Announcements and Duty List

Children of all ages are welcome and wanted in worship! A nursery (ages 0–3) & a nursing mothers' room are available downstairs. Restrooms are located near the back door & downstairs.

Today — Officer nominations due, Sunday School begins
Tonight — Join us for worship, prayer, studying 1 Samuel 26, and a shared supper.
October 13 — Youth Group @ Chapel
November 8 — Congregational Meeting.

Duty	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1	November 8
Morning Pianist	Ruth D.	Bethany H.	Ruth D.	Karen S.	Ruth D.	Rachel N.
Greeter & Usher	Drury	Finkelson	Gibson, D	Hoelle Hans T.	Matheis	Siebring, A & R
Sound Crew	Ethan	Mac	Craig & Abram	Jack L.	Ethan	Mac
Nursery	Sara M.	Abbey D-P.	Hosanna L.	Mili B.	Ruth S.	Elizabeth C.
Nursery Helper	Christian L.	Lucille M.	Karmen B.	Abram M.	Faye T.	Sylvia N.
Snacks & Coffee Clean-up	Dickson Doesberg	Finkelson Lovegren, J.	Siebring, L. Burke	Lovegren, H. Laninga	Perez Matheis, K.	Van Rooyen Wonder
Eve. Leader	Nate G.	Dan G.	Austin M.	Ben M.	Nate L.	John D.
Eve. Pianist	Emily G.	Ruth D.	Ruth D.	Emily G.	Jack L.	Emily G.
Eve. Meal Host	Ben & Michelle	Nick W.	Jan & Hosanna	**Open to volunteers**	Joel & Ruth	Perez Family

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October 4, 2026
Ordinary Time

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — *Psalm* 117; *Revelation* 5:9–10, 12

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!
For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

And they sang a new song, saying:
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on earth...
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Songbook 31 — There Is One Gospel
Songbook 7 — In Christ Alone

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading — *Deuteronomy* 15:1–18 (p. 187)

Confession of Sin — (*adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*)

GOD DEALS WITH OUR SIN



Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have failed to do what we should,
and have done things which we should not have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to all people
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon — *Philippians* 3:13–14, 20–21

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus...Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject all things to himself.

Hymn 509 — Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Prayer of Intercession
(*we conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together, found in the back of the hymnal*)

GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS



Offering — *Matthew* 13:45–46

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Sermon — *John* 11:54–12:11 (p. 1065)
(*we respond to God's Word with joy, saying together 'Thanks be to God!'*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US



* Something to discuss:

* Something to share:

Hymn 252 — When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Confession of Faith — *Heidelberg Catechism, Q.* 110

GOD SENDS US OUT



Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition He forbids all greed and pointless squandering of His gifts.

Benediction — *Numbers* 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Doxology (words at Hymn 731)