

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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873 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

CW 873

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
from your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
unawares o'ertaken;
for the foe,
well we know,

is a harvest reaping
while the saints are sleeping.

- 2 Watch against the devil's snares
lest asleep he find you;
for indeed no pains he spares
to deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey
oft are they
who secure are sleeping
and no watch are keeping.
- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
with its lies defeat you
lest with bold deceptions hurled
it betray and cheat you.
Watch and see
lest there be
faithless friends to charm you
who but seek to harm you.
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
lest with grace you trifle;
let not self your thoughts control
nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin
lurk within,
all your hopes to shatter;
heed not when they flatter.

Please rise for the final stanza

5 But while watching also pray
to the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
strength and faith increasing,
so that still
mind and will
shall unite to serve him
and forever love him.

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

***Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

²⁰So the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know.”

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Abraham approached him and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked?”

²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord.

²⁸What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?"

He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

³⁰He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

³²He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"
He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

138 Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing

Psalm 138

- 1 Your praises, God, I'm bringing;
my heart with joy is singing
its thanks for gifts outpoured.
Now, in your presence kneeling,
again for grace appealing,
in quietness I wait your word.
- 2 When deepest need had felled me,
your steadfast love upheld me;
my urgent prayer you heard.
When trouble sore assailed me,
your mercy never failed me.
You strengthened me and I endured.
- 3 Though you, O God, are holy,
yet you regard the lowly
and raise them from the dust.
Your promise holds forever:
"I will forsake you never!"
My God, my rock, in you I trust.

4 All peoples shall acclaim you,
and worshiping shall name you
the God of time and space.
And I will join my praises
with hymns the whole world raises
to you, the God of boundless grace!

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order
that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all
godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the
sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be
saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For
there is one God and one mediator between God and
mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a
ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.
⁷For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an
apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of
the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11:9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

¹On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

⁵He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ ⁷And the one inside replies, ‘Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.’ ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold

persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

¹¹“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

725 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

CW 725

1 Hear us, Father, when we pray,
 through your Son and in your Spirit.
By your Spirit's Word convey
 all that we through Christ inherit,
that as baptized heirs we may
truly pray.

- 2 When we know not what to say
 and our wounded souls are pleading,
 may your Spirit, night and day,
 groan within us interceding;
 by his sighs, too deep for words,
 we are heard.
- 3 Jesus, advocate on high,
 sacrificed on Calv'ry's altar,
 through your priestly blood we cry:
 hear our prayers, though they may falter;
 place them on your Father's throne
 as your own.
- 4 By your Spirit now attend
 to our prayers and supplications,
 as like incense they ascend
 to your heav'nly habitations.
 May their fragrance waft above,
 God of love.

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Sermon

I Timothy 2:1-7

God Wants All People to be Saved

I. So pray about it (1-4)

II. So preach about it (4-7)

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
 oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
 ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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(Stand)

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.**

Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to
you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.**

Amen.

719 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719

- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray
as once the Twelve you taught,
for we can never find the words
to praise you as we ought.
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray
when cares distract the mind.
Help us to wait in quietness,
a calmer spirit find.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray;
rekindle faith's bright flame,
until our faith leaps up again
to speak and praise your name.
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray;
remind us day by day
that you wait eagerly to hear
before we think to pray.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 07/27/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service
Sunday 07/27/2025.....10:15 AM Voter's Meeting
Monday 07/28/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service
Sunday 08/03/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 08/04/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 72, Communed: 66
Monday Service: 21, Communed: 18

Our Time to Our Lord

Voters Meeting: Please note that the voter's meeting is scheduled for **TODAY** following the worship service. One of the items on the agenda will be the consideration of changing Article V, Section 2 in the by-laws. This change will allow assistant financial secretaries to be appointed rather than elected.
Elders Meeting: The elders will meet on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30.

Mowers of the Lawn Needed: Mower, gas, and a trimmer will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please see Josh Denniston. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board near the secretary's office.

Meditations: The newest issue of Meditations is in. They are under the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. Please

cross your name off the list when you take your issue (s).

Our Talents to Our Lord

July Servers

July Sunday Ushers: Brandon and Jared Frank, Jon Woolworth, Jake Zieroff

Monday: David Atkins

July Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

July Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker

August Servers

August Sundays John Solgat, Mike Hecht
Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

Monday: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Ed Baldwin

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Judy Chappell

Organist: Olivia Marker



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$4,089.00 *This total is from June 14 and June 20*

Meditations: \$20.00

Fellowship Hall Rental: \$30.00

Memorial Gift for Linda Hamilton-Jasmine: \$130.00

Loons Tickets: \$587.50