



## *In This Issue*

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### From the Desk of Pastor Richard

This month in worship, we're focusing on the book of Psalms. This unique book consists of one-hundred-fifty individual psalms, which each center on things people said to God. What's interesting is that from all of these psalms, four patterns of speaking to God emerge.

The first pattern of speaking to God is to praise God by saying something like, "You're great." An example of this can be found in Psalm 8, which begins this way:

**NIV Psalm 8:1** LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Praise psalms such as this one acknowledge God's power and faithfulness and present them as truths about God's identity. As a result, they were regularly used in worship.

The second pattern of speaking to God is to cry out to God and say, "Help!" Psalm 3 is a perfect example of such a cry for help:

**NIV Psalm 3:1** LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!

Sometimes psalms like this were used in a community during a national crisis. At other times, an individual might rely on them when going through a time of personal crisis. Imagine the comfort these words would bring to individuals and their families when going through a difficult time!

The third pattern of speaking to God is to say, "I trust you." One of the most well-known examples of this is Psalm 23:

**NIV Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

People often used psalms like this to express confidence that God would protect them, especially when they felt surrounded by their enemies.

The fourth pattern of speaking to God is to respond and say, "Thank you." We see an example of this in Psalm 30:

**NIV Psalm 30:1** I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

A characteristic of "thank you" psalms is that they tell the story of what God has done on behalf of the people.

These different patterns of speaking to God are a reminder that we, too, are invited to praise God, to cry out when in distress, to express confidence that God is with us, and to say "thank you" to God for blessing us in so many ways, most specifically, through Jesus.

Pastor Richard

## A Message from Pastor Will Called to Be - God's People

In Mark 3:13-30, Jesus "appointed twelve so that they might be with him and might send them out to preach." He called them apostles (messengers) to preach and "have authority." It's interesting because this number 12 occurs throughout the Old and New Testament and in fact, the Apostles themselves would have recognized how significant this "calling of the twelve" was! Jesus was calling them with the same purpose God called the twelve tribes of Israel in Exodus. Jesus was calling the apostles to be His people in the Kingdom of God.

The twelve tribes of Israel were God's special set apart people through whom salvation and restoration would come to the world. And this plan of salvation reached its winning moment in Jesus' death and resurrection. God's kingdom had begun on earth! But this call to be God's set apart people didn't end with those twelve apostles. No! Those apostles carried God's Word to others. More and more people received what God had done through Jesus Christ. People began to see the freedom they had in being God's people through Jesus, too!

These new people - God's New Kingdom people - are the church. As we consider what it means to be the church today, we cannot ignore the call to be God's People here and now. As God's people, much like the tribes of Israel, we are given the Kingdom task of carrying out that Good News to others. As salvation came through Israel, salvation through Jesus is now proclaimed to others through us.

Even more so, as God's people, we share in the inheritance promised to Abraham, Jacob, and his descendants! We received the promise that God is coming to restore creation that we might be with Him as He dwells with us. In other words, we get to "be with Him. (v. 14)"

If we are God's people, what are the ways we can be God's people - be His church - to our neighbors and our family? In many ways, the answer becomes "purpose." Our everyday lives become one filled with the purpose of glorifying God and sharing His gifts whatever we may do, and wherever we may be. In other words, we don't drop everything to pursue a "churchier" existence. Instead, our everyday lives become ones in which we are always sharing what Christ has done for us through our words and actions, that others might become God's people, too.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Will

## Walgreens Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, September 26, 2021  
9:30 am-12:00 pm

Walgreens will be providing **FLU SHOTS**  
at Hope Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Center

*No Appointment necessary*  
*Bring your Medicare/Insurance card*  
*and Drivers License/ID card.*

**PLEASE GET YOUR FLU SHOTS  
EARLY THIS YEAR!**

*If you have any questions call Sheila at*  
**239-919-2295**

## Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention

- Ease stress
- Build strength
- Reduce pain
- Improve balance



**8 Week Workshop**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays - Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:00am – 10:00am**

**Location: Hope Lutheran Church**  
**25999 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs**

**Call or Email to Register!**  
**239-652-6914**  
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## BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Hite	Sep 1
Tom Steen	Sep 2
Tom Headington	Sep 4
Nacy Benjamin	Sep 5
Julie Schafer	Sep 5
Ken Stuff	Sep 5
Criag Bonar	Sep 7
Erik White	Sep 11
Casey Monti	Sep 12
Bill Minor	Sep 12
Mike Liesmann	Sep 14
Kurt Paternooga	Sep 14
Gloria Knautz	Sep 15
Jan Pordon	Sep 15
Sharan Weickelt	Sep 16
Dee Peet	Sep 18
Lynda Rehse	Sep 19
Glen Lose	Sep 20



Susan Vosberg	Sep 20
Diane Pierce	Sep 22
Jan Boerman	Sep 23
Karen Evenson	Sep 23
Susan Schwinn	Sep 23
Seaver Argabright	Sep 25
Joan Davis	Sep 25
Shari Mink	Sep 25
Jan Jonas	Sep 26
Sue Kammer	Sep 26
Chuck Wolkerstorfer	Sep 26
Alberta Schafstall	Sep 27
Paul Clark	Sep 28
Karen Larson	Sep 28
Pam Wilmer	Sep 28
Roger Sonnenberg	Sep 30
Elaine Walsman	Sep 30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Anne and Jim Gienapp	Sep 2
Doug and JoAnn Pedersen	Sep 3
Alberta and Rich Schafstall	Sep 5
Beatrice and Ronald Maassen	Sep 7
Dennis and Karen Berens	Sep 9
Craig and Wendy Bonar	Sep 12
Mike and Vicki Liesmann	Sep 12
Jean and Paul Geiwitz	Sep 14



Debbie and Jim Foerster	Sep 15
Del and Phil Jennings	Sep 21
Lyle and Margene Angerer	Sep 22
Giacinto and Sonia Sciallis	Sep 23
Beverly and Roy McTarnaghan	Sep 24
Gloria and Lyle Raguse	Sep 24
Denny and Jan Derbyshire	Sep 28

### In Loving Memory

of

**Bob Reiske**

*Born: March 31, 1933*

*Died: July 23, 2021*

*We extended our sympathy  
to his family.*



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# UPDATED COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL:

*Reservations are no longer required.*

*Masks are no longer required for those who have been vaccinated.*

Masks continue to be required for those who have not been vaccinated. We continue to practice physical distancing during worship. Those with underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to wear masks. We encourage socializing outside before and after worship.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

