

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN”

Pastor Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We become a flavorful and peaceful community by sharing the gifts of our lives with the world. We are a compassionate and generous people, may we give joyfully.

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

“My God Bestow On Us His Grace”

S. Scheidt

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy One, make us and our gifts salt for the world. Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all. Bless our gifts of presence and treasure, that people may recognize you, Life-Giver, in our lives and in our world. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we have walked in peace with one another today.

People: We take this peace into our week.

Pastor: We have tasted the joy of sharing our burdens and our joys.

People: We will flavor our lives this week with compassion and love for others.

Pastor: In the name of God our Creator; in the peace of Jesus the Christ; and in the power of the Spirit go with God. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

No. 580, vs. 1 & 3

*POSTLUDE

“Praise Be To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

S. Schedit

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15AM**

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CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

J.G. Walther

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: There is tiredness deep in our bones;
People: We come to experience the rest of God.
Pastor: There is sadness deep in our souls;
People: We come to experience the gladness of the Lord.
Pastor: There is darkness and confusion deep in our minds;
People: We come to experience the light of the world.
Pastor: Yes, come let us experience our God.

HYMN "Help is Ours in the Lord" Clyde W. Wentzel
(Sung to the tune 'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' No. 474)

1. Help is ours in the Lord,
in his name, rich reward:
Saving life, giving hope, on our side.
There is naught we should fear,
with the Lord ever near.
Help is ours, in the name of the Lord.

2. Oh, to God, be all praise,
acting from ancient days,
Giving strength to the weak and distressed.
The oppressed were set free
as they passed through the sea.
Help is ours, in the name of the Lord.

3. With the Lord on our side,
our creator and guide,
We are helped every step of life's way.
Through the storms, through all strife,
God protects us through life.
Help is ours, in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As we gather this day for worship, we are called to take a good look at our ourselves.
People: With fear and trepidation we consider that task.
Pastor: Sometimes it seems easier to just lop off our past.
People: But we will look at who we are and who we have been.
Pastor: We are invited to do this for the healing of ourselves and others.
People: With God's help we will begin the task as we bow in worship.
Pastor: We worship the One who offers us grace upon grace.

OPENING PRAYER

O God who is self-knowledge: Grant us the grace to use our reflective abilities to take a clear-eyed look at ourselves and allow your grace to lead us to change; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

INTROIT "Something Beautiful" No.394

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Diana Spencer

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496, v. 1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496, v. 3

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 9:38-50

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70