WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP





The whole body joined and knit together... building itself up in love. — Ephesians 4:16 —

AUGUST 23, 2020

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Amber Johnson

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: All who thirst, come to the water.

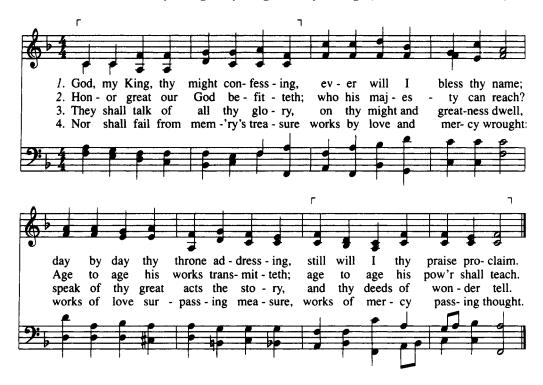
People: Come all who are weary. Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

- Pastor: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.
- All: Let us drink deeply of these living waters. Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)



- 5. Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love, God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.
- All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore. King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

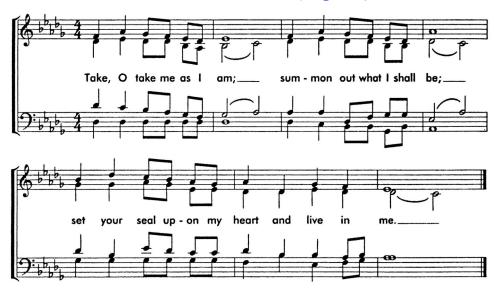
WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- People: His mercy endures forever.
- Leader: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)
- People: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)
- Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *(Hebrews 4:14, 16)*

SONG OF CONFESSION: Take, O Take Me as I Am (sing once)



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1:21-22)

- Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.
- * ACCLAMATION

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Reading

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright. "I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my Star, my Sun; And in that light of life I'll walk, Till trav'ling days are done.

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GABY SOSA

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(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: STAN AND SUZANNE ANDERSON

* New Testament Scripture: John 4:1-42

¹ Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.[[])

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do

not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." NIV

* Congregational Response

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Confronting Jesus (Part 2)

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: May the Peace



- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Steve Westfall (630) 717-7708 or steve.westfall@comcast.net.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Heather Klassen

Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Doug Reneker, Peter Welander

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The rosebud this morning welcomes newborn daughter Verity Youngeun Mayell to Marcus and Grace Mayell.

	9:30 a.m.	Worship online (Livestream)
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
This Week		
Tuesday	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Thursday	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	Women's Bible study @ Terra Vincent's, 26W430 Natalie Ct., Carol Stream

In Immanuel and Beyond

Nine days from now: Zoom with Adult Ed at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 30. We are entering an incredibly divisive campaign season in the midst of a global pandemic. How might we prepare for the election, and how can we demonstrate love for God and neighbor along the way? Join us for a nonpartisan Zoom discussion of the upcoming election. Dr. Mark Noll will offer insights on what we can learn from history, Dr. Amy Black will discuss some findings from political science, and we'll leave ample time for Q&A.

The next outdoor Sunday worship service will be held on September 6, weather permitting.

From the Finance Committee: The giving goal for the operating budget in July was \$53,000 and the actual giving was \$53,628.50, which is 101% of the goal. Renovation giving was \$1,810 for the month. The year-to-date giving goal through July was \$404,500, and the actual giving was \$437,050 or 108% of the goal.

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