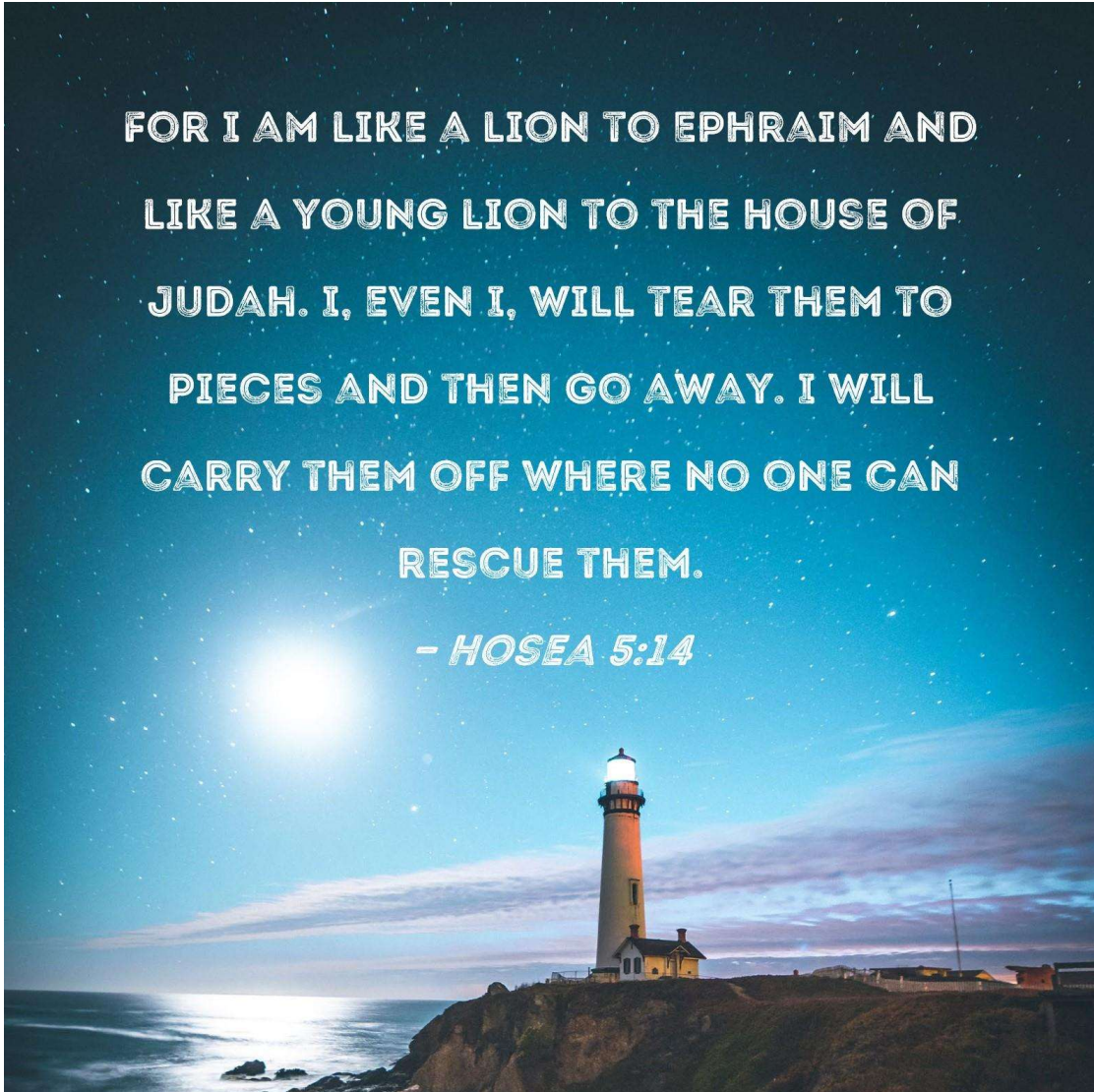


FOR I AM LIKE A LION TO EPHRAIM AND
LIKE A YOUNG LION TO THE HOUSE OF
JUDAH. I, EVEN I, WILL TEAR THEM TO
PIECES AND THEN GO AWAY. I WILL
CARRY THEM OFF WHERE NO ONE CAN
RESCUE THEM.

- HOSEA 5:14



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JUNE EVENTS

The fresh flower arrangement on the altar is placed by Ethan and Meaghin Schremp in honor of Ava Schremp's 3rd birthday!

We are happy to announce the Ordination and Installation of Pastor-Elect Peyton Holland will be today, June 7th at 3:00pm. There will be a meal in the basement dining hall following the service.

Church Supper at Concordia Lutheran Church in Frohna, Missouri. June 28th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Drive-Thru or Carry Out Only with outdoor dining available weather permitting. Pork Steaks w/sauce, German potato salad, cole slaw, green bean and homemade dessert. \$14/plate. 10158 Hwy C, Frohna, MO.

Upcoming dates available for flowers for the altar: July 12 and 19

Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put \$25 in an envelope; mark it "Flower Fund" and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday's Church Doors Open at 8:00 AM Service Begins at 9:00 AM, Following with a Bible Study after today's service with coffee and treats.

Tuesdays Bible Study starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30AM

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m.

Words written in **Bold** generally signify congregation response.

Needs for pastoral care in our area, call one of our Elders
Rick Hutson 573-780-9390,
Randy Ruzicka 314-210-4279 or Wayne Schremp 573-883-6060

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are transformed in Christ
To share the hope of eternal Life.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn 915..... "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His

people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.*
I am God, your God.**

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;*
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**I will not accept a bull from your house*
or goats from your folds.**

For every beast of the forest is mine,*
the cattle on a thousand hills.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His

kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

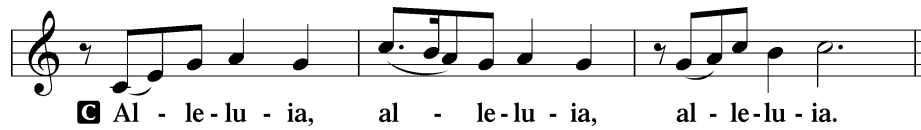
¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn 689.....“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

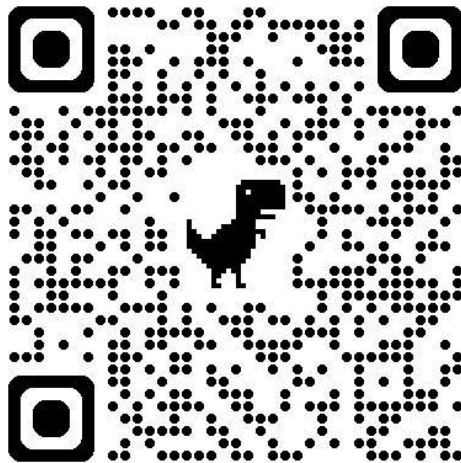
Sermon.....Pastor Jarold Rux

Offering

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor or Seminarian will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.

Three ways to give:

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.**
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- 4) scan the QR code below and enter information on Rebel Give.**



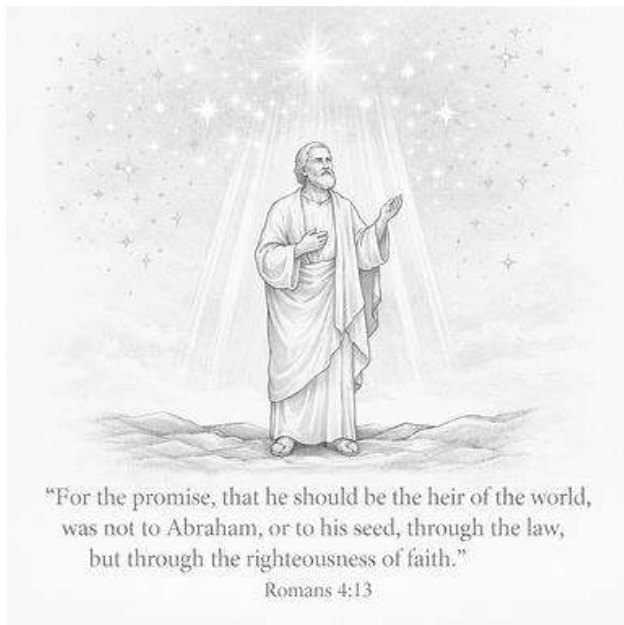
We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts. Please Stand as the offering is brought forward and sing.

Stand

956 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
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Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form
First Sunday after Trinity
7 June 2026

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord God, help our hearts to fear You rightly and to hope in Your steadfast love. Hold Your eye upon us, and deliver us from death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have given Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan, our district president; Rev. Kyle Castens, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s) so that we may hear Moses and the prophets and so be convinced by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Make their proclamation fruitful among us in repentance and faith, that we may not fall into the torments of hades but be carried by the angels to Abraham's side in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have called rulers to high positions, that they might exercise their authority for the good of all whom You have entrusted to their care. Grant them every good gift, and grant that we might not misuse the blessings of prosperity and security, but live peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give to Your servants all that is needed for this body and life. Heal, strengthen and comfort the sick, the suffering, the sorrowing and the dying, and hear the prayers of all who call upon Your saving name [especially _____]. Teach us to pray, that our hearts may not be undone by anxiety and fear but rejoice in Your grace sufficient for our every need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast Lord, You are love, and You always reveal Your love through Your Son. Grant that all who come to Your feast of love may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, that whoever abides in this love forever abides in You and You in him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as You have given us much, open our eyes to those truly in need, and give us both wisdom and generosity to be Your hands and voice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Lazarus and all who rest in You, keep us by Your Spirit in true faith in Christ, that when our last hour comes we may be gathered into Your eternal home; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sit

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore

with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

Distribution Hymn 609.....“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

Distribution Hymn 570.....“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 555.....“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Jarold Rux

Scriptures Reader: Linda Ruzicka

Ushers: Wayne Schremp and Rick Hutson

Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka

Organist: Todd Brueckner

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	69
Second Week	47
Third Week	43
Fourth Week	74

Your Financial Support of Your Church	5/31/26	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,902.00	\$63,844.00
Actual Offerings including online offerings (Budget)	\$3,210.00	\$53,853.65
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In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. Adoration: praising God for who He is. Confession: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. Thanksgiving: thanking God for specific blessings. Supplication: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.

For healing and continued recovery Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma) Carol Steiger-Rudoff continued prayers for recovery of cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer treatment) that her blood counts stay strong and that she is excepted to a new trial period with her oncology team. Continued prayers for healing for Wayne Phillips. Continuing prayers for Maia Rottler she is on treatments for Leukemia give her family faith to help her in this journey. (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler). Sending prayers for Carl Noll's recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in June John Zerwig (June 1), Jackie Huck (June 5), Sharon Estes (June 6), Ava Schremp (June 8), Barbara Jones (June 13), Lauren Bell (June 20), Betty Schremp (June 23), Brandon Boland (June 27), and Kelly Sullivan (June 29).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in June Charlie and Patricia Wibbenmeyer (June 23), Mark and Connie Schwent (June 24).

For Those Who Mourn

For local, state, and national elected officials that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our church family We are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

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