November 8, 2026 10:30 am 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude/Announcements

Call to Worship

P: Beloved community, as we gather today, let us remember the power of fellowship and the strength found in our shared faith.

C: Just as Paul gathered with the believers in Troas, we come together to encourage one another and to share in the breaking of bread.

P: May our hearts be open to the Word, our spirits lifted in praise, and our lives transformed by the love of Christ.

C: Let us worship together with joy and expectation, knowing that God is present among us. Amen.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gathering Songs "All are Welcome"

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson, c. 1999 Dakota Rd. Music, CCLI 655526

(refrain) All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior.
All are welcome. All are welcome here.

From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus' feet,
to the man who knows the right way but cannot see (refrain)

From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is gone,
To the ones who live in hunger, here you belong. (refrain)

Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table, God's mer—cy. (refrain)

"The Power of Your Love"

POWER OF YOUR LOVE, GEOFF BULLOCK, C. 1992, WORD MUSIC, CCLIC 566626

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed;
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You;
And Lord, I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me,

Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.

(chorus) Hold me close, let Your love surround me; Bring me near, draw me to Your side;
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on, In the pow'r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day in the pow'r of Your love.

Confession and Absolution

P: Gracious Father, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

Silence for self-examination.

P: When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.

C: Forgive us.

P: When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.

C: Forgive us.

P: When we praise You with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

C: Forgive us.

P: Even when we forget to share the good news of God's love with those around us, God forgives us. God renews us and encourages us to try again. Because of God's great mercy, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

https://thepastorsworkshop.com/cat-liturgy/prayers-of-confession/from/acts-20

Song of Confession **"Bind us Together"**

Bind us together Lord, bind us together With cords that cannot be broken;
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Bind us together with Love.

There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one body, that is why I sing.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together With cords that cannot be broken;
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Bind us together with Love.

Gospel Reading: Acts 20:1-12

R: A reading from the book of Acts, **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them and saying farewell, he left for Macedonia. When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece, where he stayed for three months. He was about to set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him by the Jews, so he decided to return through Macedonia. He was accompanied[a] by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia. They went ahead and were waiting for us in Troas, but we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we joined them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down and bending over him took him in his arms and said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to

converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

R: Word of God, word of life, **C: Thanks be to God!**

(You may be seated)

Children's Message **Pastor Emily Dalen**
Sermon **Pastor Emily Dalen**

Song Reflection **"The Servant Song"**

Richard Gillard, c. 1977, Integrity Music, CCLIC 655526

Brother, sister let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; We're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you, In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey thro'.

When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

(Please rise as you are able)

Intercessory Prayers

P: Compassionate God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

We Share God's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us share the peace with those around us.

We bring our tithes and offerings

(Please rise as you are able)

Offertory **"Bring a Gift of Love "**

BRING A GIFT OF LOVE, c. 1992, Mary Kay Bottens, CCLI 655526

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love bring a gift of love today.
Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world He is "the Way!"
Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.
In this quiet hour of worship bring a gift of love.

Offertory Prayer

P: God of creation,

C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Words of Institution

P: 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." And 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

P: 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 and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

P: This table is open to all. If you are hungry – come.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song **"Come Share the Lord"**

COME SHARE THE LORD, BRYAN JEFFREY LEECH, c. 1984, Fred Bock Music Co., CCLIC 655526

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame,
For through the loving Son, The Father makes us one;
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

"In Need"

Words and Music my Ross King, c. 1996

In need of grace. In need of love.
In need of mercy raining down from high above.
In need of strength, in need of peace.
In need of things that only You can give to me.
In need of Christ, the perfect Lamb, my refuge strong, the great I am.
This is my song, my humble plea, I am Your child, I am in need. (repeat)

In need of Christ, the perfect Lamb, my refuge strong, the great I am.
This is my song, my humble plea, I am Your child, I am in need.

I am Your child, I am in need. I am your child---I am in need.

Post Communion Blessing

P: And now, may the body and blood of our crucified and risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

(Please rise as you are able)

The Benediction

P: You are God's beloved child. God is crazy about you. May your life reflect this promise to everyone you encounter.

C: Amen.

Sending Song "They'll Know We are Christians"

They'll Know We are Christians, Peter Scholtes, c 1966, FEL Publications, CCLIC 566626

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

(refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (refrain)

The Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to love and serve God with gladness by
C: Knowing Jesus, Telling About Jesus, Loving as Jesus Loves.
L: Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace!
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome Team: Chris and Carrie Radford
Tellers: Kay White and Lynell V.
Musicians: Deb; Megan
Acolyte: Hudson; Aubrey
Flowers: Glenrose Meier
Reader: LaJean Wehring

Prayer List: Ed Whitehill, Brenda Riley, Don Simms, Gene Young, Robert Meier II, Dylan Dreyer, Taiya Vorthmann, Teresa Plumb, Cheryl Bain, Zack and Lexi Meiner, Liv Gordon, Ed Calkins, Sharon Herzberg, Nixon Quick, Kristin Richardson, Cyndi Guyer, Marla Bentley, Shawna Hedegaard, Lane Rector, Audrey Gayer, Max Schweer, Curtis Holste, and Ken Andersen

Christmas Eve It's time to start thinking about Christmas Eve worship services. Would you be willing to serve on Welcome Team, as a communion server, reader, or in a variety of other ways? Let Pastor Emily know. We will also meet between services on December 6 at 9:15 a.m. to walk through job assignments.

Advent Pastor is looking for people who would be willing to read a short piece and light candles on the Advent wreath. If you are willing, please let her know.

Adult Ed The Sunday morning Adult Education group is starting a Bible study on the book of Exodus. Make plans to attend at 9:15 a.m. starting today, November 8. You are welcome to attend when it's convenient for you.

Sunday School children are beginning to practice songs, the bells and readings for our children-led Christmas worship on Dec. 13th. We hope to see them on Sunday mornings as we prepare for this important season.

Chili Cook-Off: We hope you will join us for some Chili Cookoff fun on Sunday, Nov. 22nd! We will have an adult and youth category (12th grade & younger) with prizes for Best Chili, Best Name, and presentation for both categories. Chicken noodle soup, corn bread and bars will also be served. Instead of a free-will offering, we would like you to bring items to make meal kits for CB Fridges (see below for more info on CB Fridges). The meal kits we are doing are: Tuna Casserole and Chicken Alfredo. Items for the Tuna Casserole meal kit include: box of mac and cheese, can of tuna, can of cream of mushroom soup, and can of peas. The Chicken Alfredo meal kit includes: box of rotini pasta, jar of alfredo sauce, can of chicken breast, 2 tsp. Italian seasoning. Bring any of these items or all to make a meal kit. Sign up on the youth bulletin board downstairs or contact Denise Wilson.

CB Fridges: What is CB Fridges? Community fridges are new in our area with one located at Timothy Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs with more locations coming soon. It's an anonymous source of perishable food with 24/7 access at a host location and helps fill the gap where our local food pantries have limited hours and limited access to perishable food. Nancy Ruffcorn will be here on Nov. 22nd to share more about this wonderful ministry to our community.

New Visions: We are again collecting Christmas gifts for teens in Southwest Iowa through New Visions' Give Hope wishlist. Consider picking up an item or two on the list and placing them in the basket designated "Christmas Gifts" outside the church office by Sunday, Nov. 29th. Items requested for teens are: blankets, wireless earbuds/headphones, perfume/cologne sets, make-up sets, kids pajama sets or teen pajama sets, hooded sweatshirts (L/XL), wrapping paper, and gift cards to Amazon, Target or fast food places. See the posters around church for the QR Code to purchase directly.

Warm Clothes We are collecting donations of new, or lightly used, warm clothes and coats now through February for our local shelters. Consider taking some time to see what you can donate and place items in the basket outside the church office.

This Week's Calendar:

Sun. 11/8: 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Ed
10:30 a.m. Worship
Wed.11/11: 6:15 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Cell Group
Thurs. 11/12: 8:30 a.m. Maintenance Team
Denise Day Off
Fri. 11/13: F-Hall Girl Scouts p.m.
Pastor Day Off

Sat. 11/14: F-Hall A.m. Optimists
Sun. 11/15: 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Worship Attendance on 11/1/26: 8:00 a.m. **42,** 10:30 **52;** Online 8:00 a.m. **23,** 10:30 **16**

Stewardship Emphasis: The Mission for November: Okoboji Bible Camp

Current Financial Information: Posted on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

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