

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Brief Communion

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

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

****Good morning, I am Malorie Packard, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

L. Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name.

P. We will praise God as long as we live. We will pour out our joyous thanksgiving.

L. Do not put your trust in rulers of this age. Do not rely on things that are perishable.

P. God keeps faith with us today and forever. The oppressed and hungry receive from God what they need.

L. We have received grace to minister in Jesus' name. We are called to proclaim the faith to others.

P. We want to rise to the challenge set before us. We seek to keep the faith by sharing it.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", hymn #57, and the words will be on the screen.**

Children's Time

Community Notes

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

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

****Invitation:** The revealed gospel needs human transmitters. The dispossessed of the world need practical compassion. God calls us to use our abilities and our accumulated resources to reveal the good news of Jesus Christ in daily acts of love. Our offerings support many ministries.

****Will you pray with me?** We praise you with joy, holy God, for the gospel that extends our human vision and challenges our cherished traditions. We commit ourselves and our gifts to the sharing of life-giving good news. May we be equipped to preach the faith in word and deed. Amen.

****Scripture Reading** Ephesians 4:17-32 MSG

And so I insist—and God backs me up on this—that there be no going along with the crowd, the empty-headed, mindless crowd. They've refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God but with reality itself. They can't think straight anymore. Feeling no pain, they let themselves go in sexual obsession, addicted to every sort of perversion. But that's no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you. What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself. Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can

help others who can't work. Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift. Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted. Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

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

Message Luke 7:11-17 - Jesus raises the widow's son -Pastor Adam Woods

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 *“Take Our Bread” Hymn #640*

Closing Song *“In Christ There Is No East or West” Hymn #548*

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction

Gathered by Love pages 110 and 111