

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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Upcoming Events

Sunday 07/13/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 07/14/2.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:30 PM – 8:30 PM VBS

Sunday 07/20/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 07/21/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 80, Communed: 68

Monday Service: 25, Communed: 20

Our **Time** to Our Lord



Vacation Bible School: VBS is this Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday. There will be classes for both adults and children.

There are signup sheets available in the fellowship hall. Please indicate what grade the child will be entering next school year. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Arnold.

VBS Snack Donors Needed! To those who have signed up for treats, please bring them to the church by Wednesday morning. There are quite a few more donations needed. We have plenty of ice cream snacks but need more of the other items.

Women's Bible Study: Reminder ladies, our next WBS is next Thursday, July 24th at 5:30 PM. Hope to see you all there!

Voter's Meeting: Reminder, the next voter's meeting is Sunday, July 27th following the worship service. We hope to see you there!

Eggs: The refrigerator has been restocked with fresh eggs! Please feel free to take a carton or two. There is a container near the fridge to place donations.

Mowers of the Lawn Needed: Mower, gas, and 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.

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

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Budgetary Gifts: \$4,651.75.00

This total is from June 6, 202

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592 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high,
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ,
you we praise with endless worship
for your gracious gifts unpriced.

Please stand for the final stanza

- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry,
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding

age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

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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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us

safe in your care; 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

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹During the days of the judges, a famine occurred in the land. So a man left Bethlehem in Judah to stay awhile in the territory of Moab—he, his wife, and his two sons. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were from the clan of Ephrath from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and remained there.

³But Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, so she was left with her two sons. ⁴They then married Moabite wives. The name of the first was Orpah, and the name of the second was Ruth. They lived there for about ten years. ⁵But Naomi's sons, Mahlon and Kilion, also died. So the woman was left without her two children and without her husband.

⁶Then Naomi set out with her daughters-in-law to return from the territory of Moab, because while she was in the territory of Moab, she had heard that the LORD had graciously visited his people by providing

them with food. ⁷So she left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law left with her. They set out on the road to return to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back. Both of you return to your mother's house. May the LORD show you kindness as you have shown kindness to the dead and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you finds security in the house of a husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept loudly.

¹⁰But they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

¹¹Then Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Am I going to give birth to any more sons who could become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters. Go! For I am too old to be married to another husband. Suppose I say, ‘I have hope, and I will be married to another husband tonight, and I will even give birth to sons.’ ¹³Would you wait for them until they grow up? On the basis of that hope would you give up the chance to marry another husband? No, my daughters. It is much more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has reached out against me.”

¹⁴They once again wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth would not let her go.

¹⁵Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods. Go back! Follow your sister-in-law.”

¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to abandon you or to turn back from following you. Because wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you make your home, I will make my home. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ¹⁷Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely and double it if anything but death separates me from you.”

¹⁸When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹Then the two of them traveled until they arrived at Bethlehem.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

25 To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

Psalms 25

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in you I trust, O LORD my God.

In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are
God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,
for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- /
bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you,
LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and
af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress
and take away / all my sins.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again.

¹³After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. ¹⁴In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. ¹⁷For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that

those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

²⁵Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?”

²⁷He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³³A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.’ ³⁶Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?”

³⁷“The one who showed mercy to him,” he replied. Then Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!
(Be seated)

768 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

CW 768

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
 to love all people, ev'ry race;
 and in each person help me view
 my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide
 your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
 My neighbors' good let me pursue;
 bind them to me and all to you.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
 by loveless act and thoughtless word.
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.
- 4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak
 whenever strong oppress the weak;
 and should I be a victim, too,
 help me forgive, rememb'ring you.
- 5 With your own love may I be filled
 and by your Holy Spirit willed,
 that all I touch, whate'er I do,
 may be divinely touched by you.

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Sermon

Luke 10:25-37

Show Love

I. To God and your neighbor (25-28)

II. In everyday life (29-37)

(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

689 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
 and let my heart and soul be bright,
 illumined with the light of grace
 that issues from your holy face.
- 2 Destroy in me the lust of sin,
 from all impureness make me clean.
 O grant me pow'r and strength, my God,
 to strive against my flesh and blood.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
 that gladly I obey your Word.

O let your will be my desire
and with new life my soul inspire.

- 4 Grant that I only you may love
and seek those things which are above
till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.

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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.

595 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
may we ripen and increase,
fruit to life eternal growing,
rich in love and joy and peace.
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing
gifts the Giver loves to bless;
here is fruit that grows by sharing,
patience, kindness, gentleness.
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
teach us, as the years fly faster,
goodness, faith, and self-control.
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
may we grow till harvests cease;
till we taste, in life unending,
heaven's love and joy and peace.

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