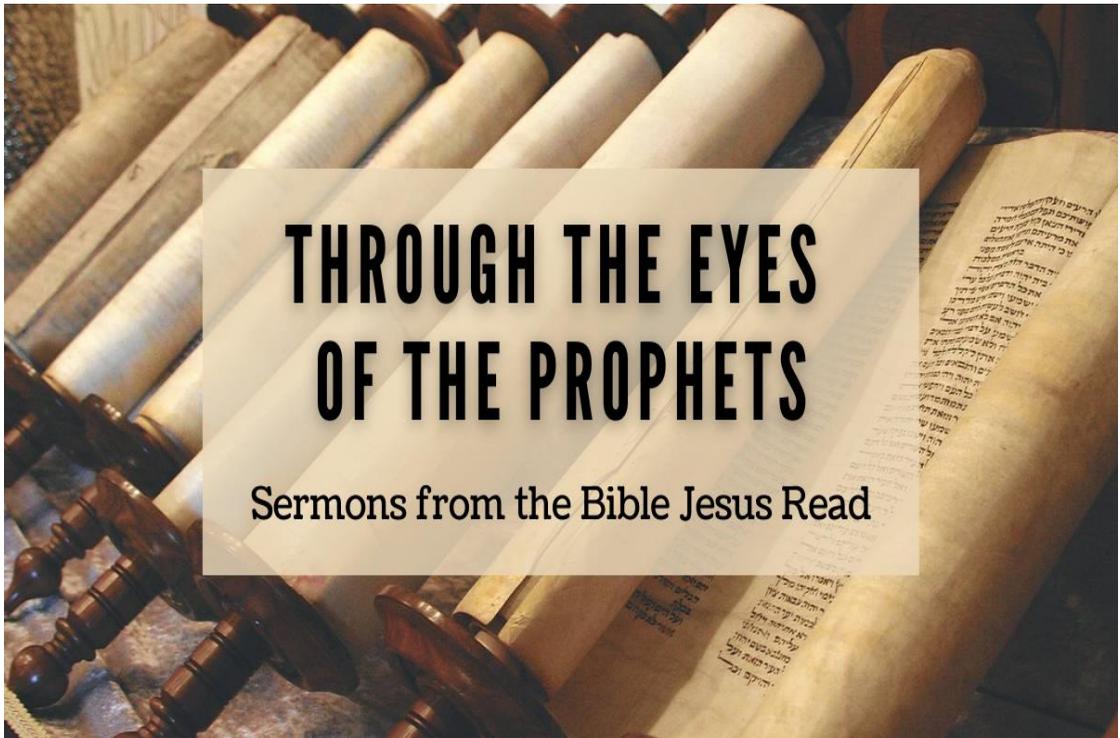




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PROPHETS

Sermons from the Bible Jesus Read

Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Obadiah.

Schadenfreude: pleasure derived at another's misfortune. Whether or not we know the word, we're all familiar with the concept—when the car that goes zooming past us on the freeway gets pulled over, or when the person promoted over us has more work than they can handle. In reading Obadiah's prophecy against Edom, one might be struck with a sense of schadenfreude: the nation who oppressed Israel would get what they deserved. But this isn't schadenfreude, it's justice—God's justice in delivering his people on the day of the LORD, his people from every tribe and language and tongue and nation.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Bible Study

A congregational open forum replaces our Sunday morning Bible study today. We'll be presenting more information on our potential campus expansion, including detailed architectural renderings and estimated project costs. This potential expansion would include projects at both church and school. All members are invited to attend this open forum to learn more and share opinions. For more information on this proposed project, visit www.sjtosa.org/CampusExpansion.

Beginning on July 24, we'll kick off a new Sunday morning Bible study. We're all called to share the Gospel, but sometimes that can be difficult and push us out of our comfort zones. In "Sharing the Gospel in Different Settings: A Case Study Series," we'll hear tips, techniques, and suggestions for sharing the Gospel from a variety of presenters. We hope to see you there!

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9 & 10, 2022

The Book of Obadiah: God is Just

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Christian Worship 919

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

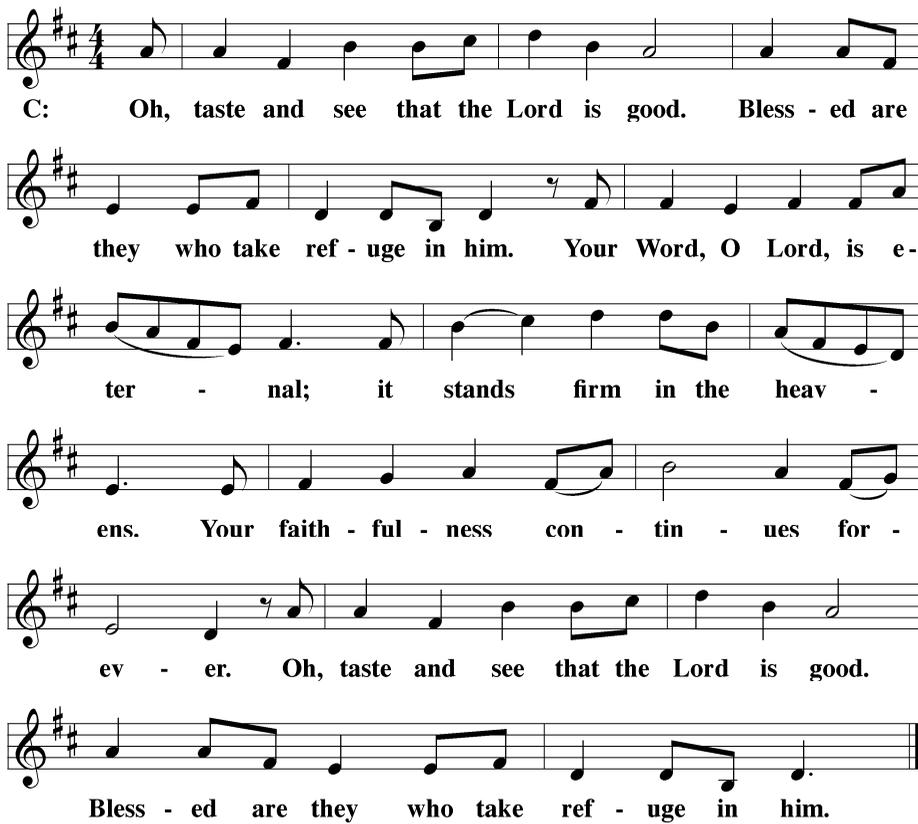
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a⁺

Out of love for Naomi, Ruth left behind everything she knew and humbly served.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

***Ruth:** The book of Ruth takes place during the period of the judges, a dark time in Israel's history when "Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit" (Judges 17:6). It is one of only two Biblical books named for a woman (the other being the book of Esther) and is a Hebrew short story which focuses primarily on the private lives of one Israelite family. The true faith of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz is contrasted with the overwhelming unfaithfulness of the Israelites during the time of the judges. It may seem surprising that Ruth, the one who reflects God's love so clearly, is a Moabitess. In spite of her heritage, her complete devotion to her mother-in-law and to the one true God mark her as a redeemed daughter of Israel. She is an ancestor of King David and is one of only four women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

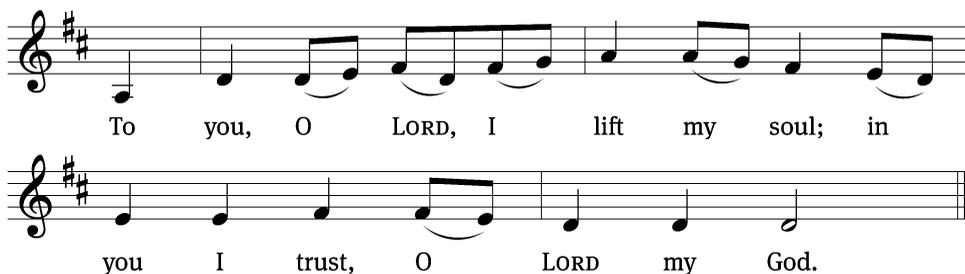
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25

Refrain



To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in
you I trust, O LORD my God.

Tone



In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress
and take away / all my sins.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

Christ has set us free to humbly serve one another in love.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:11

Alleluia, alleluia.

Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how to love and humbly serve our neighbor.

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Christian Worship 768

Rivalry and Redemption

“In that day,” declares the LORD, “will I not destroy the wise men of Edom,
those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?”

Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified,
and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter.

Because of the violence against your brother Jacob,
you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever.

On the day you stood aloof while strangers carried off his wealth
and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them.

You should not gloat over your brother in the day of his misfortune,
nor rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction,
nor boast so much in the day of their trouble.

You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster,
nor gloat over them in their calamity in the day of their disaster,
nor seize their wealth in the day of their disaster.

You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives,
nor hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble.

“The day of the LORD is near for all nations.

As you have done, it will be done to you;
your deeds will return upon your own head.

Just as you drank on my holy hill, so all the nations will drink continually;
they will drink and drink and be as if they had never been.

But on Mount Zion will be deliverance;
it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance.

Jacob will be a fire and Joseph a flame;
Esau will be stubble, and they will set him on fire and destroy him.

There will be no survivors from Esau.”

The LORD has spoken.

People from the Negev will occupy the mountains of Esau,
and people from the foothills will possess the land of the Philistines.

They will occupy the fields of Ephraim and Samaria, and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
This company of Israelite exiles who are in Canaan will possess the land as far as Zarephath;
the exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev.

Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau.

And the kingdom will be the LORD’s.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord God Almighty, you are a God of power and grace whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry. Hear the prayer of your people as we come before you.

We thank you for the mercies you pour down on us each day.

Always keep us mindful that you have provided us with life, breath, and being. You are the source of our daily bread.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence.

You sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts and seek to follow his teaching and commands.

We thank you for the reconciliation accomplished through your Son's work.

You continue to send your Holy Spirit to us. Direct his work that we may produce the fruits of righteousness and may strive to live according to your will.

We thank you for the faith endowed by the Holy Spirit through which we are heirs of heaven.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage through this world. When our earthly journey is completed, bring us safely to our heavenly home.

Hear our petitions in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

From God Can Nothing Move Me
Christian Worship 826

Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Christian Worship 930

WELS Connection

Martin Luther College

Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musicians

Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Saturday)

Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Jeff and Yvonne Quint in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Our two open forum informational meetings regarding potential campus expansion and enhancement, which will be held on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. For those unable to attend, Sunday's open forum will also be livestreamed and archived at www.sjtosa.org/CampusExpansion.
- The 29 young people and 9 adult chaperones who departed this weekend for mission trip to Living Promise Lutheran Church in Morristown, TN.
- Ruth Neeck, scheduled to undergo a surgical procedure to address heart issues on Friday, July 15.

Parents' Preview for July 17

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

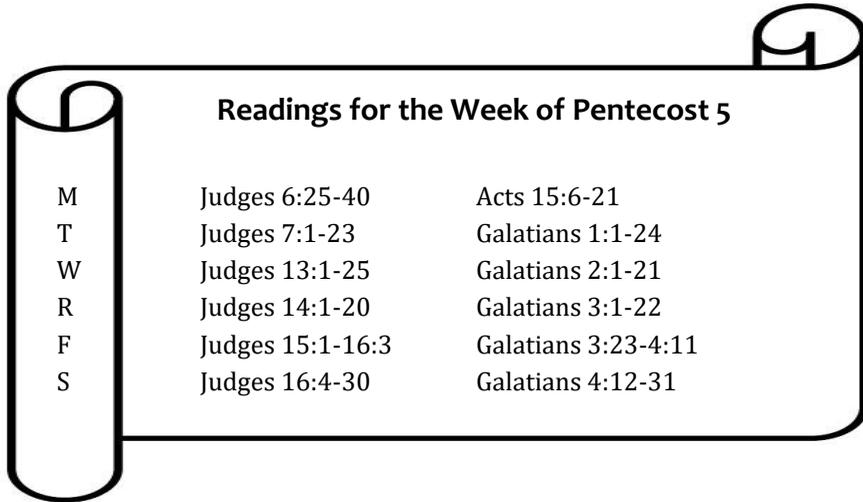
How Deep the Father's Love for Us (stanza 1)

Christian Worship 523



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 5

M	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21
T	Judges 7:1-23	Galatians 1:1-24
W	Judges 13:1-25	Galatians 2:1-21
R	Judges 14:1-20	Galatians 3:1-22
F	Judges 15:1-16:3	Galatians 3:23-4:11
S	Judges 16:4-30	Galatians 4:12-31

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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