

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

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Our Response to God's Grace: 5/3/2026:

Worship Attendance: Sanctuary 56; Live stream 39+;

Sunday School: 7 **Sunday Bible Class:** 16

Offering: Home \$2,081; Undesignated \$412; Missions \$265; Total \$2,758



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Children's Sunday School: We thank God for our Sunday School teachers, Dawn Karsten, Lori Dunning, Barb Robinson and Deanna Becker for their dedication to sharing Jesus with our children throughout the year. We will hold our last Sunday School session for the school year on 5/24 and will begin again this fall.

Thank you to all who have provided food for recent Grace events. Please remember to pick up dishes/containers in the kitchen to take home.

Support our Community:

- Blirstown garage sales - Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th
- Free Fishing with First Responders - Saturday, June 6th from 8:30 to 11:30 at Hannen Lake

In our Prayers: Steve Wright, Karen Lawing, LaVonne Karsten, Dennis Arndt, Harold & Beverly Rehberg, Darwin Rieck, Jessica Wodstrchill Roccia, Jim Pecenka, Connie Wardenburg, Janet Newton, Vicki Thorman (health), Alex Palmer, Jesse Drahos (deployed Armed Forces), World Peace, Family of Nancy Newton (death)

This Week (5/10/2026), Lord Willing:

Sun	5/10	9:00 Bible Class/ Sunday School
		10:00 Worship* (Sr. Choir Sings)
		11:15 Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Tues	5/12	4:30 Women's Bible Study/ 5:30 LWML Meeting
Sun	5/17	9:00 Bible Study/Sunday School
		10:00 Worship+*
		6:00 "Man Up" Men's Bible Study

* Available also on Facebook Live (FM 90.5 locally – Sundays only)
+ Holy Communion

Opening Hymn **Come, My Soul, with Every Care**

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Invocation

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession/Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet **and a light to my path.**

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,

for by them you have given me life.

Your word is a lamp to my feet **and a light to my path.**

 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

Kyrie

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 **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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 **Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We**
praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give
thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant
that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding
accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading (see back of bulletin)

Acts 17:16–31

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (see back of bulletin)

1 Peter 3:13–22

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(see back of bulletin)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Sermon

Defending Hope

1 Peter 3:16-22

Offering

Prayers

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs... O Lord, You bless and protect Your people in a
world where many false gods, known and unknown, are worshiped. Give Your
saints a clear and bold proclamation of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son suffered on our behalf to win salvation for us. Grant
that we may have the privilege not only of believing in Him but also of suffering
for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us
through Holy Baptism. Grant Your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that the feet of
this congregation may not slip into sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of
You before the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, You made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still You
sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve
justice. Protect and guide our military and all who defend us. Frustrate the
causes of evil, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of
mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless
them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember
in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children
of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You promised not to abandon us in our need nor leave us as orphans.
Send forth Your Spirit and work through us, Your people, that the lonely, poor,
homeless and travelers may rejoice in Your presence and the power of Your
love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant healing according to Your will, and sustain in faith those for whom we
pray [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for
the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**