

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Masisiwe Student Scholarships for 2024

During the month of October we will be requesting funds for 2023 scholarships for our Masisiwe children. We have been sponsoring their secondary school education since 2005. The last year of government schooling is 6th Grade. Our support makes a significant difference for their education. Last year we raised \$6,014 that benefited 20+ children! A Masisiwe parish committee determines who and how much each child receives depending on their potential and needs. Some remain in Masisiwe but the majority hope to attend Lutheran Secondary schools where board and room costs up to \$500 per year. Our mission teams have visited the schools in Bomalangi'ombe and Pommern. We have had many students advance beyond Form V into vocational school, college and seminary. This education benefits the entire village!

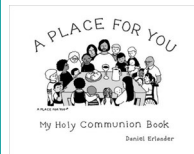
You can make your payment and/or pledge during Fellowship Hour on the October Sundays, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th. See Polly Morrison for student names and more details. Checks should be made out to CTK with Masisiwe Scholarship on the memo line. Any amount you can give is most appreciated. We need to send our CTK contribution to Bega Kwa Bega by November 15th.

Asante Sana!

Library Clean-up



Join Pastor Rebecca on **Tuesday, October 3** at 1:00pm to help clear out the library and prepare it for small groups to use for Bible studies or meetings. Wear your comfy clothes to move curriculum and furniture as we make the space inviting for all to use!



Holy Communion Exploration for All Ages

Communion is the gift of Jesus in bread and wine – all are welcome at God's table!

All are welcome to join in an exploration of Holy Communion using Daniel Erlander's book *A Place for You*. Children who are not yet receiving Holy Communion, their family, and anyone who wants to spend time exploring Jesus' invitation to his special meal are invited to join in the class. If you are interested in joining the class, talk to Pastor Rebecca to receive a copy of *A Place for You* to look over before October 4.

We'll meet on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm and Sunday, October 8 from 11 am – 1 pm (lunch provided).

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time will be recognized in worship on Sunday, October 15.



October 1, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Pastor Rebecca Sullivan
Music Leader Betsy Murray
LAM Trip Sullivan
Reader Sally Hesse
Communion Bonnie Jackelen, Polly Morrison
Acolyte Brianna Clapper, Alex Johnson
Ushers Scott & Beth Tradup
AV Mike Stepan, Janelle VanSloun
Altar Guild Ann Jonell, Kathy Felix, Sharon Scott
Hospitality Tom Sandhei, Bev & Bob Osborne, Lee Wood

**Please stand as you are able.*

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| PRELUDE | "Appalachian Air," by G. Martin | Betsy Murray |
| *CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS | | |
| *OPENING HYMN | "God Is Here!" ELW #526 vs. 1, 2 & 4 | Screen |
| *GREETING | | Screen |
| *PRAYER OF THE DAY | | Screen |
| SPECIAL MUSIC | "Lead Me, Lord," by S. Wesley | King's Choir |
| LESSON | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 | |
| PSALM | Psalms 25:1-9 (<i>read responsively</i>) | Screen |
| *GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | "Alleluia," setting 1, ELW p. 102 | Screen |
| *GOSPEL | Matthew 21:23-32 | |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH TIME | | Pastor Rebecca |
| SERMON | | Pastor Rebecca |
| *HYMN OF THE DAY | "O God, My Faithful God," ELW # 806 vs. 1-4 | Screen |
| *APOSTLES CREED | | Screen |
| *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | | |

Leader: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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After each petition:

Leader: . . . Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

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| *PEACE | | Screen |
| OFFERING | “Restoration,” by T. Birchwood | Betsy Murray |
| *OFFERTORY | “Reason To Live,” by J. Kjellberg | Screen |
| *OFFERING PRAYER | | Screen |
| *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | | |
| | <i>Pastor: The Lord be with you.</i> | |
| | All: And also with you. | |
| | <i>Pastor: Lift up your hearts.</i> | |
| | All: We lift them to the Lord. | |
| | <i>Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</i> | |
| | All: It is right to give thanks and praise. | |
| | <i>Pastor: It is indeed... and join their unending hymn:</i> | |
| SANCTUS: | “Holy, Holy, Holy,” ELW p. 108 setting 1 | Screen |
| *WORDS OF INSTITUTION | | |
| *THE LORD’S PRAYER | | Screen |
| DISTRIBUTION | “Lamb of God,” ELW p.191 setting 8 “We Come to the Hungry Feast,” ELW #479 “Let Us Break Bread,” ELW #471 | Screen |
| POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER | | |
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| *BLESSING | | Screen |
| *SENDING | “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth,” ELW #538 | Screen |
| *SENDING OUT | | |
| POSTLUDE | “New England,” by C. Curtis | Betsy Murray |

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

CTK PRAYER CONCERNS:

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

For the generous support of CTK’s ministries through time and treasure.
Thanksgiving for all the hands that made sandwiches. Blessings upon all who will be fed.
For the rain this last week as our drought-stricken land rejoiced.

THOSE GRIEVING:

For all those grieving the death of loved ones.

THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER:

For Kurt Wood, upcoming lung cancer surgery.
For Mike Jones, receiving treatment for kidney cancer.
For Lee Boyce, cancer treatment.
For Barb, (Jan Hamstead’s friend) in chemo treatment.
For Wendy Ness, thankfulness for being in remission, and for her brother, Paul Wagener, treatment for stage 3 melanoma.
Gary Kloos (friend of Julie Ramer) multiple tumors, aggressive cancer.
Harvey Schindler (family member of Sharon Scott), cancer.
Oliver, 12-year-old nephew of Julie (friend of Elida Olson), diagnosed with leukemia.
Robert Crane (nephew of Sandy Serier) receiving treatment.
Mark Peterson (son of Alvina Peterson), continued healing.

OTHER HEALTH ISSUES:

For Michele Murray’s uncle, Wally Williams who had a serious motorcycle accident and will be in the hospital for a very long time.
For Michael, friend of Sharon Scott, recovering from open heart surgery.
For Justin (Peggy & Terry Keohn’s son) as he returns to work and continues in his recovery.
For Dennis Felix, prayers for healing.
For Alana, Sue Kohler’s granddaughter, prayers for strength as her disease progresses.
For Corrine Erlandson’s sister Janice, for peace and pain relief.
Camden Astrup (great nephew of Beth & Scott Tradup) receiving the treatment he needs.
For Fletcher and Courtney McKinney, improvement in health.

GLOBAL CONCERNS:

For Armenians facing genocide in Artsakh.
For all victims of gun violence and all who seek to prevent such violence.
For our partner congregation in Masisiwe, Tanzania.

MILITARY CONCERNS:

LCpl Marine Wyatt Reeves, Elida’s grandson. Prayers for continued protection.

*Please remember to contact the church office to keep the continuing prayer list current.
Prayers listed in the bulletin will also appear on the website within the bulletin.