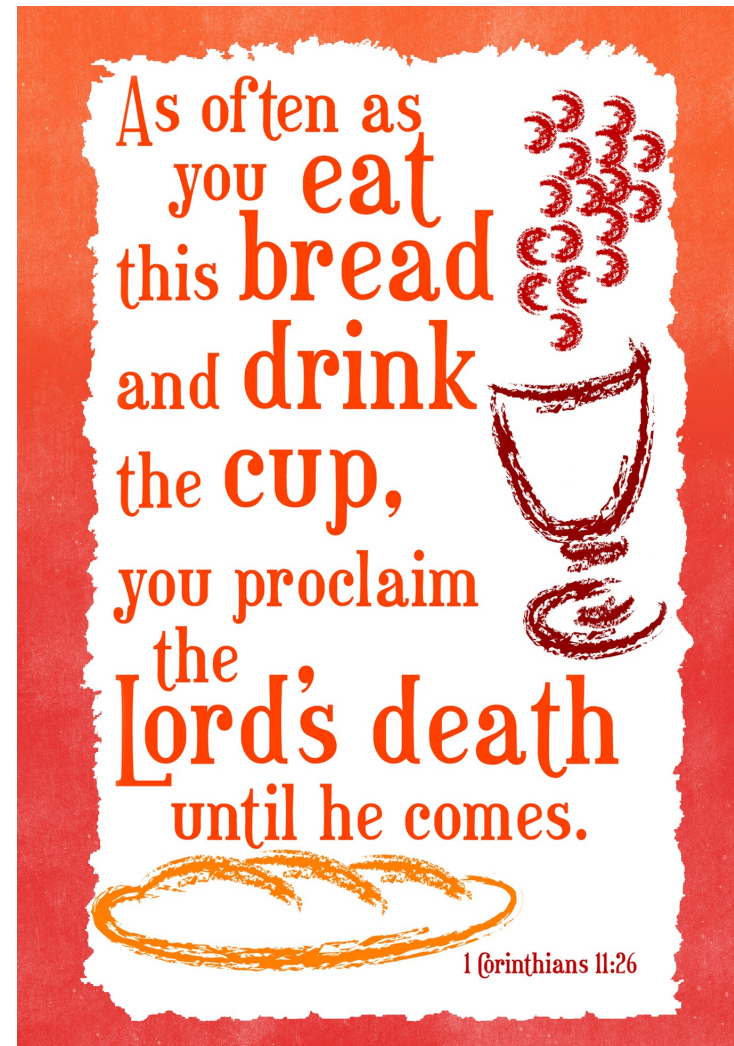


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**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 3, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

\* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

**The Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Presto  
Berceuse  
When the Roll is Called Up Yonder  
His Eye is on the Sparrow

**Jack Brooks**  
Benedetto Marcello  
Edvard Grieg  
Mark Hayes  
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**Chimes**

**Call to Worship/Opening Hymn**

Jesus, We Welcome Your Presence Here

**Chancel Choir**

Kenton Lee

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn**

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (verses 1 & 2)

**Blue Hymnal #112**

**Anthem**

How Beautiful Your Name

**Chancel Choir**

Pepper Choplin

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 4

**61 N.T.**

**Message**

*“And It Begins”*

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

**\*Hymn**

“Come to the Table”

**Blue Hymnal #464**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Music for Communion**

Music of Mark Hayes

**Jack Brooks**

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**The 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 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.

**Offertory**

Praise

**Chancel Choir**

Stan Pethel

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Choral Benediction**

3 Fold Amen

**Chancel Choir**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*Postlude**

Gavotte

**Jack Brooks**

Bach/Saint-Saens

Welcome to this time and space apart, where we can turn our focus from self to God and from fear to faith. May you sense God's gentle touch.

**\*Visitors ~ Welcome!** There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you. **Guests** ~ please take a "Book Mark" and/or "ToasterTong" home with you today as our gift to you for attending our service. You can find them on the Welcome Table at the entrance you came in. No more missed pages in your book or burnt fingers or potential electrocutions by fork in your future now!! Anyone who would like a "Book Mark" or a "Toaster Tong" but is not a visiting guest, please make a contribution to the WOODSHOP. See Dean Morehouse, Bernie Denney, Bill Black or Pastor Dekker for more information.

**\*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins** are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

**\*Families with young nursery age children** are welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**\*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop.** Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

*Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.*

### **Serving Us:**

Altar Rep:	Shelli Waldo
Altar Flowers:	(today) Max & Yvonne Lee(next week)
Greeters:	Guy & Raene` Redinger(today) Shelli Waldo(next week)
Ushers:	Jon & Judy Clapp(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Guy Redinger & Mat Emerick
Organist:	Jack Brooks
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	(today) (next week)
June Towel Washer:	Jamie Deuling

### **Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Lauren McKivitz (3)

*Happy Anniversary to ~*

Miles & Ruth Cowles (3), Mat & Deb Emerick (8)

### **Prayer Requests ~**

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

John Rynberg & his family (Jim's brother)

### **This Week's Calendar**

#### **Sunday, June 3**

8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship with communion & Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Photographs in Brides Room

#### **Monday, June 4**

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Library  
6:30 p.m. Executive Council

#### **Tuesday, June 5 - Church Office Closed**

3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - Lounge

#### **Wednesday, June 6**

No Men's Breakfast  
6:30 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - choir loft

#### **Thursday, June 7 - Church Office Closed**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters  
7:00 p.m. Oasis Small Group - Lounge

#### **Friday, June 8**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Visitation for Marian Schulte  
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Marian Schulte

#### **Saturday, June 9**

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

#### **Sunday, June 10**

8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library  
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

## Our Church News

**The Deacons invite you** to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

**For the months of June and July** we will be worshipping in Fellowship Hall. The cooler atmosphere will be a welcome and this will also give us access to using a projector as Pastor Ray and Sandy will be sharing pictures and their Israel experience.

**A celebration of life service** will be held for Marian Schulte on Friday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**The family of Ken and Lynn Hall** would like to issue an invitation to attend the celebration of life service on Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Following the service you are invited to Lakes 23 for a luncheon. If you plan to attend at Lakes 23 please RSVP to jskieon@comcast.net by June 5 so they can plan accordingly.

**SCRIP is available** in Fellowship Hall following worship.

**Book Circle will meet on Tuesday**, June 19 at the home of Bev Williams for our annual salad pot luck luncheon at noon. Each person should bring a small to medium salad of any kind.

### Requested Announcements

**Wellspring Adult Day Service** is excited to announce that we are now able to receive payment through Medicaid. If you are caring for a loved one at home and could use some rest, help and support please contact Wellspring at 231-330-1655.

## Announcing “ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and **meant to go and enjoy** good food and fun activities together!

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10

### **“Go and enjoy”:**

**TBD (note date change), 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Call it "Macaronirama" and Hymn Sing-** We are looking for a variety of types of macaroni dishes (mac and cheese, chili mac, goulash, etc.) so if you make a tasty one please bless us with it! Afterwords we'll again gather by the piano for an old-fashioned and uplifting hymn sing.

**Sunday, July 15- Whitecaps Baseball Game-** Congo Caravan will depart at 1:00 pm for the 2:00 pm game. Rides provided for any who need one. Game ticket is \$10.00 (normally \$12.50).

**Saturday, July 21- Congo Picnic on the Church Lawn, 4:00-6:00 pm-** Hot dogs, brats, chips and water provided for a contribution. Bring your own softdrinks if you'd like. Please also bring a dish to pass.

**Friday, August 10, 7:00 pm Vaudeville In The Park-** Veteran's Memorial Park Stage. This year's show will benefit Empowerment Network. Free will offering taken along with baked goodies sale. Baked goodies needed!

**Please RSVP with Mat, 231-414-7501**

