

Altar Flowers this week are given by Sue McFeely to celebrate the success of our VBS camp held this past week. Thank you to all the campers and volunteers!

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*Living God's will to love, welcome, and share Christ with all.*

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~ Welcome & Announcements ~

~ Opening Unison Prayer ~

Almighty God, joy of the universe, it is your great love that brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response, which hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty. As we worship you today, please give us the blessings we most need; the blessings you will to give. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though it might be uncomfortable. Confront us with your truth that brings us healing. We pray this through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Amen!

~ Call to Worship ~

L: Beloved of God, you are welcome here. You—with your joys and regrets—are welcome here.

**P: We come to be open and honest in relationship with God.**

L: We may find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

**P: We come to grow in relationship with God.**

L: We may believe we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love. Yet, God calls to receive Christ's love and mercy.

**P: We come to worship and share our love with God.**

L: In whatever state of being you are right now, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession. May God's acceptance assure us of God's grace in our lives. May God's call on our lives compel us to live like we truly are the beloved of God.

**P: We come to experience God's love for us. Amen.**

~ Opening Hymn #64~

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

~ Greeting One Another ~

~ Children's Message ~

~ Call to Offering ~

~ Doxology #95 ~

~ Prayer & Dedication ~

~ Scripture Readings ~

**Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)**

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**John 6:1-21 (NIV)**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum.

By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

~ Gloria #70 ~

~ Message ~

**Hymn #133**

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

~ Praying for Others ~

~ Closing Hymn #664 ~

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

~ Benediction ~