



Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

Sunday, August 4, 2025

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs for your courts
and my heart sings for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young
at your altars, O Lord!**

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear. Behold our shield; look on the face of
your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

from Psalm 84

*HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS #2270

*OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, speak to us. We listen for your voice in the roar of the whirlwind and in the whisper of a
breeze; speak into our ears and into our hearts. Let your will be known by all. Teach us the ways of the
righteous through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Open Our Eyes

TFWS #2086

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

ACTS 20:7-12

RESPONSE

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Windows and Doors, Part 1: "Oops!"

Pastor Rick Carlson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE



Thank you to our congregation for your incredible generosity! We donated **twenty-five bicycles** to support our neighbors. We continue to make a real impact—thank you for being the hands and feet of love in action!

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters	Tom and Sherry Miller, Sonja Hunter
Liturgist	Mike Buhrmann
Media	Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin
Pastor	Pastor Rick Carlson

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Rick at 630-564-0413

Adult Education Forum You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Fellowship Sundays – Share Your Favorite Treats! Pick a Sunday to bring some of your favorite snacks or treats to share! Fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather, catch up, and welcome new friends. Sign up to host and help make our time together even more special!

Special Music Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.



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