

**July 17, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

(\* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

**PRELUDE** ADORATION - BOROWSKI  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** “Jesus, Stand Among Us” #222v. 1 (M)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist  
**(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**People: O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

Leader: He wraps himself in light as with a garment;

**People: he stretches out the heavens like a tent.**

Leader: and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

**People: He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.**

Leader: He makes winds his messengers,

**People: flames of fire his servants.**

Leader: He set the earth on its foundations;

**People: it can never be moved.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” #341

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Liturgist

Leader: All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Let us now admit that we too are included in that “all”. If we freely confess our sins, repent, and ask forgiveness – our Holy Father will forgive our sins. Together with the aid of the Holy Spirit, and fellowship with one another, let us now confess our sins.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Liturgist

All knowing and ever present God, Judge of the past, present, and future, though you are beyond our line of sight and we must walk by faith, we believe that you are always aware of us and what we do. We know we are on trial, being tested, our conduct under your scrutiny. We confess that we have failed in our behavior, actions, and deeds. We have even failed to love you in our hearts. As exiles, we are anxious to leave the testing grounds behind us, and to live with you beyond all danger of failure. Forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ and the goodness he shares with us.

*(Time of silent prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

(ROMANS 8:31-33) HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! WHAT, THEN, SHALL WE SAY IN RESPONSE TO THIS?

IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL – HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO, ALONG WITH HIM, GRACIOUSLY GIVE US ALL THINGS? WHO WILL BRING ANY CHARGE AGAINST THOSE WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN? FRIENDS, BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS! IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri #579*

**CHILDREN'S TIME** PAUL SEEFELDT

**SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**RESPONSE** *Be Calm My Soul* (Insert in front of Blue hymnal) v. 1

**SPECIAL MUSIC** WE SHALL GO OUT WITH HOPE OF RESURRECTION – SAWYER

VIOLIN SOLO - DR. ROSE MARY MASON

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NT READING: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43**

**NT READING: ROMANS 8:12-25**

**SERMON:** “Better Than Pets” Paul Seefeldt

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH** (Nicene Creed, ecumenical, Page 15)

**THE OFFERTORY** MORNING IN THE GARDEN – KOURY

**DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**\*Doxology** #592

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” #538

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE** “Find Us Faithful” on Screen

**\*POSTLUDE** RELIGIOUS PROCESSION - LORENZ

**Liturgist:** Mary Ann Irwin

**Organist:** Ann Voggesser

**Audio:** Bob Irwin

**Video:** Bob Irwin

**Choir Director:** Kristy Zenk

**Greeters:** Jayne, Don, & Robert Lyons

**Ushers:** Jayne Lyons

## Announcements

Pray for those in the military: Brandon Burns, Tyler Prussing, John Torres, Derrick Franck, and David Franck.

REMINDER: We encourage all members to pay their per capita of \$26.10 to the church at your earliest convenience, if you have not done so. Thank you.

### THIS WEEK:

Paul Seefeldt will be in the office and making calls Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the present time. If you need assistance, please give him a call. If you prefer a pastoral visit, please contact the office.

Today, July 17<sup>th</sup>: SUNDAE Sunday following worship  
F&O Meeting following Sundaes

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: MEN'S BREAKFAST at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Denison Care Center Service 10:00 a.m.

A summer picnic is planned for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, a noon meal at Yellow Smoke Park, Lakeside Shelter on south side of lake. It will be a bring your lunch (sack lunch, hamburger & fries, Subway, KFC, etc.) and we will meet at the park to eat together and share a time of fellowship. Drinks that will be furnished include iced tea and coffee. If you prefer something else, please bring it along. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN IN. See you there.

SALAD LUNCHEON is planned for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets for hosting a table and also providing a salad are in the hall across from the office.

PRAYERS FOR: Nancy Fitzgerald (sister-in-law of Steve & Deb Fitzgerald), Judy Fells, Wendy Fells (daughter-in-law of Ken & Judy Fells), Betty Fouts (sister of Vernon & Donna Kuehnhold), Scott Ferguson, Scott Jacobson, Garry Chapman, Max Martinson (grandson of Donna & Vernon Kuehnhold), Tami Frehse, Michele Olson, Barb Saunders, Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Chris Burgess, Sherm Bryant, tornado and flood victims, and all who are helping them.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Dale Saunders, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma, Leona Philipp, and our church family.