

THE APOSTLES' CREED, p.19 in the front of the red hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #460 "How Can I Thank You God"



SERIES: EXODUS: "BY GOD'S MIGHTY HAND"

TODAY: "YOUR GRACE-PLACE WITH GOD"
(Exodus Chapter 33, Select verses)

After the message, "Create in Me," found on p. 20

THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER, page 20, followed by the blessing.

CLOSING HYMN: #434 "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Look who's celebrating a birthday this week—if you see them wish them a "Happy Birthday!" **Sept.17**—Amy Danke; **Sept.19**—Samantha Dederling; **Sept 21**—Christian Ashauer, David Thiel; **Sept 22**—Ben Kohler; **Sept 23**—Joe Heise.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

September 10 th Plate Offerings	\$1,766.50
Weekly Electronic Offerings	164.50
Total Offerings this past week =	\$1931.00

OFFERINGS YTD (37 wks)	\$80,791.00
AMOUNT NEEDED YTD =	84,804.00
YTD SHORTFALL	(\$4,013.00)

AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,292.00

FINAL BILL FOR WELL REPAIR: The remaining cost for well repair is \$2700.20. Regular operating expenses in September will leave us with a projected balance of \$1,810.41. Special offerings are still needed to pay the final bill for well repair.

TOPIC IN THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY: The first segment of our off-and-on-again series this year: "Answering Skeptics.". Today we'll address a question about God and religion raised by Aaron Rogers in a recent ESPN interview (*Downstairs in the education wing after church*). **Sunday, Sept.24th Topic:** We'll take a look at the teaching of community churches & mega churches.



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WORSHIP TODAY...

Today is the last sermon in our Exodus sermon series (**Theme: "By His Mighty Hand"**). We're in chapter 33 today to consider how our place with God in his kingdom is by grace. You know when you've arrived because you enjoy his presence and the spiritual rest he brings us through Christ. Welcome to your grace-place!

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE, p.15 in the front of the red hymnal.

HYMNS: #345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Psalms 121, page 112 (Sing in unison)

#460 "How Can I Thank You God"

#434 "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: "Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." (Sing: Amen)

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 33 (Select verses) Moses pleads for God to go with them with his presence on their journey to the Promised Land. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants...' ³ Go up to the land flowing with milk and

honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.” ⁴When the people heard these distressing words, they began to mourn and no one put on any ornaments. ⁵For the LORD had said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites, ‘You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go with you even for a moment, I might destroy you. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you.’” ⁶So the Israelites stripped off their ornaments at Mount Horeb. ⁷Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. ¹⁰Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. ¹¹The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’” ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” ¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 121, page 112 (*Sing in unison*)

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-8 *Living sacrifices--that's what our lives are like--thank offerings given up to God from those who know Christ's sacrificial love for us.* "Therefore, I urge you, brothers

and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *Alleluia! "Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart." Alleluia! (Jeremiah 15:16)*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 16:21-26 *Peter misses the point of the cross of Christ, and therefore the whole point of his life, too. It's confusing to everyone at first--Christ's cross kills and saves all at the same time. It also sets the pattern for our lives of sacrificial thanksgiving to him.* ²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?