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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for August 10, 2025 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Pray for the Food** - **People get food**

**Invocation** *(stand)*

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(stand)*

**P:** As we gather, today, let us cleanse our hearts and our consciences by confessing our sin to God.

*(Time of silence for reflection and confession)*

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you and against our neighbor in our thoughts, words, and actions.  We are truly sorry for our sins and sincerely repent of them. We ask for Your mercy. For the sake of Jesus Christ's bitter suffering and death, please forgive us and renew us that we may walk in Your Spirit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

**P:** The Lord has heard your confession. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C:** Amen

**Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving –** The Church’s One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is his new creation by water and the Word:

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace,

That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

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**Old Testament Reading:**Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
 to see and to hear his word,
 or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
Behold, the storm of the Lord!
 Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
 it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
The anger of the Lord will not turn back
 until he has executed and accomplished
 the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

 “I did not send the prophets,
 yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
 yet they prophesied.
But if they had stood in my council,
 then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
 and from the evil of their deeds.

 “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading:** Acts 20:27-38

for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 7:15-23

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C:** Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Sermon Song –** I Surrender All

Verse 1:

All to Jesus I surrender. All to Him I freely give.

I will ever love and trust Him. In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Verse 2:

All to Jesus I surrender. Humbly at His feet I bow.

Worldly pleasures all forsaken. Take me, Jesus, take me now.

*(Chorus)*

Verse 4:

All to Jesus I surrender. Lord, I give myself to Thee.

Fill me with Thy love and power. Let Thy blessing fall on me.

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**Sermon/Discussion** – "Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing"

**Prayers**

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And 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 sits 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.

**The Lord's Prayer** *(stand)*

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

**Offering** *(sit) Give online at:*

**Words of Institution** *(stand)*

**Peace** *(stand)*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
**C:** And also, with you.
**P:** We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer** *(stand)*

**Benediction** *(stand)*

**Closing Song:** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow *(stand)*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen

**Sermon Notes:**

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| **Serving This Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Ben Pike | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader :** Darlene Mueller | Halston & Ben |
| **Acolyte:** Thomas Horness | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | N/A  |
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| **Serving Next Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Richard Steinbrueck | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader:** Ginger Dunn | Melissa Steinbrueck |
| **Acolyte:** Kaylee Steinbrueck | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | Kaylee Steinbrueck |

**Upcoming Events**

**Aug 14, 7 PM – Growth Group Bible Study (Online)**
Zoom

**Today, Now – In-Person Growth Group Survey**We’ve created a survey regarding our in-person Growth Group(s) to determine the best days/times to meet and topics to cover. Please complete the survey in the bulletin insert and put it in the offering plate.

**--------------------------- Faith’s Financial Update ---------------------------**

Average Monthly Budgeted Expenses: $7,636
July’s Total General Fund Gifts and Offerings: $6,027

August’s Total General Fund Gifts and Offerings to date: $655

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