

September 17, 2023 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am

PRELUDE "Claire de Lune"

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN UMH #347** "Spirit Song"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When our souls are trampled on, made too hard to bear fruit,

Let us gather.

When our hearts exclaim over God's word for a moment,
but never break open to let it sink in,

Let us gather.

When the cares of the world prick at and stifle our spirits like thorns,
leaving no room for joy or hope, not time for kindness or compassion,

Let us gather.

And when God comes, heals, cultivates in us hearts soft enough to
receive,

to nurture, to blossom

Let us gather to worship our Creator, our Redeemer, our sustainer.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, we gather in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.
Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit,
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundance of harvest of good words and deeds.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Teacher and Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive" Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Please sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children"
as the children come up & leave.)

OFFERTORY

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" Kayla Olson

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

God of the Universe, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, I can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents, and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

HYMN UMH #707

"Hymn of Promise"

***SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

SERMON

"Gone To Seed"

BAPTISM UMH #45

Covenant III
Indie Jo Smith

***CLOSING HYMN UMH #583**

"You Are the Seed"

***BENEDICTION**

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart. Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation. Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. **Amen.**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Closing Prayer"

***POSTLUDE**

***Please Stand**

Bold type indicates congregational response.
UMH is from The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS is from The Faith We Sing Hymnal

This morning's baptism:

Indie Jo Smith is the daughter of Shane and Paige Smith. Indie was born July 12, 2022, and welcomed home by big brother, Crew. Grandparents are Doug and Sue Evans and Paul and Janet Smith.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

- 8:15 am Chancel Choir Practice
- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Central De Vida Worship

Monday, September 18

- 9:30 am Stretch with Jan
- 11:00 am Wesley's Kitchen
- 6:30 pm Susanna Wesley Circle at Sharon Ross's
- 7:00 pm Ruth Circle at Church

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #544
- 7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

- 5:30 pm PK – 5th grade Christian Education
- 6:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 21

- 9:00 am Martha Circle

Friday, September 22

- 8:00 am Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 23

- 8:00 am Church Rummage Sale

Sunday, September 24

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship Time
- 10:45 am Finance Committee Meeting
- 11:00 am Central De Vida Worship



Estherville United Methodist Church



Pastor Kathy Kluis
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Sunday, September 17, 2023

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Acolytes: Ella Soper
Cross Bearer: Addison Hooge
Choir Director: Diane Blom
Music Director: Randy Yackle
Media Specialists: Larinda Mueller Nancy Anderson
 Kristen Ross Ryan Ross

GREETERS FOR TODAY:

Keith Kuchenbecker Susan Kuchenbecker Grace Spalding

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Larry Lair Pam Lair Karen Petersen

USHERS:

Brian Ross Tim Burrell Sue Truog
 Brandon Ross Suzanne West

Membership to date	602
Last Sunday	67
Same Sunday Last Year	122

The **Radio Broadcast** this morning is sponsored by Kalcey and Candace Harvey who are looking forward to everyone having a safe and bountiful harvest. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast the following dates are available: November 5, November 12, November 26, December 10, and December 24. Call the office to reserve your date, the cost is \$65.

If you are willing to help usher for funeral (as needed) please contact Diane Blom at 712-362-2021.

Gerry Boe is collecting plastic grocery bags of any color for **Midwest Missions** to make sleeping mats. She has a loom and there is a collection box in the hallway by the library hall under the table.

Media Team Needed! We are still looking for someone to train that would be responsible for Facebook streaming, running the sound system and managing the computer for visuals on the large screen. If you are interested in joining our media team, contact the office.

The **Worship Committee is needing volunteers for Sunday Greeters** for one family for March 10, 2024, and two families for May 19, 2024. Please call Kathy Culbertson at 712-209-1127 if you are willing to greet or even willing to greet twice in one year. Thank you!

JOYS & CONCERNS: Lynn Anderson, Jerry Thompson, Richard Baker, Barb Carlson's brother-in-law, John Klein, Ron Jacobsen, Roger Cassem, Randy Yackle, Ed Peterson and Audra Gruhlke.

Our Christian love and sympathy to Liz Graham and family on the death of her husband, John.

**EUMC RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AND SATURDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 23**

**Need Items --- Need Baked Goodies---Need WORKERS
 Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall**

Do not bring items until Sunday, September 17th.

Leave items in the library hallway.

Setup after Wesley's Kitchen on Monday, September 18th.

Take down at 12:00 a.m. (noon) Saturday, September 23rd.

No clothes or electronics.

Everything should be clean and in good condition.

Call the church office if you need help bringing items to church.

Wesley's Kitchen Free Meal

sponsored by the Outreach Committee

September 18th 11:00 am-12:30 pm

All are welcome to come & enjoy

Baked Potato Bar & Fellowship

If you would like to help with this event,

please sign up in the Fellowship Hall

or call the church office.

Susanna Wesley is selling **cookbooks for \$5.00** each. You may purchase them during church office hours or check with Mavis King.

Each Monday in October from 4:45-6:30 pm, Heidi and other committee members will be meeting to organize, move items, inventory Christmas decor and general de-clutter of the Education Wing. Please join us for this opportunity to organize and create a purpose for all spaces within our Education Wing. **This is a come and go event** so if you have 15 minutes or one hour, please stop by to help, we'll be happy to see you!

Newly Updated Needs Lists for Midwest Mission Kits:

Personal Hygiene Kits: 0 wash clothes, 0 toothbrushes, 0 soap, 2 hand towels, 43 shampoo, and 42 deodorants.

School Kits: 3 boxes of crayons, 27 rulers, 222 notebooks, 52 boxes of colored pencils, 43 erasers, 42 pencil sharpeners, 240 unsharpened pencils, and 38 scissors.

The Education Committee is looking for **volunteers to help with Christian Education classes and Youth Group on Wednesdays.** Christian Education will be PK – 5th Grade and will meet Wednesday at 5:30. Be sure to let Michelle Cole or the church office know if you are willing to volunteer.

Talk is bubbling up about **Trunk or Treat.**
What do you think, discuss it during coffee.

Please note, for all meeting and gatherings the only entrance available after 3 pm will be the South Parking Lot door.