

*A church that feels like Home,  
A congregation that feels like Family...*

# Central Church

Jefferson City, MO



**September 19, 2021**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**“Rally Day”**  
**10:00 a.m.**

(\* – Indicates please stand, as you are able.)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Kol Nidrei” - Bruch*

**\*HYMN**                    *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*                    #8  
(Organ Introduction)

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

**Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing,**

because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

**For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.**

They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer,**

but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

**Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?**

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

**But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.**

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

**keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.**

For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

**For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Jason Abbott

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES &  
CONSECRATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (Esther Abbott)**

Genesis 3:6-8

Isaiah 53:4-6

Proverbs 7:24-27

1 Peter 1:7

James 1:1-18 (Rev. Jason Abbott)

**SERMON**      "Suffer with Hope and Joy"      Rev. Jason Abbott

**A CREED OF SUFFERING**

**We believe that the God of all grace, who called us to his eternal glory in Christ, after we have suffered a little while, will himself restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.**

(1 Peter 5:10)

**We believe that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18)**

**We believe that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)**

**We thus believe that whenever we face trials of many kinds, we can have joy because we know that the testing of our faith produces perseverance and perseverance finishes its work so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

(James 1:2-4)

**And, we believe these things because in all things, even and especially in suffering, God works for the good of those who love him. (Romans 8:28)**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**\*HYMN**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

**\*POSTLUDE**    *“Three Verses from the Te Deum” - Anonymous*

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***Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.***

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**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**  
**September 19–26**

TODAY:	Rally Day	
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children’s Sunday School	10:15am
	All-Church Picnic	11:00am
TUES:	Elenor Circle	1:00pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Congregational Life Ministry	10:00am
	Card Games	1:00pm
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15pm
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
FRI:	Oktoberfest German Meal	4:30pm
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children’s Sunday School	10:15am

**Worship attendance last Sunday: 132**

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Nancy from Walt Rottmann.

**Bulletins** are given in honor of my nieces, Laura Miserez, Chloe Bagnull, and Bailey Higgins, who dream dreams, achieve goals and continue to inspire me with who they are and who they are becoming, from their Uncle Alan.

**Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ronald F. Thoma**, son of Ron and Ellen Thoma, who passed away September 12, 2021.

**Please pray for our members, family and friends:**

Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Beckett Karr, Jimmy Fairchild, Lee Thompson, August Begemann, George Seifert, Allen & Barb Schmutzler, Janet Miller, Lonnie Schneider, Jo Ann Roberts, Gladys Gladden, Paul LePage, Shirley Ernst, Tamara Martin, Corrine Beakley, Mary Lou Vieth, Danny Harper, Family of Ronald Thoma

**Offering Baskets** are located at the back of the sanctuary, and up front by the doors next to the chancel platform for you to place your offering envelopes.

**85+ BIRTHDAYS – September:**

Norma Farley (9/06)  
1810 St. Mary's Blvd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Elroyd Renfrow (9/14)  
680 Oak Creek Ct.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Jim Norment (9/30)  
3903 Route J  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**UPDATE FROM SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE RE: WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:**

- Masks optional (following CDC's latest guidelines); those who have not had the vaccination are encouraged to consider wearing a mask for their protection.
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet.

**Young Youth group for K-5th graders has started back with our Wednesdays after school.** Join us whenever your school gets out for food and fun, faith and fellowship, as we build relationships with God and each other. We always include a 20-30 minute Bible lesson and activities, and also share dinner together. If you have friends or family with kids in that age range, they are absolutely welcome to join us. Come any time after 3:00 p.m. and we end at 6:00 p.m. Contact Rene at 694-6022 with questions.

**Volunteers needed for Young Youth on Wednesdays** – You don't have to "do" anything but enjoy the Bible lesson, but we need two adults per our Safe Church Policy. You would be needed roughly 5:00-5:30 p.m., but you are welcome to come for the afternoon. What a great way to be reminded of different Bible stories that you might have forgotten about! Please pick out a week that you can help.

**CROP Walk for Hunger** – Rev. Armin and Norma Klemme will be participating in the CROP Walk one more year which takes place on Sunday, October 10. Norma shared, "In this year of 2021, when there are so many needs, we will humbly wait to see, but

any bit that is given will be multiplied by God's grace, and it will bless someone, somewhere. Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!" Norma will be doing the walking. Let us all get behind our wonderful friend and wife of a former Central Church pastor, and support her CROP Walk. Please send your check to Armin and Norma Klemme, 724 South Oak St., Union, MO 63084. Make checks payable to CROP or to Norma Klemme. You may also give your donation to Ruth Long, and she will see that they receive it.

**The 2021 Oktoberfest German Meal, on Friday, Sept. 24,** will officially be available this year, and held from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. ***It will be DRIVE-THRU only!*** There will be NO dine-in due to the Delta Variant of COVID. We need your help! Please complete the volunteer sign-up sheet in the bulletin and place it in the offertory plate by Sunday, Sept. 19. We'll need desserts as "surprise" food items not listed on our flyers and posters. Please note there are only four kinds of desserts (apple pie, cherry pie, chocolate cake, or white/yellow cake). Gary Woodward is in charge of directing the drive-thru traffic. See Gary if you would like to help him. Freda Maness is in charge of the desserts. Pam Schmutzler and Patti Schmutzler are in charge of food preparations along with many other ladies. The Brotherhood crew will be grilling.

**Please remember to turn in your Oktoberfest volunteer sheet by today, September 19.** If you have any questions, see Patti Schmutzler. Patti will also have advance tickets for sale for those who want to purchase them ahead.

**2021 OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**

***TURN IN COMPLETED SIGN-UP SHEET BY SEPT. 19***

**PLEASE CHECK ITEMS WHERE YOU CAN HELP:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Make the German potato salad on Thursday, Sept. 23.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with preparing the other food on Friday, Sept. 24.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with cutting/packaging/replenishing the pies and cakes on Friday, Sept. 24.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Work outside helping with drive-thru traffic.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with taking meal orders.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with serving the carry-out trays.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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**2021 OKTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET  
(cont.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with delivering the carry-outs to cars.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with clean-up, starting at 6:30 p.m. until completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bring PIES: # \_\_\_\_\_ of Apple Pies

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Cherry Pies

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bring CAKES: # \_\_\_\_\_ of Chocolate Cakes

# \_\_\_\_\_ of White/Yellow Cakes

Bring your desserts to the church gym on Thursday & Friday between 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon.

\*\*\*Cash donations for purchasing pies will be accepted and can be given to Freda Maness (573-619-3107).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

***TURN IN COMPLETED SIGN-UP SHEET BY SEPT. 19***

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SANDER'S FARM FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, October 9**  
**2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

There will be food, a campfire, fishing, music,  
pumpkin painting/carving, games,  
and possibly a hayride,  
for the young and old alike!!

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here! We would love to have you become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community.

Senior Pastor .....	Rev. Dr. Jason Abbott
Ministers .....	Every Member
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director .....	Rene Miserez
Organist .....	Shirley Klein

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