



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 26, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: On Summer break until September.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM**. *We are currently meeting downstairs.* See service details on page 14 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (July 28) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: Next **Saturday** (August 1) at **8:00AM**.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **PICNIC IN THE PARK**: Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, **August 2** for our picnic after the worship service in the park across the street. No need to bring side dishes or anything (the church will provide all the food and drinks).

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 135:1-3, 13

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Gloria Patri"

#734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Ps 46)

#92

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.**

**Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.**

**The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.**

**Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.**

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translated by Frederick Henry Hedge (1853).

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

Matthew 13:40–42, 47–50

CONFESSING OUR SIN

O holy and sovereign Lord God, to hear of and to reflect upon your just judgments for sin would bring sheer terror to our souls were it not for your gracious provision of salvation through Christ Jesus our Savior. We know a day is coming when you will separate the evil from the righteous, and that all those who have broken your law will be thrown into your eternal fiery furnace. Though safe and protected in Christ your Son, we confess our sins to you, and ask for the aid of your strong right hand to help us in our spiritual battle with our fleshly desires and actions. O our Father, who remembers our sins no more, grant us victory through Jesus, in whose name we plead. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"O God, to Us Show Mercy" (Ps 67)

#437

**O God, to us show mercy
and bless us in your grace;
cause now to shine upon us
the brightness of your face;
that so your way most holy
on earth may soon be known,
and unto ev'ry people
your saving grace be shown.**

**O God, let all men praise you,
let all the nations sing;
in ev'ry land let praises
and songs of gladness ring;
for you shall judge the people
in truth and righteousness,
and through the earth the nations
shall your just rule confess.**

**O God, let people praise you,
let all the nations sing,
for earth in rich abundance
to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us,
our God shall blessing send,
and all the earth shall fear him
to its remotest end.**

Psalm 67. Words from *The Psalter* (1912; alt. 1990, mod.).
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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith VIII. 5–6
Of Christ the Mediator*

5. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto him.

6. Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after his incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof were

communicated unto the elect, in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein he was revealed, and signified to be the seed of the woman which should bruise the serpent's head; and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world; being yesterday and today the same, and forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 40:17-33

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil, and arranged the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil, and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He put in place the screen for the door of the tabernacle. And he set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, as the LORD commanded Moses. And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" #378 (verses 1-3)

**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread for me:
here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.**

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PRAYER

Niger (prayercast.com): The landlocked North African nation of Niger is a country of sand dunes and desert plains. Under military rule for thirty-one years, violent coups and bloody political infighting unfolded into a fledgling democracy a decade ago, yet only to fall into political crisis once again in 2023. One of the richest sources of uranium in the world, Niger has instead focused on developing agriculture and raising livestock. Future economic growth is hoped to be found in the mining of gold, coal, and recently discovered oil.

One of the poorest countries in the world, Niger has over 3 million people in acute food insecurity. The agricultural economy is

frequently destroyed by drought, making it insufficient to support the growing population. Despite government efforts to increase agricultural production and the development of uranium mining, the gross national product has declined sharply. Now with the recent 2023 coup, that number will go up with food aid trapped at the border. Slavery is still practiced in isolated areas of the country. Nigerian children are trafficked for labor in gold mines, sexual exploitation, and begging. Women are abducted and sold into domestic servitude or prostitution, and young boys are kidnapped for work in stone quarries. A land dispute between Libya remains unresolved and often triggers acts of violence.

Less than 2% of the population claims the Christian faith. 93% of the nation is Muslim, with 78% of the people listed as unreached ethnic groups. Christianity is slowly growing through humanitarian efforts such as well-digging, agricultural development, and education. The number of Evangelicals triples every year, though that is not keeping up with population growth. The cultural pressure to maintain the Islamic faith continues to hinder outreach efforts, though indigenous pastors, many of whom have converted to Christianity from Islam themselves, are stepping up as leaders in the fledgling church.

- Pray for more church planters to share Christ with the Muslim majority.
- Pray for believers to stand firm in the face of increasing persecution, oppression, and violence.
- Pray for encounters with Jesus among jihadists using abduction for financial gain.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

¹ Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling

of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

S E R M O N

The Real "New Age"

G R A T E F U L P R A I S E

"Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode"

#668

**Who trusts in God, a strong abode
in heav'n and earth possesses;
who looks in love to Christ above,
no fear his heart oppresses.
In you alone, dear Lord, we own
sweet hope and consolation;
our shield from foes, our balm for woes,
our great and sure salvation.**

Though Satan's wrath beset our path,
and worldly scorn assail us,
while you are near we will not fear,
your strength shall never fail us:
your rod and staff shall keep us safe,
and guide our steps forever;
nor shades of death, nor hell beneath,
our souls from you shall sever.

In all the strife of mortal life
our feet shall stand securely;
temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
for you shall guard us surely.
O God, renew, with heav'nly dew,
our body, soul, and spirit,
until we stand at your right hand,
through Jesus' saving merit.

Words: St. 1, Joachim Magdeburg (1572); St. 2-3, anon., (1597).
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS IN THE BOWL IN THE CENTER OF THE TRAYS..

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

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

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" #378 (verses 1, 4-5)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

**I have no help but thine, nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon:
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.**

**Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

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"Doxology"

#733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Words by Thomas Ken (1709; alt.).

Music from *Geistlich Kirchengesäng*, Cologne (1623).

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B E N E D I C T I O N

Hebrews 13:20-21

"It Is Well with My Soul" (refrain)

#691

***It is well* [it is well] *with my soul;* [with my soul]
*it is well, it is well with my soul.***

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 47

(TH page 803)

HYMN

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

TH #353

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 1

NT SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5

PRAYERS

SERMON

Acts 20:28–35

"The Gift of Church Government"

(see WCF 30.1, TH page 866)

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SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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