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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

July 25-26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

The Master Calls

Louise Stiers

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew by the aisle. Pass them down the aisle and send them back again. Thank you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or spirit

***INVOCATION**

We gather in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533 1,2,5

Vs 1 **Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!**

Vs 2 **Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!**

Vs 5 **Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father in heaven,

in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-13

(Pew Bible pg 737)

“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 5

Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively

O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning.

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you.

Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

O God, you take no pleasure in wickedness; you cannot tolerate the sins of the wicked.

Therefore, the proud may not stand in your presence, for you hate all who do evil.

You will destroy those who tell lies. The LORD detests murderers and deceivers.

Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house; I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe.

Lead me in the right path, O LORD, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.

My enemies cannot speak a truthful word. Their deepest desire is to destroy others. Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with flattery.

O God, declare them guilty. Let them be caught in their own traps. Drive them away because of their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

For you bless the godly, O LORD; you surround them with your shield of love.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-46

(Pew Bible pg 757)

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DEB

SERMON

"I Can Pray"

Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

Vs 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!

Vs 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.

Vs 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

Journeying together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor Deb will gather prayer requests before singing.

HYMN

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW 752

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

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ELW 752

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.
Let us stand and share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

(9 am) OFFERING

Assisting Minister hands out offering plates

Let us gather together our offering. Thank you for the generous way you support the mission and ministry of this congregation with your time, talents and resources.

(9 am) OFFERTORY

Faith Abides

Robert J. Hughes

Please rise in body or in spirit

***(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE** Pastor Deb receives offering plates

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

ELW 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray

Holy God, gracious and merciful,

you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 107

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HYMN**Holy, Holy, Holy****ELW pg 108**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**ELW pg 108**

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.

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**HYMN****Lamb of God****ELW pg 112**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**ELW pg 114**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. Amen

Let us pray...

BENEDICTION**SENDING SONG****This Is My Song****ELW 887 1,3**

Vs 1 **This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

Vs 3 **This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to see, grow and serve to the glory of God.

Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

Honor and Glory

Edward Wetherill

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Saturday/Sunday, July 25 & 26

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat)/Parker Knox (Sun)

Assisting Minister: Nichole Morse

Reader: Mary Bauman

Slides: Scott Nixon (Sat)/Butch Bowman (Sun)

Streaming: Jeff Churchill

Ushers/Greeters: Luke Team

Communion: Altar Care Team