**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

\*Please stand if able…

PRELUDE

**Welcome and announcements…**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather…

**People: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim…

**People: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

Leader: For the sake of joy, we respond…

**People: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God’s already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, God sends us…

**People: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and preserving love**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

August 17th John Malevich

August 24th DeEtta Annala

August 31st Deborah Ross-Jagunich

**USHER SCHEDULE**

August 17th Don Peterson

August 24th John Malevich

August 31st Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

August 11th-17th Peterson

August 18th-24th Kerzie/Hafdahl

August 25th-31st John and Norma

Scripture Readings for next week (August 24th)

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Ad Council Meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! We will be discussing the Pasty Sale…

Coffee An’ will begin again in September… Bob and Barb Kern will be serving on Sunday, September 14th.

**of the gospel today and every day.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place. Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. **AMEN**

\*OPENING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Glorious god, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We give thanks. Precious Lord, that your love casts out fear, that your life transcends death itself. You simply ask that we maintain a posture of faith, with eyes open to the future you will bring. Forgive us when we pre-judge where we will, or will not, see you. We decide too soon whom we will listen to and whom we will dismiss. Forgive us; awaken us; restore our faith in you, that we may find new faith in ourselves and in the neighbors we meet. AMEN**

PSALM READING: Psalm 80 801-802

\*HYMN: *O God of Every Nation*  435

CHILDREN’S TIME

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Time of Silent Prayers…**

**THE 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**

\*HYMN: *We Are the Church*  558

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

GOSPEL LESSON : Luke 12:49-56

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\*HYMN: *Have Thine Own Way*  382

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**AMEN**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all our saints. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN**

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE