



# 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

## We Gather in the Presence of the Risen Savior

**Prelude** | Vernon *by* Lucius Chapin

**Welcome + Announcements**

**Introducing “Wrestling Jacob”** | Jeff Charis-Carlson

### \*Call to Worship

We come to this place with different needs:

**some of us wrestling with problems that threaten to overwhelm us;**

some of us crying out for healing, for relevance, for refuge;

**some of us hungering for what God alone can provide.**

In this time and in this place,

**God is here and meets us face to face.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** | Come, O Thou Traveler *insert*, verses 1-4

## We Seek Renewal in God’s Presence

### \*Call to Confession

O God, hear our cries: for those who hunger, and those who are full; for those who need you desperately, and those who feel no need for you; for those who wrestle with the impact of being your blessed children; for those who are unaware of your offered blessing; and for concerns that are too difficult to express.

Hear our cries, O God of our salvation. Amen.

*Silence for personal confession*

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**Hymns + Songs** | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles — into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about. Yet we confess that too often we hold on because we do not want to loosen our grip on our possessions and our selfish desires. Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain — and be embraced — in the name of Christ. Amen.

### **\*Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news. God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant. Receive the bread of forgiveness and steadfast love. **Amen.**

### **\*The Peace** | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old - Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the passing of the peace. Children will be brought back to the Sanctuary during the Sending Hymn.*

## The Word of the Lord

**Psalm** | Psalm 17:1-7,15 *Bible*, pg. 431

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Lesson** | Genesis 32:22-31 *Bible*, pg. 26

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message, Part 1** | Wrestling God Rev. Dr. Matt Paul

**Congregational Hymn** | Come, O Thou Traveler *insert*, part 2, verses 1-2

**Message, Part 2** | A New Name Rev. Dr. Matt Paul

## Responding to the Word

### **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

*Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.*

**Offertory** | In Christ Alone

**\*Offertory Response** | Doxology *red hymnal*, #965

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

# The Lord's Supper

**Musical Invitation to the Table** | Thou Traveler Unknown    *setting by David. L Mennicke*  
*please join in singing the final stanza*

**Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou died for me!**  
**I hear Thy whisper in my heart;**  
**The morning breaks, the shadows flee,**  
**Pure, universal love Thou art;**  
**To me, to all Thy bowels move;**  
**Thy nature and Thy name is Love.**

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Music During Distribution** | Come, O Thou Traveler    *tune by Jim Curnow*

**My prayer hath power with God; the grace**  
**Unspeakable I now receive;**  
**Thro' faith I see Thee face to face,**  
**I see Thee face to face, and live:**  
**In vain I have not wept, and strove;**  
**Thy nature and Thy name is Love.**

**I know Thee, Savior, who Thou art.**  
**Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;**  
**Nor wilt Thou with the night depart.**  
**But stay and love me to the end,**  
**Thy mercies never shall remove;**  
**Thy nature and Thy name is Love.**

## **Prayers of the People + 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.**

# Sending

**\*Sending Hymn** | Come, O Thou Traveler    *insert, part 4*

## **\*Charge + Blessing**

**Postlude** | He Leadeth Me    *by James Curnow*

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*

*If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the worship service.*

## Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Matt Paul + Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *Pastors*

Jeff Charis-Carlson, *piano*; L'Engle Charis-Carlson, *violin*; Katelynn DeGroot, *flute*

Mark Beerends, Sarah Beerends, Steve Dunham, and Nelda Wittig, *vocalists*

(11:00) Becky Benson, *worship leader*

## Announcements

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

**Families with children and infants** are welcomed in our worship services. Worship materials for children are available on the bookshelves outside the sanctuary.

**Infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, also is downstairs.

**Connection Cards** are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name. As my next step today, I will . . .

- ◇ Share a story of a time when I wrestled with God about a deep spiritual issue.
- ◇ Meditate on how my encounters with God have left marks on me.
- ◇ Reflect on Psalm 17 and pray for others who are struggling with God.
- ◇ Memorize Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

**Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate or in the Prayer Request Box by the office door.

The **flowers** this morning are in praise for our church family from the McCues.

The next **Lunch with the Leaders** will be next **Sunday, August 13, at Noon** in the Calvin Conference Center.



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