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9:30 AM

Make a
joyful
noise unto the LORD *all ye lands.*
Serve the LORD with **gladness**
come before His presence with *singing.*
Know ye that the LORD **HE IS GOD:**
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**
and into His courts with praise:
be *thankful* unto Him, and bless His name.:
For the LORD is **good**
His mercy is everlasting;
and His truth
endureth to *all generations."*

psalm 100

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

IN MEMORY OF PARENTS BY CAROL SEELMAN

IN MEMORY OF TIM RUTZ FIRST ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN BY JUDY RUTZ

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	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
9:30 am Worship	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Glenn Jones Ron Shultheiss	Ward Irvin Tim Lambert	Steve Buchtrup Greg Sinatra	Ward Irvin Greg Schaag
Readers	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
9:30 am	Stacy Sinatra	Brennan Lambert	Ward Irvin	Jon Wareham	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	7/27/2025	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
9:30 am	104/97					
Sunday School	N/A					
Monthly Budget	\$52,300	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Weekly Giving	\$12,436	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$51,416	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

AS WE GATHER

Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

Opening Hymn

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

**♪ 1. God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple;
All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His Name forever!**

**2. God himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding. "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your church now raises.**

**3. Fount of every blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit. Like the holy angels,
Worshipping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Almighty God,

You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions,

experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). We receive the riches of God’s forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of 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. Lord Jesus, You have set us free and made us a new creation, renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator. Empower us to live this new life in our families, with our friends, and to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the riches You graciously give us; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life And Let It Be

LSB 783

- ♪ **1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

SERMON

Rich Towards God

PASTOR CALEB KRUSE

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

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.

COMMISSIONING AND INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

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.)

Please Stand

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

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

- ♪ 1. Lord of Glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

Amazing Grace

LSB 744

- ♪ 1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
2. The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

- ♪ **1. Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.**
- 2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.**
- 3. Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.