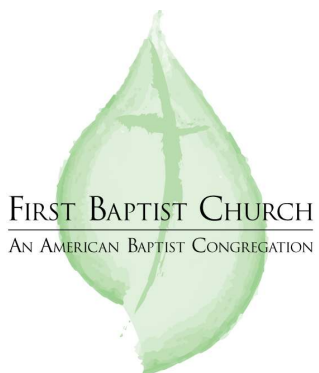




*"Jesus healed me; be healed"*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 30, 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion.*

- bell hooks

Gathering Music

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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“I Love to Tell the Story”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Anne Munsterman

Psalm 24

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King  
of glory may come in!

**People: Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King  
of glory may come in!

**People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!**

\* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 177)

“The King of Glory Comes”

PROMISED ONE

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 541 vs. 4)

“Heal Me, Hands of Jesus”

TAYLOR

**Fill me, joy of Jesus, anxiety shall cease**

**and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!**

Children's Sermon

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 544)

“When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart”  
RESIGNATION

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Siblings in Christ, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Be assured of that forgiveness.*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“He is Exalted”

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

\* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Mark 3.1-6

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
“Jesus Heals ... but Not How We Expect”

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 540)

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”  
YE BANKS AND BRAES

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

“The Trophy”

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Anne Musterman*

*Organist: Evelyn Falen Pianist (special music): Abram Rodenberg*

*Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Jim Lord / Sound: Glenn Prescott*

*Welcome Table: Laura McCorkill YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Rev. John Williams, recovering from surgery*

*Local Church: Trinity Lutheran Church*

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula, serving churches in Nebraska*

*International Ministries Missionary: Eric & Yuree Lembke, serving in Thailand*

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