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## We Come Boldly

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16 KJV).

The Epistle to the Hebrews does not invite timid speculation about God’s favor. It commands something astonishing: “*Let us therefore come boldly.*” The Greek word is *παρρησία* (*parrēsia*)—a frankness, an open access, a fearless freedom of speech. Sinners are summoned not to shrink back, but to step forward.

How can this be? Because our High Priest is Jesus Christ. Just prior to this verse, we are told that He has “passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14 ESV). He has taken our flesh, our weakness, even our death, into the very presence of the Father. The throne is no longer a seat of terror for those in Christ; it is a throne of grace because the Lamb who was slain now stands there.

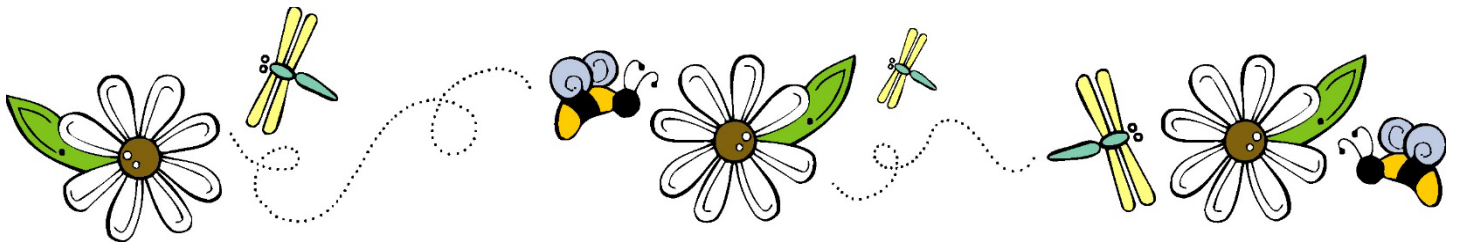
The Law tells us the truth: we have no natural boldness before God. Like Adam, we hide. Like Peter, we deny. Like Thomas, we doubt. “In time of need” is not rare; it is constant. But the Gospel declares that mercy may be *obtained* and grace *found*. Martin Luther writes, “For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation” (*Luther’s Small Catechism*, The Sacrament of the Altar). The throne of grace is not an abstract heavenly courtroom; it is where Christ delivers forgiveness. In Holy Absolution, the risen Christ speaks peace through His called and ordained servant. In the Holy Supper, the very Body and Blood once offered are given for the forgiveness of sins. Professor Emeritus Dr. David Scaer has emphasized that Hebrews portrays Christ as the ongoing High Priest who continually mediates mercy for His Church. The throne of grace, then, is as near as font, pulpit, and altar.

We come **BOLDLY** not because we are worthy, but because He is faithful. Not because our repentance is perfect, but because His sacrifice is complete. The throne is grace because Christ Himself is there for you.

So, dear friends of Jesus—come boldly.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Richard S. Cody  
Fourth Vice President  
Missouri District

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, grant us boldness to come unto Your throne of grace. Convict us by Your holy Law, comfort us by Your blessed Gospel, and feed us with Your mercy in Word and Sacrament. In every time of need, sustain us by Your grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



The  
*Lord stood*  
at my side and  
*gave me*  
*strength.*

2 Timothy 4:17



# Mustard Seed

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

### Speaking Boldly

#### In the Word

[Jesus said,] *“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you might say”* (Luke 12:11–12).

#### Of the Word

Many followers of Christ have faced severe persecution and, in the midst of such circumstances, have given courageous, clear expressions of their faith in Jesus. Stephen faced stoning, and even as death drew near, he gave a gracious witness, asking the Lord to not hold his executioners’ sin against them (Acts 7:54–60).

The Apostle Paul faced persecution time and again, and yet, the Spirit gave him the right words to say to speak the Good News of Jesus! From prison, Paul encouraged the Colossians: *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ* (Colossians 3:23–24).

We may never face martyrdom or be hauled before a ruler to bear witness of what Jesus has done for the salvation of the world. Yet, the same Lord who was with Stephen and Paul gives us His Holy Scriptures that tell what Jesus has done for the salvation of mankind. Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us, we can be confident to speak to a neighbor about Christ’s redeeming love.

Walking with my Lord- Jesus, calm my heart, and let me boldly speak of the joy of knowing You as my Savior. In Your name. Amen.

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Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:2



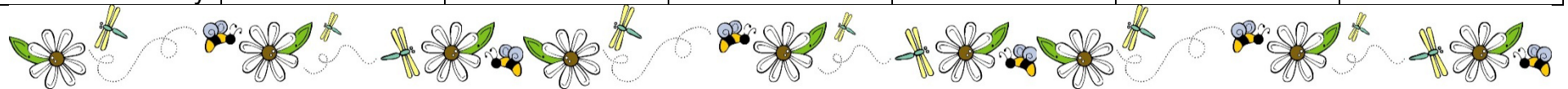


Sunday Worship Schedule:  
 Bible Study 8:15am,  
 Sunday School 8:30am  
 Worship Service 9:30am

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**Walkers M-F, 7-10am**

| Sunday  | Monday                        | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                     | Thursday  | Friday                         | Saturday  |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
|   | <b>1</b> Dorcas Circle<br>6pm | <b>2</b>                          | <b>3</b> Bible Study<br>10am  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                       | <b>6</b> Basketball<br>10am-12pm                    |
| <b>7</b> New<br>Dimensions of<br>Praise<br>Fellowship Hall<br>10am<br>Bd. of Elders<br>meeting<br>following worship       | <b>8</b>                      | <b>9</b> Church<br>Council 6:30pm | <b>10</b> Bible Study<br>10am | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> Basketball 7-<br>9pm | <b>13</b> No Basketball<br>Craft Day 9am-<br>6:30pm |
| <b>14</b> New<br>Dimensions of<br>Praise<br>Fellowship Hall<br>10am<br>Hang of the<br>Greens meeting<br>following worship | <b>15</b>                     | <b>16</b>                         | <b>17</b> Bible Study<br>10am | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                      | <b>20</b> Basketball<br>10am-12pm                   |
| <b>21</b> New<br>Dimensions of<br>Praise 10am   | <b>22</b>                     | <b>23</b>                         | <b>24</b> No Bible<br>Study   | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                      | <b>27</b> Basketball<br>10am-12pm                   |
| <b>28</b> New<br>Dimensions of<br>Praise 10am<br>Mite Box Sunday  | <b>29</b>                     | <b>30</b>                         |                               |           |                                |   |



Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you,  
 I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

