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Celebrating 175 Years



November 2nd, 2025

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21st Sunday after Pentecost

November 2nd, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

G. T. Thalgen-Ball

"Elegy"

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Pat Nugent

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Claire Cloninger

“Come To the Table”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: When we were children, we would look for God
People: *Up in the sky or in the sunlit place among the shadows.*
Leader: As adults, we look for God amidst the tears of joy and fear,
People: *And in the silence of our thoughts and prayers.*
Leader: In every age of life, we are called to remember our Savior.
People: *Jesus shares the warm bonds of faith as we worship and gather around
His table.*
Unison: *We hunger and thirst for a faith that will encourage and lead us along our
daily journey.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 627 (sing three times)

“I Love You, Lord”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we have easily forgotten all that You do for us. We imagine that our prosperity is of our own design. We wander down paths of idolatry, anger, apathy, and an unwillingness to change. Our ways, no matter how dangerous or bad, are comfortable for us. Temper Your disappointment when we fail to obey what Christ taught us in the gospels. Rescue us from the lack of faith and courage to love without ceasing.

May the glory of Your might undergird our endeavors and deliver us from our weakness and shame. Forgive our many sins and fan the embers of faith within us. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*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, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:22-25, Page 67

ANTHEM

Lesbia Scott

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:22-34, page 74

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Are You Serious?”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 498

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Edward Hopper

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Welsh Melody

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*POSTLUDE

Patricia Lou Harris

“Saints of God”

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of November 2nd – November 9th

Today:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting, <i>conference room</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday:	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday:	6:15 p.m.	Men’s Group
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Friday:		Youth Lock-In
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Fall Clean-Up Day
Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Covered Dish Luncheon in Honor of Rick Martindale

Announcements

The youth will be packing shoeboxes tonight for Operation Christmas Child. The youth group needs plastic containers, small toys, school supplies, coloring books, crayons, combs, brushes, socks and underwear. Please help the youth fill these boxes.

It's time for our Angel tree! Two families from Carthage Elementary School are being sponsored this year for Christmas. The Angel tree is located in the upper Narthex. Please place wrapped gifts with Angel tags on them under tree. If there are any questions, please contact Marie Monroe or Gail Hardin.

There will be covered dish luncheon after worship next Sunday to honor Rick Martindale for his nearly 20 years of service to our church. Please plan on attending and bring your favorite dishes. Let's make this a memorable moment for Rick and Kelly.

For the month of November, we are collecting raisins and crackers for Backpack Pals. Please place them in the appropriate "ministry basket."

Sunday, November 30th, is the first day of Advent and we invite you to bring a Poinsettia to decorate the church during this season. Please stay tuned for more information.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Martindale family in appreciation and love for each of you, who have become family and amazing friends.