**Sunday, August 24, 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, we gather today to encounter God.

**People: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.**

Leader: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**People: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

Leader: We gather today to declare our faith in God’s unshakeable kingdom.

**People: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in secure foundation of God’s steadfast love at work among us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

August 24th DeEtta Annala

August 31st Deborah Ross-Jagunich

September 7th Sue Malevich

**USHER SCHEDULE**

August 24th John Malevich

August 31st Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

September 7th DeEtta Annala

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

August 18th-24th Kerzie/Hafdahl

August 25th-31st John and Norma

September1st-7th Malevich

Scripture Readings for next week (August 31st)

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Noisy Offering will be next Sunday on August 31st. Let’s make lots of noise for Katherine’s House.

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.

A new Bible Study will be starting soon – Pastor Mary Lou will be calling to check with people on the best days and time. She will also have ideas on what the study will be on.

\*OPENING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God* 102

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Great Healer, we are beaten down by life’s suffering. Make us whole, O God, and help us share your healing with the world. Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits, and set us free from the chains that bind us, that we may help break the chains of others.**

**AMEN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, you knew us before we were conceived. You called us as your own while we were still in our mother’s wombs. Keep watch over us, we pray, for we long to return to your ways. Restore our confidence in times of doubt, for we yearn to be the people you would have us be. Grant us the confidence to go forth unafraid, that we might bless the world through your presence in our lives.**

**AMEN**

PSALM READING: Psalm 71:1-6 794

\*HYMN: *Lord of the Dance*  261

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: *Here I Am, Lord* 593

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-29  
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GOSPEL LESSON : Luke 13:10-17

MESSAGE Pastor Mary Lou

\*HYMN: *There’s Something About That Name* 171

**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**

**Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray.**

**AMEN**

BENEDICTION

\*HYMN: *More Like You*  Insert

POSTLUDE