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Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:

Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.

Welcome to Worship :: August 24th, 2025

Today's Worship Ministers

Usher: Pam Best
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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In August, we are supporting the Kiwanis Club with our Vision and Purpose giving.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Wes Lovdahl, Pam Best, Doug Moulden, Marlene Moulden, Katie Fry

Prime Beef Drive Thru

Mark your Thursday, August 28th

Our annual Drive-Thru Dinner

Featuring ribeye sandwiches, sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, and pie

11 am to 1 PM and 4 pm to 6 pm

Volunteers needed; check with Connie Larimer

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements, Prelude Confession/Forgiveness The Peace

Hymn: ELW 588, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Word

Pastoral Greeting

Responsive Dialogue based on Psalm 112

Hymn of Praise: ELW 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song,

vv 1, 4

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29 Gospel Acclamation: spoken Luke 13:10-17 Sermon

Hymn: ELW 617, We Come to You for Healing, Lord Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Holy Communion

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 482, I Come with Joy, vv 1-2 Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 10, p206

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 10, p207

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God": ELW Setting 10, p207

Hymn During Communion: ELW 714, O God of Mercy, God

Sending

Benediction

Benediction Refrain: ELW 826, Thine the Amen, verse 3

Dismissal

Isaiah 58:9b-14 The Lord requires certain actions to receive the blessings of the Lord.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; 14 then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hebrews 12:18-29 an invitation to the unshakeable Kingdom of God

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus' healing on the Sabbath provokes outrage.

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.