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Bulletin



How do People Come to Faith?

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God has called us together for worship.

Here we will experience the grace of God, the love of Jesus.

God sends us out into the world.

United by Christ, we reflect God's love through joyful service to all people.

Let us be renewed and nourished for our mission together.

Opening Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*(Refrain) All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)*

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *(Refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. *(Refrain)*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *(Refrain)*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"Tell the Story"

(Sung to "Thine the Amen" ELW #826)

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
Help them understand the way, God is working every day.
Help us share your great, great story so that all the world may see
by your love we're all set fr-ee, by your love we're set free.

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
God is making all things new, God is calling me and you.
Let us tell God's great, great story, so that all the world will hear
God's not distant, God is with us, God is near, God is near

Prayer

Special Music

"In Christ Alone"

Marisa Gift

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

2 Kings 5:10-15...Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 9:9... As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God bless 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.

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger,
your love sustaining showers the land.

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us gracious God." Please respond:
you.

We lift our prayers to

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Feed Us Now

**Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray .**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where're we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You, on the Bread that is true.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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 & ever. Amen**

Communion

(People in seats) The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymn

"We Shall Break Bread "

**We shall break bread as Jesus did before us
In fields and banquets in an upstairs room.
His true companions meet around a table; we shall break bread.
We shall break bread because the world is hungry,
and Jesus showed us how to love and care.
All life is gift; each gift is meant for sharing: we shall break bread.
We shall break bread and thus we will remember
How he was broken that we might be whole.
His life laid down shall raise us up forever; we shall break bread.
We shall break bread and in this celebration
be one with friends who sit at heaven's great feast.
they see the host whose presence is among us; we shall break bread.
Here in the bread and wine which earth supplies us
refined by skill and will of human hands,
we taste the depth and richness of God's goodness; we shall break bread
Glory to God whose providence sustains us,
glory to Christ who calls us to his feast;
and to the Spirit, source of transformation; we shall break bread.
Let us break bread.**

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Cry of My Heart"

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life. (2x's)

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.

Open my heart up more and more, and make it wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life. (2x's)

All of the days of my life; all of the days of my life

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Music Credits

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Announcements

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship Guidelines** due to the increase in COVID case numbers, all people, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, are required to wear masks. There is an option to commune in your seat instead of coming forward. As always, all of our Sunday worship services are being live streamed on Facebook.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month Pantry is August 19. To assist with pantry prep on Wednesday, August 18 or the day of the pantry, Thursday, August 19, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Church Clean-up** indoor and outdoors. Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Sunday, August 29, 10:45 am - 3:00 pm.
- ⇒ **Holy Cross Cookbooks** are available on the bookshelf in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **Pastor Jim** is on vacation through Wednesday, August 25.
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email the [Church Office](#).
- ⇒ **Care Ministry** After being put on hold due to Covid, we are preparing to re-start our care ministry team. Please contact Pastor Heather at heathergrell76@gmail.com if you are interested in participating by:
 - Visiting members at home or in care facilities
 - Providing rides to church or doctor's appointments
 - Bringing communion to individuals who are homebound

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 15

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, August 16

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:30pm Council Meeting

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Thursday, August 19

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

5:00 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Alanon

Friday, August 20

Cross Currents Due

Sunday, August 22

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Connie Mertz as she deals with Medical concerns. **David Perilo** as he recovers from COVID-19. **Kevin Leahy** as he begins cancer treatment. **Marie Pitner** as she recovers from broken wrists. **Irene Schnack** as she recovers from knee replacement.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Frank Perilo, Sharon Perilo's husband; **Sue Hill**, Pastor Jim's sister; **Amy Churchill**, friend of Barb Kay; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.

Grieving:

Joel Weible and his family as they mourn the death of Emily.