

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Lynette Saltzman

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life,
what you'll eat or what you'll drink,
or about your body, what you'll wear.

Life is more than food and the body more than clothes.

Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's
righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well.

Thanks be to God who provides for our needs!

***Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen. *Note: "Word" is another way of referring to Christ, as seen in the scriptures.*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:2-4 Liturgist: Gwydotta Ukens

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Theme Song for our Sermon Series

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Children's Moment

Wendy Holt

[After Children's Moment, children may go to the nursery or return to their parents.]

New Testament Reading

Roman 13:8

Sermon "Our Consumerist Culture" Pastor Melanie Adams
Sermon 1: Financial Health for the Christ Follower

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

Prayer Song "Seek Ye First" #405

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

***The Doxology** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Accept this offering, O God, as a token of our earnest desire to be responsible stewards, an expression of our love for you, and a sign of our willingness to be of even greater service in the future; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "The Summons" #2130 vs. 1, 2, 5

Our Purpose

What is our purpose? **To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

Benediction

Benediction Response "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" chorus only

Postlude ~

Taking the 740 Prayer

Initiative a Step Further

Please continue to pray for our church each day at 7:40 am or pm. Set your phone alarm to remind you! If you need a copy of the short 740 guide, there are extras in the ladder style organizer outside the sanctuary.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20) May this be our prayer!

Additional prayer suggestions:
Please ask God to break through our financial limitations so that we can continue to be effective witnesses to the love of Christ. Ask God to open our hearts and to create a spirit of generosity and grace. Give God thanks for the many ways we are seeing the Holy Spirit working in us, through us, and among us!

~Pastor Melanie

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today. Jesus changes lives!

Family of Zora Anderson

Family of Kathy Drury

Family of Maureen

(Friend of Peggi Barrett)

If you are interested in baptism and/or church membership, please call the office to make an appointment to talk with Pastor Melanie.



Super Spud Sunday

Sunday, October 7th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for a baked potato bar and help us raise funds for our Boiler Campaign.

Hosted by: Hospitality Team

Free Will Donation Appreciated

Thoughts to Ponder

In what ways does your 'stuff' cause you anxiety or otherwise diminish your quality of life? What kinds of debt do you carry? How did that situation develop?

Living with financial and spiritual health means that we do not buy into the many voices in our culture which tell us that we need more stuff to be happy. Do you struggle with the desire to 'compete' with others to have everything money can buy?

IMPACT FUNDRAISER

What: Crunch for a Cause

When: October 1st 5-8 pm

Where: Taco John's

Let Taco John's do the cooking on October 1st, bonus to the night is our IMPACT youth receive a portion of all food sales that evening from 5-8. No Juan ever said "I don't like Taco John's".

CRUNCH FOR A CAUSE



Events this week in church:

Sunday, September 23rd

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, September 26th

5:30 pm Sittin' with Jesus
5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Sunday, September 30th

8:45 am AED Training
9:30 am AED Training
9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship

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for You*

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