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September 6, 2026 | 11:00 | Traditional Worship

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Music by J. S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† Indicates the congregation should stand.

L: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

P: **Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty of Your handiwork.**

L: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

P: **In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

L: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

P: **Praise God for His complete and steadfast love for us.**

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148th

† PRAYER

We acknowledge you, O God, as creator and as liberator. You give laws that shape how people are to relate to You, to each other, and to the whole environment. You implore us to worship only You. In this time of worship, help us to focus on You, O God, as the priority of our lives. Remind us of Your steadfast love, revealed so clearly in the new commandment of love. Speak to us anew as we offer this prayer and our worship in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God makes peace within us; let us claim it. God makes peace between us; let us share it. Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: Thanks be to God.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Contrary to the thought that the Ten Commandments constrain us and limit our fun, we find God designed them to be a blessing for us. There is true joy in trusting the Lord first and foremost so that worry disappears, in calling on His name for help and proclaiming His praise to the world, in gathering often with fellow Christians to encourage one another and find rest in his Word. Life on earth is more enjoyable when we honor our parents and those who influence our lives. Society functions better when we protect one another's well-being, strengthen the family unit, work to provide for our families and show generosity, defend others' reputations, and are content. Christians can hook any situation in life to a commandment and find guidance for living in God-pleasing peace and joy.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4a, 7-10a, 12-17

- 1) ¹Then God spoke all these words, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.
- 2) ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol...
- 3) ⁷"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- 4) ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work...
- 5) ¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- 6) ¹³"You shall not murder.
- 7) ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.
- 8) ¹⁵"You shall not steal.
- 9) ¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10) ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Covetousness and Fulfillment of the Law

Pastor Markus Wegenast

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Covenant Choir

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Invitation to Communion

Music by Deborah Govenor

Come to the table, come to the feast. Come, there is welcome for the greatest and the least. Come for forgiveness, come to confess God's saving pow'r and our unworthiness. Come to the table, come, eat the bread; Christ's body broken, our hungry souls are fed. Come to the table, come, drink the wine, His cup of blessing, gift of love divine. Come to the table, come one and all, Come to remember, come, now, to recall Our dying Savior, our living Lord, Our hope in heaven: Christ, our great reward. Come to the table, go then in peace; Your spirit quicken, and your faith increase. Come to the table, go forth to be Christ's faithful people through eternity.

† 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

† INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

† CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

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

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth....And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Congregation is seated

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ....And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine....Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

Music by J. S. Bach

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Scripture readings are New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE) unless otherwise noted.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Mark and Leslie Bricker in honor of our fine music ministry.

A rosebud is placed on the altar to celebrate the birth of Eloise Ryann Matruski, born on August 25, 2026, to Holly and Mark Matruski. Grandparents are Tracey and Gordon Stokely.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Markus Wegenast, *Senior Pastor*

Edie Contri, *Acolyte*

Hans Wegenast, Tracey Stokely, *Lay Readers*

Ginny Kindberg, *Stephen Minister Communion Assistant*

Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*

Covenant Choir, *Musicians*

David Eberhardt, *Director of Contemporary Worship*

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