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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*August 2, 2026*

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Luke 19:10

**Call to  
Worship**

Worship begins  
with God who  
invites us and  
welcomes us into  
his presence.  
Because of Christ,  
we can approach  
God with  
boldness even  
though we are  
sinful and  
weak.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:26-29**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! The LORD is  
God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Oh, give thanks to  
the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**\*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father  
There is no shadow of turning with thee  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

*(Chorus)*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*(Chorus)*

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## **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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 debts  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.

## **Colors in the Church**

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.  
White = purity & holiness  
Purple = royalty & suffering.  
Red = blood & fire  
Blue = royalty  
Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)  
Green = life & growth

**\*ALL PRAISE TO HIM**

All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness

*To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 95:7-9*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**All:** O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.  
*(adapted from Daniel 9)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 95:1, 7*

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### **Call to Confession**

We all sin daily,  
in thought and  
word and deed.  
As we come into  
God's presence,  
we acknowledge  
how we have  
rebelled against  
our King and  
seek his  
forgiveness.

**\*JESUS STRONG AND KIND**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him

*(Chorus)*

*For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him  
*(Chorus)*

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.  
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner  
Classroom)*

**Diaconal  
Offering**

The first Sunday  
of every month is  
the Diaconal  
offering.

Please use the  
Special Offering  
envelopes located  
in the pew racks.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS - Hymn #481

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free!

*(Chorus)*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion-  
for more than conqu'rors we are!

*(Chorus)*

His Word shall not fail you- He promised;  
believe Him, and all will be well:  
then go to a world that is dying,  
his perfect salvation to tell!

*(Chorus 2x)*

Guest Speaker Joe Swenson  
*Good News for Skeptics and Cynics—Luke 19:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

I. Curious Climber

## II. Cynical Crowd

### **Sermon**

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

## III. Compelling Christ

### **Questions for Further Reflection**

1. What are some wrong perceptions often made about Jesus?
2. James Hunter wrote, "The Enlightenment's own quest for certainty resulted not in the discovery of new certainties but rather in a pervasive astringent skepticism that questions all, suspects all, distrusts and disbelieves all." How do we distinguish between healthy curiosity and an unhealthy skepticism at everyone and everything?
3. Paul Miller in "Praying Life" describes cynicism as a state of "always observing, never engaged". How does being cynical make us detached from life? What is the gospel cure?

**\*THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;  
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,  
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,  
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,  
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.  
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,  
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;  
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;  
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,  
they are only known above.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance below)*

**The Lord's  
Supper**

The gospel is not  
only heard, but  
visibly seen as  
God invites us to  
commune with  
him at his table. In  
the Lord's Supper  
we remember and  
experience Jesus'  
saving work.

We observe the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body—the Church. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son;  
Praise Father and the Son,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
(Repeat All)

### \*BENEDICTION

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

### **Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

### Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. | Associate Pastor: John Sackett  
Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,  
Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham  
Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,  
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch  
Coordinator of Women's Ministries: Deanna Kotila | Director of the Refuge: Sissy Hashley  
Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham  
Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Youth Intern: David Moody  
Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pastor Matthew Christenson

**AUGUST MISSION FOCUS:** Kevin & Sarah Johnson, serving in Medellín, Colombia; currently on educational leave in the U.S.

**CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:** with the pastors is TONIGHT @ 6 pm.

**SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER:** Our annual outdoor picnic at the church is next Sun., Aug. 9, at 6 pm.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Last call to claim your lost items! Everything on the lost and found table downstairs will be donated next week.

**REFUGE KIDS:** is in need of regular and occasional volunteers on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 pm. Add your name to the list in the foyer if you're willing to help out a little or a lot.

**MISSION MEAL:** for David & Ulrike Byle is Sunday, Aug. 23, after the 2nd service. Sign up in the foyer!

**CANNING BASICS:** Women's Ministries is offering three upcoming opportunities to learn about food preservation in a hands-on, practical way. More information and a signup sheet is available in the foyer.

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**SERVING:** August On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: Hobus Family / Bonner Family  
Children's Church: C. Duncan & E. Morin / A. Brown & family  
Nursery: K. Haymond & C. Cole / R&N Hamling  
Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson & G. Tronstad  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond & H. Embry

**Next Sunday August 9**

Ushers: Hobus Family / Bonner Family  
Children's Church: C. Duncan & E. Morin / A. Brown & family  
Nursery: G. Berstedt / S&B Votapka  
Fellowship Hosts: S. Sullivan & E. Pierson  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: B. Fenner & S. Calvi

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 & 10:15 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Vespers**

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

**Wednesday Youth Group**

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

**College Age/Young Adult Group**

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

**Men's Breakfast**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am