

THE CHURCH IN AURORA
ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Jesus, normally so merciful and compassionate, seems to be easily saddened by self-centeredness and hypocrisy. We are living in a world that values competition and success, occupying the "place of honor," above all else, where there is little space for the weak and for those who are unable to push themselves forward. Listen to Jesus telling us: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

WELCOME

PRELUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr., Hayes

INTROIT "We Have Come to Worship the Lord"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are never left outside of God's house.

ALL: There is always room for us here.

One: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

ALL: We are always welcomed and made whole in Christ.

One: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

ALL: We are ready to step into service for God. Amen.

***HYMN** no. 1 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Deacons will collect Prayer Request Cards.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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.

OFFERING: We give Thee but Thine own; what-e'er the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone; a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" Hine

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON pg. 1044 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

***GLORIA PATRI:** 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.

GOSPEL LESSON pg. 904 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

MESSAGE "Humility Is Not a Lost Art" Rev. L. Chris Martin

***HYMN** no. 337 "Pass Me Not"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We bask in the light; but the light too often captures us, and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts but have often failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway to peace and hope that is your way to true life. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Elements are consumed in unison after everyone is served.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE: Postlude on "Ellacombe" Payne

*Please stand if you are able.



ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S WORSHIP

Deacons at 9:30 AM: Richard Oxford, Marilyn Kostansek, and Lynn Casey

Deacons at 11:00 AM: Doug Vermillion, Laura Monroe, and Rebecca Bliss

Liturgist at 9:30 AM: Lance Bell, Elder

Liturgist at 11:00 AM: Rev. Kevin Horak

FOR OUR GUESTS...Today we celebrate Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on each serving plate. Information about our church may be found at the **Welcome Center Desk** near the main entrance. Please allow us to get to know you better by filling out a **Guest Information Card** located in the pew racks and placing the card in the offering plate. **Prayer Request Cards** are also located in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request you would like included in our weekly Prayer Chain letter, write it on a card and give it to the Deacon who comes down the aisle during the opening hymn. **Bible Studies and other groups** meet throughout the week and are listed on the church's calendar (www.tcia.cc), or you may call the church office (330-562-8266) for more information.

GREETERS TODAY are Nancy & Daniel Gallik.

SIDE RAIL FLOWERS are given by Rodger & Sandy Shaulis in praise and thanksgiving for God's many blessings and in honor of their grandson Parker's 9th Birthday.

COFFEE HOUR donuts are provided by Christian Education in celebration of **RALLY DAY**.

PRAYER SQUARES MADE BY THE LADIES IN CIRCLE PSM are available on the Hunt Table in Great Hall.

THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TOMORROW FROM 1:30-6:30 PM. Call 1-800-733-2767 (Red Cross) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "Aurora" as the Sponsor Code to schedule your life saving donation time. The next blood drive will be Veterans Day, November 11. Call Dorothy Bell for more information (330-908-3885).

HAVEN HOME VISIT IS TOMORROW EVENING AT 6 PM. Additional dates for this homeless-shelter ministry are October 7, November 11, and December 9. If you would like to help, contact Liz Sutter.

WOMENS GUILD MEETS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 11:30 AM. Mazzulo's is preparing lunch (\$7). Desserts will be provided by members with last names beginning A-J. *There is nothing to fear but fear itself: A portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt* is the program.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETS SEPTEMBER 12 AT 6 PM for a pot-luck dinner at Ingrid Cuppage's home. Call 440-840-7175 for more information.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS SEPTEMBER 25-26. Donations may be brought to the stage during office hours (9 AM – 2 PM). **A second Express Drop-off is next Saturday, September 14, from 9 AM – NOON.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING BEGINS OCTOBER 2. The course, known as the Stephen Series, is a 50-hour in-depth look at Christian caregiving. Check out the display in Fellowship Hall for more details.

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 2 PM, Rev. Tracey Lind will present "DEMENTIA FROM THE INSIDE OUT" IN OUR SANCTUARY. Please take the insert in today's bulletin and give it to a friend or neighbor who might benefit from hearing this timely presentation. Extra publicity posters are available on the Hunt Table.

A LINK TO SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER'S WORSHIP GREETER SIGN-UP SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE under the MEMBERSHIP heading. Call the church office if you have questions.

SPONSORS FOR COFFEE HOUR TREATS ARE NEEDED. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall.

BUSY BEE CRAFT RETREAT IS SEPTEMBER 19-21 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2020 WORKCAMP JULY 5-11 IN PORT HURON, MI. Contact the Eavenson or Bliss families for more information

CE SUMMARY: AURORA MOMS CLUB playgroup begins tomorrow 10 AM; YOUTH GROUP meets next Sunday (9/15) at 6 PM; PLAY-N-WORSHIP begins Tuesday 9/17 at 10 AM; Reed Fuller is leading a study on the SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS at Our Lady of Perpetual Help beginning 9/19 at 12:30 PM and meeting weekly until 11/14. An adult study led by Reed on the GOSPELS AND WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT JESUS begins Sunday 9/22 at 9:30 AM (will meet the 2nd/4th Sundays); WEDNESDAY WOMENS FELLOWSHIP BOOK CLUB meets 9/25 at 7 PM; Daryl Koning is leading a SACRED RHYTHMS study that will meet Sundays at 5 PM for 6 weeks. Call Liz Sutter for more information.