

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Holy Communion - brief version; 175th Anniversary

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome followed by his introduction of DS Rev. John Kasper and his congregational welcome.*

Video Message from Bishop David Bard

****Call to Worship** *(Worship Leader read Leader and with People)*

****Good Morning, I am Pete Blinkilde, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand in body or spirit to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

L. God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

P. How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing our praises and thanks.

L. God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

P. We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.

L. Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

P. Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord", hymn #554 in the hymnal, and the words will be on the screen.**

Children's Time

Community Notes

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

² (Pastor Adam will first do the prayers, Worship leader will read Offering Invitation & prayer)

****Invitation:** The most lavish gifts we can bring are never enough to thank God for all we have received. Yet the tiniest offerings we present do not escape God's notice when presented with full commitment and devotion. Let us give as we are able.

****Will you pray with me?** Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.

****Scripture Reading** Isaiah 43:16-21 NRSV

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of God for the people of God: Thanks be to God!

Message "Remember, Celebrate, and Keep Going" -District Superintendent - Rev. John Kasper

Communion

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession & Pardon

ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We all look to you for food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You are near to all who call on you in truth. You fulfill the desire of those who know your awesome power. Hear our cry and save us.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ has died for us while we were yet sinners: that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

-----Pastor reads The Great Thanksgiving...

(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)

Communion Song *"In Remembrance of Me"* -Praise Team

Closing Song *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Hymn #102

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction