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Order of Worship **October 6, 2024—World Communion Sunday**

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

No. 188

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ryne Pentz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ryne Pentz

**Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us?
And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have
thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for crea-
tion into permission to dominate and subdue it.**

**We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other
people. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind
us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation,
and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made
known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Silence for individual confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ryne Pentz

Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

No. 591

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SOLO

Mark Ochu

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ryne Pentz

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Ryne Pentz

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

²One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and the accuser also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² The LORD said to the accuser, "Where have you come from?" The accuser answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth and from walking up and down on it." ³ The LORD said to the accuser, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴ Then the accuser answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶ The LORD said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." ⁷ So the accuser went out from the presence of the LORD and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die." ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 10 :13-16

Pastor Darin

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Where the Children Are Blessed"

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Darin

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

(on Screen)

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Ryne Pentz

Prayer of Dedication

Ryne Pentz

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Darin

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise. . . Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir, singing forever to the glory of your name:

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service. Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ryne Pentz

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

No. 515

*BLESSING

Pastor Darin

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (Oct. 6)

Ryne Pentz (Worship Leader), Gail Aalderks, Mike Rutter (Ushers), Linda Bettison (Greeter), Lori Smith, Rickie Espelien (Nursery), Mark Ochu (Musician), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Karen Ondracek (Audio), Tami Calhoun (Equal Exchange), **Connie Sandmann**, Karen Larson, Bob Butter, John Pike, Michael Rutter, Gail Aalderks, Mark Scholer, Brenda Espelien (Communion Servers)

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (all of October)

We can help the hungry in our community by donating non-perishable food and self-care items to this October's **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard**. Tables will be setup in the hallway by the pastor's wall photos, where you can leave your donations. Examples of items needed are: soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, dry cereal, boxed dinners, dish soap, shampoo, paper towels, etc. Please be careful to check that expiration dates have not passed, as we do not donate food that may no longer be good. Also, please donate only new, never been opened items. If you prefer to make a donation of money, please mark on your check that the money is for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in central Minnesota.

Breaking Bread Community Meal (Oct. 16)

Join us Wednesday, Night at 5:00 pm for Dinner. We will be having and enjoying soup. Watch for the signup in the main entrance. A free will offering will be taken, and college students eat for free. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

Prison Ministry Fellowship

We are seeking volunteers to serve weekly on Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the St. Cloud Correctional Facility Prison Chapel. Please pray for our team and those affected by crime and incarceration. Please contact Richard Lawrence at 320-260-9639 or email richlawrence66@gmail.com to volunteer.

LowerTown Schedule

Note the upcoming LowerTown Schedule for October. At Salem Lutheran Church Oct. 6 (10:30 am), at our church (FPC) on Oct. 13 (10:00 am)

Respectful Conversations (Oct 23)

The next respectful conversations is at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 pm. The Topic is "A Respect Conversation about this Election."

Mon., October 7

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group
7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting

Tues., October 8

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study
3:00 pm - Missions and Social Witness
4:30 pm - Property Meeting
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

Wed., October 9

9:15 am - Women's Book Study
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group
4:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Crusade Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Ring! Bell Choir Rehearsal

Calendar

Thur., October 10

3:00 pm - Men's Quintet

Fri., October 11

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

Sun., October 13

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship