

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome *from Romans 12:1-2*

L I appeal to you on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

C Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #356) *"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"*

Worship from the Psalms *(from Psalm 37:1-11; 39-40)*

L Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

C for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

L Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

C Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

C He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

C Do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

L Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

C For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

L Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

C But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

L The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

C The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

Prayer of Confession

God, we are conditioned to respond in kind. Those who are powerful and wicked can take and lie and oppress, seemingly without consequence. Anger and thoughts of revenge, despair and hopelessness can become lodged in our hearts, and we doubt your presence and your power. But the time will come when the meek will inherit that land and salvation will come to the righteous. In that hope, forgive us our sins and teach us to love one another, even those who we feel do not deserve our love. Fill us with the fruits of your Spirit, so we might bear fruit in our lives for your glory. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon *(from Romans 8:28-30)*

*Responsive Hymn (1st verse) *"God Is So Good"*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music *"Goodness of God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Scripture *Titus 3:4-8*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Luke 6:43-45

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #383)

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, in your goodness,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #276)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

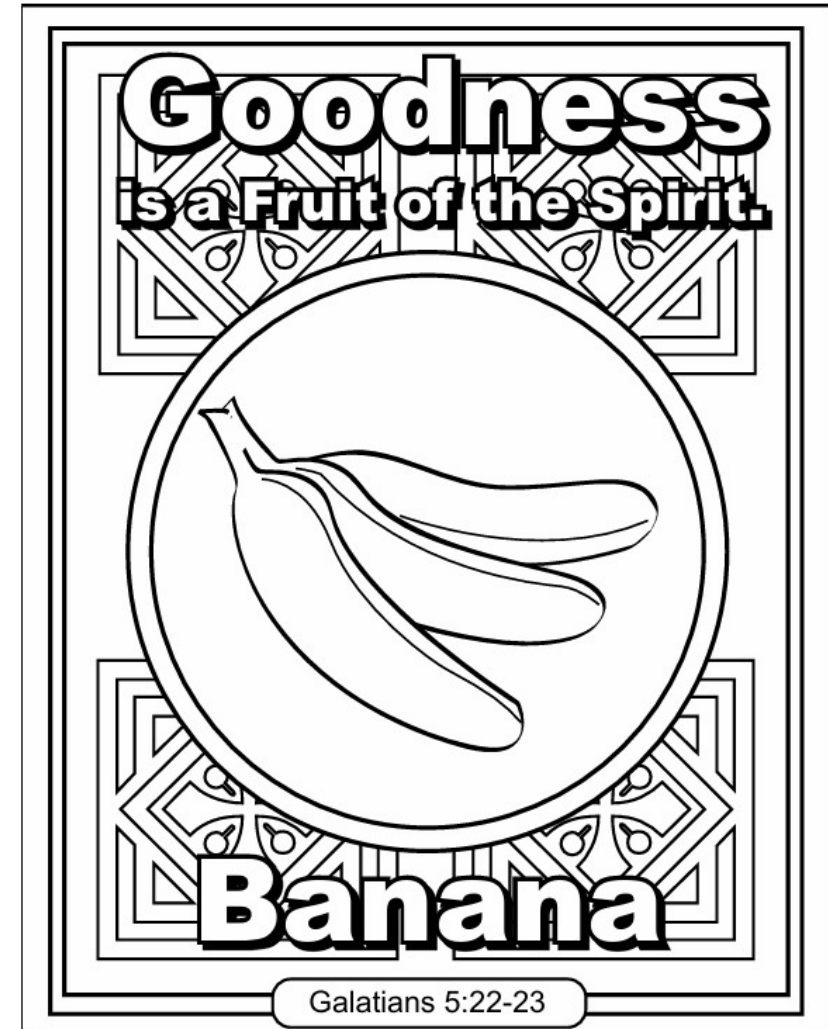
*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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October 26th, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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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. Thank you, Mike Whitman, for being liturgist today.

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 be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Session meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27th.

Bruce is cooking the **dinner at Emmanuel Lutheran** on Wednesday, October 29th. He would love to have some help assembling everything on Tuesday, October 28th at 10 a.m.

Napoleon's **Trick-or-Treat** is from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30th. We will be giving away church glow sticks like we did last year. Please sign up in the south alcove if you can help distribute at the church, or how many glow sticks you want to take to your neighborhood.

Connect to the Community meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3rd.

Congregational Life meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6th.

The **Connections Bible Study** is still studying Liz Curtis Higgs' book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They are going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** is to Connie Cobb.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

SIMMONS CROSSING: 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), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

Official music video for "Goodness Of God"

by **CeCe Winans**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sE5kEnitqE

I love You Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held
in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been
so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close
like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Cause all my life You have been faithful
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so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
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With my life laid down
I surrender now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running
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 > 3. He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me.
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Optional last stanza setting

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