## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might. <sup>2</sup> Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. Psalm 54:1-2

**PRELUDE Debbe Picerno** 

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God loves us with a steadfast love.

P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

L: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

P: Let us believe and have eternal life!

L: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

P: Let us have faith to receive this grace!

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**OPENING PRAYER** 

\*HYMNS

"In Christ Alone"

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 572

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. You say you will give us rest, yet we don't always believe it. Forgive us for being distracted by our doing. Instead of finding rest in Your being. Help us to put aside our tasks so that we might find our rest in you. Forgive us for all we have done that draw us away from your kingdom and that which we have left undone for your glory. May we receive the gift of your grace. Amen. (Silent Confession)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

"We Will Glorify" \*CONFESSION RESPONSE: No. 301

**CALL TO OFFERING** 

#### **OFFERTORY**

\*OFFERING RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eves Upon Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

**ANTHEM** "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 4:18-22** 

"God's Hidden Gifts" **SERMON** Tim Rausch

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The Power of the Cross" \*HYMN

**POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno** 

Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Cora, Sadie, Graceyn & Adalee **Greeters:** 

Welcome Desk: Cora Murtha

**Childcare:** Katie Schultz

**Liturgist:** Molly Tarr

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
10 AM	Worship	
11 AM	Sunday School	
6 PM	Youth Group	
6 PM	Women's Bible Study	
6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study	
1 PM	Quilting	
6:30 PM	Choir	
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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-**Starting tomorrow September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Men's bible class will begin a study of Ezra/Nehemiah. The men meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month in either Room 15 or the prayer room at 6:30 PM.

**CALLING ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS-** Every year we give our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students a Bible as a continued act of discipleship in their life. We will be presenting Bibles on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader or a child that is older that hasn't received a bible from the church, please reach out to Laura Franklin <u>kidsmin@meridianpres.org</u> to be added to our list.

**SAVE THE DATE**- All Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, join us as we focus on "Letting Go" Philippians 3:7-14, sign ups and more information coming soon.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

**FISHBONE SIGNUP-** We will be hosting a Fishbone dinner on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, along with a work and care project on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. There are signup sheets in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies.

**HYGIENE KITS-** We will be packing hygiene kits on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> after worship. There will not be Sunday School. Please signup if you would like to help pack. Lunch will be provided.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**- Dave Freund will be leading an adult bible study on Daniel in Parker Hall following worship.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**- Will not meet this Wednesday.

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