

Sunday, June 28, 2026

The Weekly Calendar

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10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

7:15 p.m. – Coffee Fellowship

Offering:

June 28: AM, Denominational Shares

PM, Arbin & Bimala Pokharel

July 5: AM, Classical Ministry Shares

PM, Hawarden Food Pantry

Music:

June 28: Marlene D. Song Leader, Al K.

July 5: Lisa D. Song Leader, Dave D.

Greeters:

June 28: Brian C., Brian & Donna O.

July 5: Gene & Cheryl B., Dave & Tami N.

Sound: Dan

Coffee Fellowship: (June 28)

3 dozen cookies & serve: Bill & Nancy K.

3 dozen cookies: Wanda H., Lynn B.

Note: Coffee fellowship is on June 28th and not on July 5th

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who enter this place to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. A special welcome to all visitors, may God bless you as you spend time worshiping with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Preparatory for the Lord's Supper which we celebrate, Lord willing, in our morning worship service next week.

We welcome Pastor Arbin & Bimala Pokharel and family to our evening worship service with an update on their ministry. Coffee fellowship will follow.

We also welcome Ireton CRC and Lebanon CRC for the first combined evening worship service of the summer.

July Men's Prayer Breakfast is on July 11 at Friendship Church. See you then!

Hawarden American Legion is putting on a Tavern and Sweet Corn Feed at the Hawarden Community Center, Thursday July 9, from 5-7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and children under 7 eat free. Come help support your local Veterans strengthen our community!

Groundwork: God Gives Israel a King - We want a lot of things in life. Some of those are good for us; some aren't. Some align with God's will for us, and some don't. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Samuel 8:1-10:24 to see what happens when God grants Israel's request for a king and discover how God is faithful, working behind the scenes even when his people make choices that don't align with his will. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

We Rejoice in God's Presence

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Psalm 26

* God's Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

* Hymn of Praise: (LUYH #127) "*Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion*" (vs. 1-3)

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Reading of Mark 16:1-8

Words of Preparation

People Respond:

Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension,

Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit,

who unites us all in one body,

so are we to receive this supper in true love,

mindful of the communion of saints.

Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Begotten Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Are Reconciled to God

Prayer of Confession -

God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency. We have forgotten how needy we are.

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

But we have not mourned over our sins. We have even hardened ourselves so that we are unaware that our own lives cause grief to the Lord.

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance.

But we have valued toughness over gentleness. Like the prodigal son, we want to satisfy ourselves rather than our Father.

God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for they will receive it in full. **But we have hungered after the pleasures, prestige, and possessions of this temporal world. Like Esau, we have despised our birthright by choosing to satisfy our immediate desires.**

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

But we have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves. We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need.

God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

But we have defiled our hearts with idols of our own choosing, trying to find meaning and security in our jobs, our friends, our pleasures, our projects— but not in God.

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

But we've sought to please the world rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be humbly received.

Lord, please show us your mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Thanksgiving: (LUYH #137) PH #371 *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”* (vs. 1-3)

We Respond with Gratitude

Guide for Grateful Living – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,

And shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,

And when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Denominational Shares (collected in the back)

We Hear the Word of God

*Hymn of Preparation: (LUYH #157) *“Meekness and Majesty”* (vs. 1-3)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“Gospel Preaching”*

Prayer

*Hymn of Application: PH #545 *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* (vs. 1-3)

We Go Out to Serve

* God's Benediction

* Doxology: CELE #669 "*Make Me a Servant*"

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up, those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant, today.

Postlude

Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion

1 Jesus heard with deep compassion pleas for healing, cries of pain; cured the lame and cleansed the leper, gave the blind their sight again. At his voice, tormenting spirits fled a madman's tortured mind; clothed and healed, he went rejoicing, home and family to find.

2 Jesus touched the lives of outcasts, weak or sinful, scorned or poor; gave them self-respect and courage, trust and faith and hope secure. Truly hearing, truly seeing deep within each troubled soul, Jesus healed their wounded spirits, sent them forth with lives made whole.

3 Jesus, Lord, our true example, you have shown how we must live. Teach us how to share with others everything we have to give. Let our days be spent in service; bring us by your grace to know healing is the church's calling, and the path that we must go.

Meekness and Majesty

1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity in perfect harmony, the Man who is God. Lord of eternity dwells in humanity, kneels in humility, and washes our feet.

Refrain Oh, what a mystery—meekness and majesty; bow down and worship, for this is your God.

2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, yet learns obedience to death on a cross, suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice, and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive." (Refrain)

3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible in frailty appears. Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne. (Refrain)

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Come, Let Us Worship

Prelude

* Call to Worship

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet One Another

Song Service led by Al Kingma

In Prayer and Dedication

Video: Teaching Pastors and Planting Churches in Nepal

Q&A with Rev. Arbin Pokharel

Video: Higher Ground: From Brokenness to Freedom Through Christ

Q&A with Bimala Pokharel

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Arbin & Bimala Pokharel (collected in the back)

At God's Feet

* Hymn of Preparation: (LUYH #251) PH #502 (vs. 1-2)

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *“Following Jesus All the Way”*

Prayer

* Hymn of Application: (LUYH #262) PH #530 (vs. 1-3)

“I Love to Tell the Story”

With Heartfelt Dedication

* Heidelberg Catechism **Lord’s Day 26**

Q & A 69 How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way:

Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, that is, all my sins.

Q & A 70 What does it mean to be washed with Christ’s blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ’s blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ’s blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ’s Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Q & A 71 Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.” This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism “the water of rebirth” and the washing away of sins.

* God’s Benediction

* Doxology: (LUYH #965) PH #638

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”