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Bulletin

How do Christians Relate to Government?



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We give you thanks, O God, for this nation in which we live.

May our faith in Jesus lead us to be good citizens.

Save us from love and loyalty to country that compromises your call on our lives.

May our faith in Jesus lead us to be good citizens.

Help us to advocate for laws that reflect your concern for the least, the last, and the lowest.

May our faith in Jesus lead us to be good citizens.

Keep us from using our freedom to place chains on others.

May our faith in Jesus lead us to be good citizens.

Do not let our desire for wealth and prosperity lead us to impoverish others.

May our faith in Jesus lead us to be good citizens.

Lead us in your ways of peace and help us to love even our enemies.

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Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ”

ELW 533

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Tell the Story"

(Sung to "Thine the Amen" ELW 826)

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
Help them understand the way, God is working every day.

Help us share your great, great story so that all the world may see
by your love we're all set fr-ee, by your love we're set free.

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
God is making all things new, God is calling me and you.

Let us tell God's great, great story, so that all the world will hear
God's not distant, God is with us, God is near, God is near

Prayer

Special Music

"Flee as a Bird "

Jennifer Fitzpatrick & Chris Hancock

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

1 Samuel 8:4-20...Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." ¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." ¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 11:15-18...Then Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem. And Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; ¹⁶and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a

den of robbers." ¹⁸And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dialogue

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break away the stone.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart by good soil. (*repeat*)

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us gracious God." Please respond: **We lift our prayers to you.**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Feed Us Now

Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;

Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.

Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;

Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray .

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good

Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.

Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand

How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.

Stay with us where're we go; Lord, help us to grow.

God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.

May we always feed on You, on the Bread that is true.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen**

Communion

Communion Hymn

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied, the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us;
still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Here I am, Lord"

ELW 574

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

*(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

⇒ In-Person Worship Guidelines

- People who are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are at high risk of exposing others are asked not to attend worship.
- Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear masks, social distance, and may sing.
- People not fully vaccinated are expected to wear masks, refrain from singing, and social distance. This includes people who have had COVID-19 but are not yet fully vaccinated.
- Bulletins will be emailed. Projection will resume when streaming system is installed.

We must be highly mindful of those around us who are still at risk including:

- those who are not yet fully vaccinated
- those who are vaccinated but have underlying health issues
- children, age 11 and under, and individuals who are not yet able to receive a vaccination

⇒ Food Pantry Our first Saturday of the month Pantry is August 7. To assist with pantry prep on Friday, August 6 or the day of the pantry, Saturday, August 7, please [CLICK HERE](#).

⇒ Church Clean-up indoor and outdoors. Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Sunday, August 29, 10:45 am - 3:00 pm

⇒ Prayer Requests If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, August 2

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 3

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 5

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Alanon

Friday, August 6

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, August 7

8:00 am Drive Thru Pantry

Sunday, August 8

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Emily Weible who has gone onto Hospice Care. **Kevin Leahy** as he begins cancer treatment. **Marie Pitner** as she recovers from broken wrists. **Irene Schnack** as she recovers from knee replacement.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.