**All: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

\*Hymn No. 693 "Though I May Speak"

### Prayer of Confession (Chip Hardwick)

Gracious God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You give us our talents, our freedom, and our financial resources. We struggle to give back to you from these gifts. We often worry that these gifts are not enough; that we must hold onto them for ourselves and for our family. Remind us again that you have blessed us to be a blessing to others, and free us for more generous living. Forgive us, O God, for all our sins, as we continue to pray in silence...

## Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance (Feasting on the Word)

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

**All: Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be 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."

### \*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

Anthem "Child of God" – *Miller Sanctuary Choir*

## Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there. Children: God be with you here.**

## Scripture

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Peter 4: 7-11* **New Testament** pg. 235 **LP** pg. 285

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Mark 4: 21-29* **New Testament** pg. 38 **LP** pgs. 46-47

Sermon "The Power of Giving" - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

## Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

Q: How are you righteous before God?

**A: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

Consecration Sunday Betsy Wriggins

Offertory "Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" - *arr. Leavitt*

\*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow" "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."

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication: (Feasting on the Word)

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit, we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.**