

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

- Welcome *from Colossians 3:1-3*
- L Since we have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is.
- C **Set our minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,**
- L Because in Christ we have died,
- C **and our lives are hidden with Christ in God.**
- Prayer
- *Opening Hymn (Blue #477) *"Ye Servants of God"*
- Worship from the Psalms *Psalms 109:1-9, 43*
- L O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:
- C **those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**
- L Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
- C **hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**
- L Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
- C **he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.**
- L Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
- C **For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**
- A **Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

Continue to extend your grace and mercy to us, your servants, O Lord. Forgive us when we have allowed our self-righteousness or sense of deservedness to lead us away from you. Forgive us for the ways we neglect others, forgetting to show them the kindness and forgiveness you so generously offer to us. Forgive us when we thoughtlessly treat people as less than your good creation. Restore us to your grace, return us to your presence, and urge us to repent from our sins. By your Holy Spirit, deepen our ability to know your presence within us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Sermon Text Reading *Hosea 11:1-11*

Special Music *"Where Your Treasure Is"*

Sermon Text Reading *Luke 12:13-21, 32-34 (NRSVUE)*

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

"Speak O Lord"

Call to the Table

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. ... Christ is the bread of life.

C When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

L We give you thanks, that on the night before he died ...

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

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #391)

"Take My Life"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Connect to the Community meets on Tuesday August 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Congregational Life meets on Thursday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Our next **Friendship Luncheon** is Tuesday, August 19th at 11:00 at Azul Tequila. Please sign up if you are planning to come.

Session meets on August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate but they seem to be going through a lot of cereal!

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Sandy Johnson, who is at Alpine Village.

Looking at the schedule for the Henry County Fair, two people who have sang at our church are singing there. **Brad Burkhart** is at the gazebo from 8-10 p.m. on Friday, August 8th and **Matt Richardson** is at the gazebo from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 10th. The **Napoleon Community Band** will be at the gazebo from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 10th.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

Where Your Treasure Is

By John Guerra from his album “Jesus”

Lyric version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrXpPzkZMm0>

Performance version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrGsj3z3QAAQ>

"Do not lay up for yourselves
treasures on Earth
Where moth and rust destroy
Where thieves break in and steal"

Well, I hear You, Lord,
but I still want more
I want a nest egg for a rainy day
Stocks and bonds and real estate
Security beyond what I heard You say

Chorus
Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also
What your measure is,
it'll measure you also
What you really want
will be given to you some day
Lay up for yourselves
treasure in Heaven

There's a day that's been spoken of, when
the thirsty can come
Come buy without a dime and eat
Where bread and wine and milk cost
nothing

I never knew that I was different
until I made friends
So I faked it till I made it,
but the pill was poisonous
Now I'm looking for the lilies
who neither toil nor spin

Father, plant one in my heart
and make it grow to be a garden But,
Lord, if I'm honest,
I'm scared to death
That if I give my fish and loaves
there won't be anything left
For me and my parents,
for my wife and my kids
I was born the only child
of child immigrants

I never knew that I was different
until I made friends
So I faked it till I made it,
but the pill was poisonous
Now I'm looking for the lilies
who neither toil nor spin
Father, plant one in my heart
and make it grow to be a garden

Chorus
Who you gonna serve?
Everybody gotta serve,
gotta serve somebody
Who you gonna serve?
Everybody gotta serve God or money
No one can serve two masters

If you hate the one,
then you love the other
If you love the one,
then you hate the other
Who you gonna serve?