

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

*Communion*

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

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

**\*\*Good Morning, I am Chris Ritter, 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: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is worthy, but all are invited.**

People: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

**\*\*Leader: We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble. Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.**

People: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing. We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

**\*\*Leader: Taste and see how good God is. Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.**

People: We will bless our God in all times and places. Let us exalt God's name together!

**\*\*Will you join us in our opening song, “God Will Take Care of You”, hymn #130 in the hymnal, 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 are to magnify God's name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able - with joy!

**\*\*Will you pray with me?** Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

**\*\*Scripture Reading      2 Corinthians 10:1-5    NRSV**

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you but bold toward you when I am away!— I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as humans but do not wage war according to human standards, for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

**Message      “How Not to Become What We Hate”** Pastor Jeff Williams

**Communion**

**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**        *“Come Share the Lord” -Praise Team*

**Closing Song**    *“Make Me a Captive, Lord”*    Hymn #421

**Blessing for the Week**

**Choral Benediction**

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