

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever. Amen

OFFERING

Though the Easter season draws to a close today, we continue to enjoy the blessings God pours out for us in Christ and in creation. Let us give thanks to God for these blessings as we present our offering in Jesus' holy name.

***RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
Whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Eternal God, we praise you that Christ
has ascended to rule in love at your right hand,
while the Holy Spirit continues the work of
salvation throughout your creation.
We offer our gifts and our lives in gratitude for that work,
and dedicate them to your purposes
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

SENDING

***HYMN** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 408

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** "Now Go in Joy" 745

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**



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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***

**June 1, 2025
Ascension Sunday**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Amen!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison) Liturgist Patti Strominger

God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy,

in Christ Jesus you came to live among us,

sharing in our joys and sorrows.

After he suffered and died for our sake,

you raised him and took him up in glory

so that he might fulfill all things.

As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places,

in every generation and every situation.

So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love

offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ,

who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You desire us to share in the unity
and be one as you are Three in One.
We confess that such unity often eludes us.
We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other.
The love you called us to offer one another disappears when we
disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences
into dividing lines within the body of your Church.
Call us again to honor the unity and love you cherish for your followers
so we may witness to unity and love in this divided world.
*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.***

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ - and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen*

***RESPONSE** "Peace of God Be with You"

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HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Liturgist Patti Strominger

*O God, you are the beginning and the end of all things, the First and the
last. By the power of your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your truth,
so that we may find new beginnings in your Word,
and make living your Word our purpose and end. Amen*

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 24:44-53

Liturgist Patti Strominger

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11

SERMON "Up, Up and Away"

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***HYMN** "I Love to Tell the Story"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School-9am to 9:45am

Sunday, June 1-Worship Committee Meeting following worship

Monday, June 2-Property Meeting @6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 3-Women's Association Meeting @6:30 pm

Friday, June 6-Youth Group to Trampoline Park 7-10 pm

Sunday, June 8-Communion

Sunday, June 8-**Pentecost Fellowship Hour with cake, strawberries and fruit punch following worship**

Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13 VBS 9:30 to 12 noon

Tuesday, June 10-Session @7pm

Wednesday, June 11-Ruth Circle Bible Study @1pm

The Choir ended their season on Sunday, May 18. We are looking for volunteers who would like to share their talents with us this summer. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, read a poem? Any other way that you like to praise God. If so, please sign up for a Sunday or two on the sign up sheet located outside the choir room. Any questions, please see Chris Mathias.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson, Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

