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9:30 AM



PSALM 16

Preserve me, O God, For in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

IN HONOR OF GREG AND JANICE SCHAAG'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

GIVEN IN HONOR OF HOPE COMFORT DOG ON HER NINTH BIRTHDAY AND HER RETIREMENT WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR HOPE'S MINISTRY AND HER FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS.

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card. Acknowledgments

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	6/1/2025	6/8/2025	6/15/2025	6/22/2025	6/29/2025
9:30 am Worship	Russ Couch Bill Smith	Bill Smith Steve Buchtrup	Greg Schaag Tim Lambert	Russ Couch Glenn Jones	Russ Couch Glenn Jones
Readers	6/1/2025	6/8/2025	6/15/2025	6/22/2025	6/29/2025
9:30 am	David Barnett	Brennan Lambert	Greg Sinatra	Laura Calfee	Ron Shultheiss

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	6/1/2025	6/8/2025	6/15/2025	6/22/2025	6/29/2025
9:30 am	127/120	137/133	117/103	131/119	
Sunday School	23	28	22	27	
Monthly Budget	\$51,200	\$51,200	\$51,200	\$51,200	\$51,200
Weekly Giving	\$9,438	\$11,221	\$19,709	\$5,197	\$
On-Line Giving	\$3,957	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$13,395	\$24,616	\$44,325	\$49,522	\$

AS WE GATHER

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

Christ is our Cornerstone

LSB 912

♪ 1. Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

2. Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.

3. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

INVOCATION

LSB 151

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Thus says the Lord God: "I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,

that it may bear branches and produce fruit.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord;

I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,

dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.

I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have no made Your ways our ways.

For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.

Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.

For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.

For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord. For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 KINGS 19:9–21

Behold, the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of

Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,
He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward

Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

- ♪ **1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation
By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**
- 2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**
- 4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**
- 5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won. O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.**

SERMON

A Fruitful Future

Galatians 5

REV. DR. GREGORY S. WALTON

Thank you, Pastor Walton, for being with us and sharing the Lord's Word!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For your convenience, we now accept gifts via Venmo or PayPal.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

(Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you).

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table

LSB 618

- ♫ 1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain
Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!
2. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
4. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

**5. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain**

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

**♪ 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior, Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LSB 643

**♪ 1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Amen.