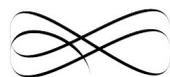


ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist:	Beci Eliason
Projectionist:	Abigail Thompson
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	George Ruter
Ushers & Greeters:	Curt & Linda Jans
Coffee Servers:	Bob & Diann Anderson



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- When we sing worship songs that are not included in our hymnals, the words will be printed on the screen. If you would like to be able to follow a music line, **please pick up a copy of the Songs from the Heart songbook** located at the back of the sanctuary or at the end of your pew.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.
- **Coffee is served in the John Knox Hall** every week following worship so that we can visit and spend time with our neighbors. If nobody signs up to bring treats, we will still have coffee!

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Willmar, MN
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!
Once we lived in darkness, but now -

**All: as children of light
we are called to what is good and right and true.**

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: give us eyes to see as you see!

HYMN #100 (SH) "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. God does not punish our sins with trials, but desires our genuine contrition. And so, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN #324 (PH) "Open My Eyes That I May See"

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 9:1-41
This is the word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Mud and Miracles"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

HYMN #280 (PH) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE