

PRAYER REQUESTS

****Ellis, grandson of Jen Olejniczak
****The family of Donald Walters, uncle to Dave Walters
****Mary, aunt to Bob Miskimins
****Kathe Stennis, family to Brenda Hendry
****Lori Seigfried, friend of Dave & Gina Franklin
****The family of Gene Fort, friend of Jill Newsom
***Barb Langton, sister-in-law to Carol Lair
***Sue Mayberry, friend of Kris & Debbie Olson
***Jeff Hetzel, son-in-law to Marcia Matthews
**Brian Kooy, friend of Brenda Hendry
**Darlene Lang
**Natalie Gouwens, friend of Jon Lair
**Caitlin Musick, friend of Jon Lair
*Rene & Richard Taylor, sister to Debbie Olson
*Joyce Vrabel
Matthew Moss, son to Colleen Moss
Richard Butts, friend of Susan Bryce and Rick Hickey
Jon, grandson of Marcia Matthews
Sadie Kartikous, aunt to Doug White

Senior Pastor—Rev. Denise Robinson
Pastor of Youth & Family—Rev. Becky Sundquist
Today's Liturgist—Mary Lou Mybeck
Music—Jill Newsom
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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:
Dining with Jesus
Invites Can Be Complicated



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

9:00am Traditional Worship at Ridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE & WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us open our time of worship this morning by reminding ourselves that we are here because at some time Christ called to us.

Even though we are unworthy, Christ invites us to this place where all are welcome.

We are not here because of our goodness.

We are here because of Christ's grace.

We are not here to enlighten one another.

We are here to allow Christ to enlighten us.

We have not come to be entertained.

We have come to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #340 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needed v1-4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Becky Sundquist

OFFERING Go Into The World Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING OVER OFFERING

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG #2152 Change My Heart Oh Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 5:27-32

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes

were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; ³² I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

Dining With Jesus
Jesus Will Eat With Anybody

Rev. Denise Robinson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#338 Where He Leads Me v1-4

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE *As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Room, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers—Donated by Linda & Alex Ehlebracht in honor of Barb & (late) Phil's anniversary.

Weekly Studies—Starting today and each Sunday following the 9am Traditional Service, we begin the study of "Integrity of Faithful Living". These weekly studies are open to everyone and are held in room 104. For additional information contact Wes Lukoshus.

Reclaim, Revive, Renew with Rev. Chris Danielson—Participants will have the opportunity to restore their soul and learn practices for the journey ahead on September 14th at Church Of The Four Seasons UMC in Crown Point from 2pm—5pm. Register at <https://inumc.swoogo.com/R3North091424>.

RAFT—Fellowship and a pizza lunch will be at Aurelio's of Munster on September 19 at noon. Enjoy casual conversation with Pastor Denise. Sign-up on the RAFT bulletin board.

Meditation by Firelight—We hope you will join us on Thursday, September 19 at 6 pm for our first Meditation by Firelight at the Ridge firepit (in the back of the church), reveling in the enchanting atmosphere of soulful meditation. Food will be provided: hot dogs, chips and S'mores. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Seating is limited but you can bring your own chairs. We are looking for someone to operate the hot dog machine we have, which is very simple to run. RSVP no later than September 17th.

Attendance—Please let us know that you are here by completing the [Blue Gather](#) card and any additional information.

* *You are invited to remain seated or stand as you are able.*

