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What do you
believe you need
to meet God's
expectations?

Fifth Weekend in Ordinary Time • February 8, 2026

Isaiah 58

“Life on a Theme”

Who we choose to be as a church rests on
how we respond to God's lawsuit.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal

GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

OPENING SENTENCE

Isaiah 58:12 (CEB)

They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"He Came Down"

GTG #137

**He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore. (2X)**

PRELUDE

arr. Sandra Eithun

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Count your blessings

Name them one by one

Count your blessings

See what God has done

Count your blessings

Be sure not to leave out yourself

From receiving them

Or being them

SING

"His Name Is Wonderful"

CEL #118

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Great God, we live in a traumatic world. Between the ravages the climate visits on us, the disasters our diseases press upon us, the wanton and self-imposed wounds we visit upon ourselves and each other, ours is a traumatic world. Your answer to all of this is to bless us. We gladly receive this. But Lord, forgive us, for forgetting how far-reaching the relief was meant to be. That our being blessed was not just to answer our hurts, but to turn us into answers. May we come to reflect your generosity as

**enthusiastically as we receive it.
Thank you for listening, God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning.

**It is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

God's Word is a gift. And good gifts are meant to be opened. Our hearts and minds are gifts. And good gifts are meant to be opened. God offers to help us open our presents by God's own Spirit. Let us take God up on that offer and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

GTG #460

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (verse 2)

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
now unto me,**

**As thou didst bless the bread by
Galilee.**

**Then shall all bondage cease, all
fetters fall.**

**And I shall find my peace, my all in
all.**

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Isaiah 58 (CEB)

Fasting from injustice.

¹ Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways like a nation that acted righteously, that didn't abandon their God. They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God. ³ "Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?" Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You quarrel and

brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with your fists. You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?⁶ Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?⁷ Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family?⁸ Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard.⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;¹⁰ if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.¹² They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets.¹³ If you stop trampling the Sabbath, stop doing whatever you want on my holy day, and consider the Sabbath a delight, sacred to the LORD, honored, and honor it instead of doing things your way, seeking what you want and doing business as usual,¹⁴ then you will take delight in the LORD. I will let you ride on the heights of the earth; I will sustain you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Through the Door"

ANTHEM

"Glory Bound!"
by Sally Albrecht, Jay Althouse; Soloist: Lora Melton;
Percussionist: Chason Alligood

SERMON

"Life on a Theme"
Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"
GTG #287

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
arr. Lloyd Larson

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom
all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

BLESSING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**I believe in God—
That God created us for a reason,
That God chose people for a reason
That God fought for us for a reason
That God fought against us for a reason
That God called us out on our sins
for a reason
That God made us partners with
God for the building of the kingdom
That God created us for a purpose.
That God's already called us to be
prophets, priests, teachers,
students, companions, travelers,
historians, parents, grandparents,
aunts, uncles, siblings and most
importantly children
That God has convicted us
But the sentence is within our reach
Because by God's grace,
God's love really does
change everything
and makes us people of God
because of Jesus Christ
Who was, who is, and is to come.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" GTG #465

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,**

**All because we do not carry
Everything to God in 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, God, for making us your
kingdom. Help us live out that
thanks by being a refuge to all you
call us to. Thank you for including us
at your Table. Help us do the same
with ours. In the great name of Jesus
Christ we pray this together. Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING GTG #829
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**Who we choose to be as a church
rests on how we respond to God's
lawsuit.**

SING

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
May the Shepherd's care unfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

"Forever"
arr. Victor Labenske

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Danny Way
- Jason Bailey—health concerns
- Lyndon Doss—health concerns
- David Ealy—recovering from foot surgery
- Families who have lost loved ones because of the unrest in the country and in Minnesota
- Emma Henkel—health concerns (Christy Bailey's mom)
- Rhett Moore—4 year old with heart concerns
- The Family of Olga Ros
- The Family of Carol Thompson

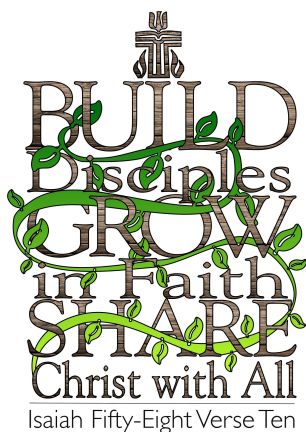
Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Fenton Covington (hospice care); Emily Johnson, Susan Loy (Alamance House), Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor, Rm #306), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Rm #A19 & #F15), Helen Thomas (Brookdale Senior Living, #67), and Pat Webster

SAVE THE DATE!

Our church by-laws and our Book of Order requires that we have an Annual Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to review the previous year (2025) and look ahead to the next. As a part of this meeting, the Administrative Life Committee wishes to help our understanding of how our finances work as well as introduce the operating budget for 2026. We will also review the Annual Report. In addition to our usual tasks, we also must answer a procedural question. Brody Cameron has resigned his election as Ruling Elder and we must decide whether to replace him or leave the position unfilled.

As always, the last part of our agenda is acting on the terms of call for the Pastor. The Session has set **Sunday, February 8th** immediately following the morning worship service in the Sanctuary as the meeting time and place. Please make your submissions and plan to attend.



THE 2025 SESSION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

We expect God to answer our prayers, to bless our food, take care of our children (household or neighborhood), to forgive us, to honor our commitments, to secure our place in Heaven, to be on our side (whatever that really means). And why not? If the angels' announcement to the Shepherds says anything, it says we are due favored peace from God. But God's blessings have a catch. No, God isn't looking for payment. And, no, it definitely is not quid pro quo (how would we even achieve that?). But consider God's expectations of us. We proudly say God loves us unconditionally. Do we really believe God doesn't expect the same from us? And what does unconditional love look like in a world like ours? Can God expect us to be answers to prayer, to bless with food, to take care of children, to forgive, to honor our commitments, to secure Heaven on Earth, to be on God's side? As you move through the week, take time to read Isaiah 58 in a sitting, more than once. Weigh carefully God's indictment, and God's preferred sentence of grace. What would it look like for you to take concretely and literally the directives God provides in this prophecy? What would it take for you to change your expectations of yourself?

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- What would you say is the theme of your life?
- What do you believe you need to meet God's expectations?
- Are there any doors God could show you that you would be unwilling to open?
- What do you think God wants your legacy to be?

COMMUNION, AGAIN?

Even though we shared Communion with the online service last weekend, we will be sharing it together at our in-person

services. The snow day(s) we experienced were a disruption but the opportunity to share the Table together in person must have its due. As we gather at the Table, consider all those who should be gathered with us and bring those prayers with you.

2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements are available in the sanctuary for the next two Sundays, and available for pick up in the church office during the week. If there are any questions, please reach out to the church office.

DIRECTORY DRAFT

You can find a draft of the newest church directory in the foyer and fellowship hall for the next two weeks. Please take a look at your information to make sure it's correct, and feel free to make any corrections to your information on the draft. The directory will be published and available beginning Sunday, February 22nd.

BUSY BEES SALE

The Busy Bees are having a sale after both church services on Sunday, **February 8th**, in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and check out all the amazing things they've been working on!

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

If you're available to help provide meals for youth group meetings this winter, sign up by entering the link in your browser. Some of our favorite meals include chicken nuggets, pizza, Bojangles, taco bar, and subs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-58245441-winter>

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA INVITATION

Our church enjoys uplifting sounds at both Christmas and Easter, but we

embrace the darkest hours leading up to the crucifixion, too. As a result, we will present Douglas E. Wagner's cantata, *Shadows: A Service of Tenebrae*, on Good Friday, April 3rd. Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings, beginning

February 4th, from

7:15-8:00PM in the choir room. There will be 9 total meetings to prepare the presentation. The Good Friday service will begin at 7:00 PM. Through God's gift of music, please accept a special invitation to sing with the choir and experience the journey to the cross in a dramatic, different way.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

We're seeking some volunteers to lend a hand in our nursery! If interested, please use the link below to sign up or reach out to Mandy.

Sunday, February 8th:

AM: 1 - _____
PM: 1 - _____
2 - _____

Sunday, February 15th:

AM: 1 - _____
PM: 1 - _____
2 - _____

MEALS ON WHEELS HELP

Presumably, you like to eat. We'll go a step further and assume you like to eat everyday. As it is, there are some in our community who can't do that without help. Hawfields, in a once a month commitment, is partnering with Meals on Wheels to deliver cooked meals to folks. These meals are pre-prepared and wrapped up so all you have to do is deliver. Obviously we're not delivering meals everyday but Meals on Wheels is. What we're doing is only a part of their whole effort. There's a job description outlining precisely what's expected and what kind of time commitment. You can

even take the mileage off on your taxes. But the impact of what you do would be helping take off the scourge of hunger and loneliness from people within your community in a pretty easy way. Sign up with Norma Poole today or contact her for more information.

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2jnbjccqcp0ywqckzw9dm/Meals_on_Wheels_volunteer_role_description_for_church.pdf?rlkey=z45xuni3ybxkgni4awse8j429&dl=0

WE ALREADY HAVE TO TALK ABOUT LENT

Ash Wednesday is coming soon (**February 18th**). In preparation for the season of Lent and our theme, "Light for the Journey", we're in need of a few items if you have them to share. First, we will need mirrors of all shapes and sizes starting February 15th. Please mark the back of your mirror with your name and phone number if you share one with us. The second thing we need are your thoughts! As you are willing to share, take 5 minutes to gaze at yourself in the mirror (set a timer!) and then write a paragraph of what you think you see in the reflection. Your reflections can, of course, be anonymous and we won't share them without your express permission.

MISSION YARD SALE

Our annual Mission Yard Sale is scheduled for **Friday, April 24th** and **Saturday, April 25th**. Please bring your donations to the yard sale work room on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall. If you need assistance, please contact Sandy Muller. If you have large items to be picked up, please contact Carol Phillips. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make our sale successful!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
- 9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
- 11:00 AMAnnual Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AMYouth—Lunch & Council Meeting
- 1:30 PMCommunion @ Compass
- 6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:00 PM“The Gospels” Study (Rm 15)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 11:00 AMStaff Meeting & Prayer
- 7:00 PMBoy Scouts Meeting (F. Hall)
- 7:00 PMCircle #3 Meeting (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 10:00 AMBusy Bees Workshop
- 1:30 PMHawfields Jammers
- 6:30 PMChoir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PMNarcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 6:30 PMAA Meeting (Fleming)
- 7:00 PMSpiritual Life Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:00 AMWalking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00 AMYouth Sunday School
- 9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall)
- 10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service
- 11:00 AMYouth—Lunch & Love Discussion
- 3:00 PMGirl Scouts Meeting
- 5:00 PMHawfields Community Meal
- 6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS 2/1/26

Giving Budget 2026	\$356,447.00
Gen. Fund YTD	\$12,225.00
Needed monthly	\$29,703.92
G.F. Month to Date	\$1,090.00
Needed weekly	\$6,854.75
Gen. Fund Last Week	\$1,090.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Youth	\$0.00
Helping Hands Balance	\$1,362.22

WAYS TO GIVE

In our church, we give in a number of ways. We give of our time through service and mission. We give of our prayers. We give financially through the tithing box in the worship space entrance, mail, online and at the church office. We give of ourselves where ever we are.