

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

*Communion & Veteran's Day*

**Welcome** *Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome*

**\*\*Call to Worship** (*Liturgist parts are indicated in BOLD and \*\**)

**\*\*Good Morning, I am Bob Brundage, 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?**

**\*\*Leader: We seek to let go of last week.**

People: We ask forgiveness of the hurts we have caused.

**\*\*Leader: We seek to start our week fresh, with you God.**

People: We ask help to walk the path you have laid in front of us.

**\*\*Leader: We seek to be better disciples each day.**

People: We ask guidance to use the love, mercy, and example of Jesus in our daily lives.

**\*\*Will you join us in our opening songs, “Surely the Presence of the Lord”, hymn #328 and “Turn Your Eyes” hymn #349 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

*(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)*

**\*\*Invitation: Our offerings support the ministry of this church as we reach out together to announce the better way God intends for all**

of us. In our giving, we extend a welcome, practice hospitality, offer healing, become reapers in God's harvest, and extend the peace of God to the world. May our offerings honor the one who gives us all we have.

**\*\*Will you pray with me? With gratitude for your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may your name be praised here and in many other places. Amen.**

**\*\*Scripture Reading James 2:14-26 NRSV**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

**\*\*Scripture Reading      Galatians 6:1-10   NRSV**

**My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. -----This is the word of God for the people of God. ----Thanks be to God!**

**Message                      *"Connection"*   Pete Blinkilde**

**Communion - Pastor Jane Duffey**

**Pastor: As we come to the Lord's Table today, let us affirm our historic faith in reciting the Apostles' Creed.**

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And will come again 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.

Pastor: the Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us,  
He took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread,  
gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you  
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Hear now this prayer: Eternal and loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit  
on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until  
Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all  
honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)*

**Communion Song**            *“I Refuse”*            -Praise Team

**Closing Song**    *“Pass it On”*    Hymn #572

**Blessing for the Week**

**Choral Benediction**