

Potsdam United Methodist Church



I am the Way *6th Sunday of Easter* *May 10, 2026*

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Musician: Dr. Risa Okina ♦ Choir Director: Anthony Steen

Guest Preacher ~ Rev. Carl Chamberlain

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***HYMN**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH # 152

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 17:1-7, 15

UMH # 749

THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH SONG...

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Mother's Silent Prayer ~ by Sally DeFord

... AND THERE IS A TIME TO PRAISE GOD WITH WORD!

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

UMH # 393

THE MESSAGE

I Won't Leave You

Guest Preacher Rev. Carl Chamberlain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

THE PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH #270)

Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***O Give Me Back My Prophet ~ music by George Careless,
arr. By Laurel Hunt Pedersen***

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(John 10:1-10)

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved.

As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today - not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them - to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe.

In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds,

UMH # 557, vs #1

***THE BENEDICTION**

Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with you as we live the unfolding story of God's dream for creation here and now. Amen

POSTLUDE

Come, Follow Me ~ music by Samuel McBurney arr. by Sally DeFord

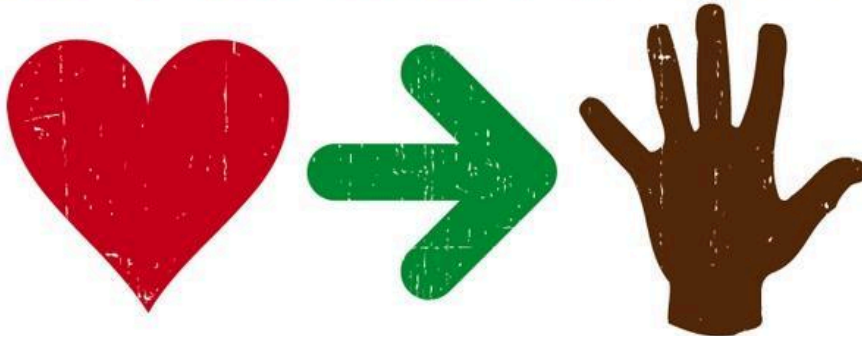
Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*My mother always used to say, the older you get, the better you get.
Unless you're a banana.*

- Betty White

LOVE. GO. SERVE.



MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND SPECIAL SERVICES



- + **The Good Cup:** Enjoy conversation and a “cuppa” with Pastor Heidi & Pastor Carl, Wednesdays at noon at Jernabi Coffee House.
- + **Coffee & Jesus:** will continue Mid-May with a study based on *The Chosen*. Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Watch for details.

- **Pastor Heidi** will be away May 2nd - May 12th. **Rev. Carl Chamberlain** will fill the pulpit and provide pastoral care while she is away.
- **Church Council Meeting:** Monday, May 18th at 10:30am, in the carpeted room downstairs.
- **Super Church Sunday School:** May 24th.
- **Cheery’Os:** will meet on Tuesday, May 26th at 11:30. We will meet downstairs. Bring your lunch if you choose, cookies and beverages will be provided.

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Call to Worship: *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

Opening Prayer: *Ministry Matters for May 10, 2026*

Lutheran Julia and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

Prayer of the Day - Interfaith Prayer - Festival of the Family - May 12-14, 2000

Offertory prayer: *John 14:1-14*

Assurance of Forgiveness: *Beth Merrill Neil*

Benediction: *Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*

Worship Participants

Microphone: Norm Gardner

Acolytes: Jordyn Fish, Ben Fish

Counters

Readers

May 10: Carrie Livernois, Christa Carroll
 May 17: Tom Ortmeyer, Debby Nikkari
 May 24: Robin Howard, Carrie Livernois
 May 31: Debby Nikkari, Robin Howard

May 10: Christa Carroll
 May 17: Tom Ortmeyer
 May 24: Christa Carroll
 May 31: Kathy Demo

Greeters/Ushers

Fellowship Time Hosts

May 10: Carrie Livernois
 May 17: Kathy Demo
 May 24: Norm Gardner
 May 31: Carrie Livernois

June 7: Sue and John Loope
 July 5: Ashley Fish and Family
 Aug. 2: Carrie Livernois
 Sept. 6: Robin Howard & Judy Haer
 Oct. 4: Sue and John Loope