

The Lord's Day – September 20th, 2026

"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren (or our larger Christian family) is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."

Billy Graham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Dale Boswell

MISSION MOMENT – *one eighty*

PRELUDE – "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Lorrie Crose

By William H. Doane & Arranged by Todd Beaney

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Ps. 34:1-3)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 95:1-7

Elder Boswell

* OPENING HYMN - # 381 – "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" *On Screen*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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."

The Confession of our Faith (Rom. 10:10)

UNISON READING – The Nicene Creed

(Trinity Hymnal pg. 846)

THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM – Question # 37

LEADER: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

PEOPLE: When believers die, their souls become perfectly holy and go straight to glory. Their bodies stay united to Christ and rest in the grave until the final resurrection.

The Confession of our Sin (1 John 1:8 & 9)

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN – "Repent, therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out."

(Acts 3:19)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN - *(In Unison)*

Gracious Father and Savior, we come before you this morning confessing that we are sinners, infected with the sin nature of our first parents, Adam and Eve. We sin because we are sinners. As such, there is a great divide between your infinitely holy nature and our inherently sinful nature. We have sinned in our thoughts choosing to meditate on things that are unworthy to occupy the mind of ones who claim to follow Jesus. We have sinned with our words praising you one moment and cursing, gossiping, belittling others the

next. We have sinned with the very intentions and desires of our hearts wanting what is not ours, wanting what is contrary to your Word, wanting shameful things and casting away the good that you so graciously provide. Dear Jesus Christ, if you were to come today to judge the world and to establish your forever Kingdom, we would be found with soiled hands and consciences. And so we come before you pleading the cleansing blood of Christ. We long to be right with you, Father. Hear our prayer for grace and mercy. Cleanse us throughout and we will be clean. Thank you for hearing for we ask it all in the saving name of Jesus, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDONING GRACE - "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

(Psalm 103:10-12)

* HYMN OF RESPONSE – "His Mercy is More" *See Insert & On Screen*

The Collection (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Elder Boswell

OFFERTORY – "It Is Well With My Soul" with "I've Got Peace Like a River"
By Philip P. Bliss and Trad. Spiritual Arranged by Vicki H. Wright

Lorrie Crose

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE - # 725 – "The Lord's Prayer" *On Screen*

The Ministry of the Word (Is. 55:11)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder McAuley

SERMON TEXT – 2 Peter 3:14-18

SERMON - **"Grow!"**

Elder Larry McAuley

* HYMN OF RESPONSE - "He Will Hold Me Fast" *See Insert & On Screen*

* THE BENEDICTION & THE POSTLUDE

(* - The congregation is invited to stand, if able.)

"Thank God you've come!"

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship service today. Please fill out one of the cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate, or sign the visitor's book.
We look forward to seeing you again soon!

IT'S FALL FESTIVAL TIME! Our Fall Festival is set for Saturday, October 10th, 10 AM – 1 PM! Invite your neighbors and family! We are in need of a little help to man some booths. Get your Sunday School class together & volunteer! We need all ages & both sexes! The festival is lots of fun and a great outreach! It's a joy to minister to our community and provide some fun! See Steph or Jan for info.