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9:30 AM

EVEN IN DARKNESS



I SEE HIS LIGHT

PSALM 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

IN HONOR OF TOM YARGER BY MARILYN YARGER, PAM PATTERSON,
IN CELEBRATION OF JILL & GREG'S 36TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BY JILL MUSGROVE

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	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am Worship	Vinny Caracci Tim Lambert	Steve Buchtrup Russ Couch	Bill Smith Ward Irvin	Tim Lambert Ron Shultheiss
Readers	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am	Danette Smith	Russ Couch	Brennan Lambert	David Barnett

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.

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025
9:30 am	142/137	98/89		
Sunday School	34	18		
Monthly Budget	\$52,300	\$52,300	\$52,300	\$52,300
Weekly Giving	\$21,145	\$5,689	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$3,839	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$24,984	\$30,673	\$	\$

AS WE GATHER

We try to exercise our freedom and planning, but God's way is always better. It was better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading and gets Mary's attention in the Gospel. It was still taking some time for the new believers of Colossae to fathom that God had done so much for them in Christ. And when their friends found the treasure of the Gospel, they, too, must have laughed that God had such gracious plans for them, plans that are always better than they imagined.

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds The Skies

LSB 807

♪ 1. When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

2. When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" God's holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

3. No lovelier antiphon In all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the_ eternal Word
The_ eternal psalm is heard: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

4. Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

5. Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

INVOCATION

LSB 151

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

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,

in order to present you holy and blameless

and above reproach before Him.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,

and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word

and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;

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

Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?"

The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:21-29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord.

so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

- ♩ 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

SERMON

PASTOR KRUGER

Thank you, Pastor Kruger, 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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(A time of silence for personal prayer.)* **hear our prayer.**

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Jesus Comes Today With Healing

LSB 620

- ♩ 1. Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
3. Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.
4. God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
5. Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
6. Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

LSB 658

- ♩ 1. Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.
2. Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite; Convince, convert, enlighten
The souls in error's night. Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.

**3. Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood; Protect what You have chosen
Against the hellish flood. Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.**

**4. Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.**

**5. Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock. Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright; Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.**

DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith
toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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

Lord Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857

**♫ 1. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

**2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.**

**3. No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.**

**4. You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.**

**5. Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Amen.