

# A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

## AUGUST 3, 2025

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship:** In worship services and private times of prayer, the Spirit invites us to set our minds “on things above, not on earthly things” (Col. 3:2). In these holy moments, God calls us back with mercy and grace (Hos 11, Psalm 107) to re-center our lives in Christ, who is our true life and lasting treasure” (Psalm 138:3) and encourages us to be rich toward God (Lk 12:15).

**Prelude** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

**Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name** Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

**\*Song (Stand) # 24** “O Worship the King” LYONS

#### Call to Worship:

Come, friends, and be gathered to the LORD to think about things above.

**Let us focus on eternity, where our lives are hidden with Christ in God!**

Come from all directions of the wind, recalling God’s wonderful works in us.

**Let us give thanks to the LORD, for God is good. His love is forever!**

Come, all you whom that LORD has redeemed, rejoice in God our Savior.

**Let us lavishly give God our praise and possession with thanksgiving.**

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**Opening Prayer (Stand)** Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

**Song of Faith** “Goodness of God” Worship Team

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

**The First Reading** Hosea 11:1-11

**The Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Reader: Deacon Traci Brown

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** Luke 12:13-21

**\*Responsorial (Stand) #413** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” LEMMEL

**\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

**The Children's Sermon** (Children’s Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Announcements & Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations** – Worshipers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord. “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14).

**Offertory Special** Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

**A Prayer of Illumination & Message**

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

### WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to Holy Communion / The Table of the Lord<sup>†</sup>** (Servers Prepare)

**Communion Song** “Behold the Lamb” Worship Team

**Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer – OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

**Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper**

**Breaking of Bread**

*The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup**

*The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**Agape Fellowship Offering for Persons and Neighbors in Need**

### WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 603** “When We All Get to Heaven” HEAVEN

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude**

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

**OUR MISSION – Love God and Love People:** We fulfill our mission by sharing the Good News of God's forever-forgiving love in Jesus Christ with our families, neighbors, and world by word and deed. We are an autonomous Christian church in the Baptist tradition, partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.

