

The Lord's Day – October 4th, 2026

"I would like to encourage you to be strong, to stay, to give a forthright and lasting testimony to the grace of God in Jesus Christ. It is not terribly difficult to gain an audience for the gospel message, particularly in this country in this day when, like the men of Athens, Americans seem to live only to hear or tell of some new thing. But to keep those who come for years and to build them up into a strong community where the gospel is openly confessed and the standards of Christianity are upheld – this is difficult, for men vacillate. Spurgeon wrote, 'There is a constant winnowing going on in all churches, and this drives away the light and chaffy ones. There is a fan at work upon this floor . . . Be not as the chaff . . . Better far that we die than that we deny the Lord.'"

James Montgomery Boice: The Gospel of John, Vol. 2, Pg. 537

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dietmeier

PRELUDE – "Thy Word"

Lorrie Crose

By Amy Grant & Michael W Smith & Arranged by Bill Wolaver

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Revelation 15:3-4)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Revelation 15:3-4

Pastor Dietmeier

* OPENING HYMN - # 180 - "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" *On Screen*

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Confession of our Faith (Luke 12:8)

THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM – Question # 39

LEADER: What does God require of man?

PEOPLE: God requires man to obey His revealed will.

The Collection (I Corinthians 16:2)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Dietmeier

OFFERTORY – "Create in Me A Clean Heart"

Lorrie Crose

Anonymous - Arranged by Mark Hayes

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – # 565 - "All For Jesus!" *Stanza 1 – On Screen*

The Ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dietmeier

SERMON TEXT – The Gospel According to Matthew 18:18-20

SERMON "God Amidst His People"

Pastor Daren Dietmeier

Sermon Series "Jesus: Messiah, Redeemer, & King"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-30)

* COMMUNION HYMN - "Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)"

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION - The Gospel According to Matthew 26:26-29

THE CONFESSION OF SIN – Romans 3:23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN

"Great and Holy God - Father, Son, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit – we bow our heads before You in shame. We do not take You at Your Word – in silent defiance, we live with no love of God. We delude ourselves into thinking we are righteous, holy, and good people. Our concept of good is the problem. Simply because we do well fending off a sin one day . . . we fall away hoping God looks the other way the next day. God knows: He is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Lord, You have spoken, and You will make it good. We do not put our trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. We are deceivers – of ourselves and of others. Help us to not be faithless and, rather, to be faithful. Our eyes are upon You, O Lord. In Jesus, Amen."

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"

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of true Christian believers.

Guidelines for Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who seek to live in peace with God and with their neighbor, and who long for strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Note about Children: In our desire to heed the Apostle Paul's instructions about the necessity of self-examination, we ask that children who are presently too young to articulate the gospel or to examine their own hearts refrain from partaking. If you have questions about how best to nurture your children in the Christian faith, ask the pastor or an elder.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE - "Because He Lives" (All verses) *See Insert & 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!