

September 24, 2023 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am

PRELUDE *“Liebestraum”*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN UMH #110 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Well, here we are this day, gathered together so we can worship our God together.

Some of us here for the music, and some for the friends, and some for the cookies and coffee.

And we are all here because of God.

Now is the time to give thanks, to unload our hearts, to share our lives, and to hear the Story again.

So, friends, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Miraculous God,

come to us now,

even as your Son came

to those first disciples

on the shores of Galilee.

Speak your peace to our hearts.

Touch us with your Holy Spirit.

Reveal your word,

that we may hear your message this day,

and live as your disciples

in the days and years to come.

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“One Pair of Hands”

Video

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

(Please sing *“Jesus Loves Me”*
as the children come up & leave.)

OFFERTORY

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Almighty God,

giver of every good and perfect gift,

teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,

that we may praise you not with our words only,

but with our whole lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

HYMN UMH #98

“To God Be the Glory”

*SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:21-22

SERMON

“Growth”

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #133

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*BENEDICTION

Go out in the strength of God’s gracious gifts.

Live lives worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Stand firm in one spirit.

Strive with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

And may the power and the presence of God go with you.

May the Call of Christ lead you into fruitful labour.

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with the joy of grace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

.....**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

*Please Stand

Bold type indicates congregational response.

UMH is from The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS is from The Faith We Sing Hymnal

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.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, September 25

- Pastor's Sabbath
- 9:30 am Stretch with Jan

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

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

Sunday, October 1

- 8:15 am Chancel Choir Practice
- 9:30 am Worship with Communion
- 10:30 am Coffee & Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Central De Vida Worship
- 1:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry(Aspire)- Pastor Kathy
- 2:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry(Good Sam)- Pastor Kathy

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!

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



Estherville United Methodist Church

MARK 2:21-22

- ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

Pastor Kathy Kluis
Marlis Tribby, Worship Leader
Sunday, September 24, 2023

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Cross Bearer:		Moriah Reineke
Choir Director:		Diane Blom
Music Director:		Randy Yackle
Media Specialists:	Larinda Mueller	Nancy Anderson
	Kristen Ross	Ryan Ross

GREETERS FOR TODAY:

Larry Lair	Pam Lair	Karen Petersen
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GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Donna Brobst	Shelley Lindell	Ashley Woodyard
Amber Hall	Myla Hall	Kyran Hall

USHERS:

Brian Ross	Tim Burrell	Sue Truog
Brandon Ross	Suzanne West	

Membership to date	602
Last Sunday	75
Same Sunday Last Year	83

The **Radio Broadcast** this morning is sponsored by Mike and Deb Clague in celebration of their family’s birthdays this month: Stephanie, Caitlyn, Sarah, Matt, and Marilyn. 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.

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

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!

Wesley’s Kitchen Free Meal

sponsored by the Outreach Committee

October 16th 11:00 am-12:30 pm

**All are welcome to come & enjoy
Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup & Fellowship**
If you would like to help with this event,
please sign up in the Fellowship Hall
or call the church office.

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.

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.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, October 15th will be Blanket Sunday. Please consider giving money in honor of your children or grandchildren or just because. The blankets are only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth, and encouragement. Church World Service distributes the blankets to those in need world-wide. This is part of our Ingathering donations that go to Cherokee on November 4. Make your checks out to UMC and note they are for Ingathering blankets.

H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) PUPPETS

Interested in being a puppeteer? Come see what we are about! Monday, October 2nd from 6:30-7:30 pm at Pizza Hut. Open to kindergarten through adults. Under 16, bring parents to the meeting. Call 209-3462 with questions.