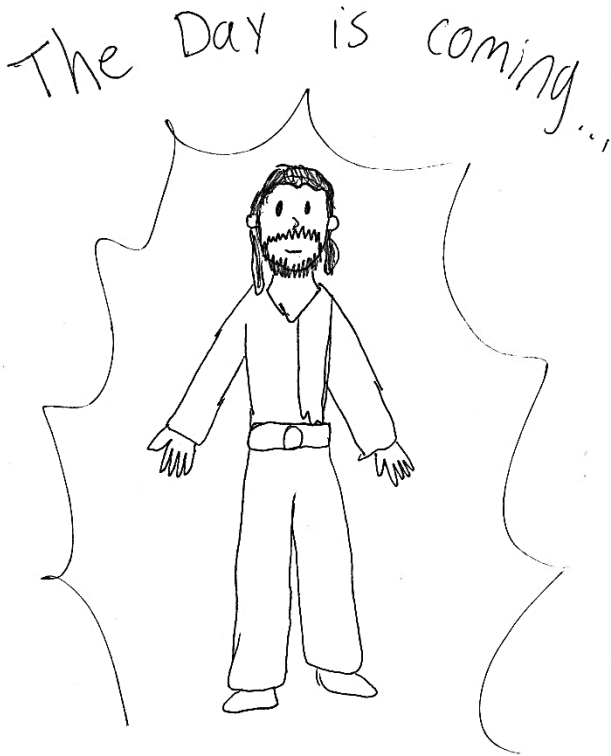


**Waiting for God's Messenger
with the Old Testament Prophet Malachi
Advent in August**

Know the Bible Now
A Visual Intro to the Bible
Summer Sermon Series



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12th Week after Pentecost
Thursday, August 9, and Sunday, August 12, 2018

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Thursday 6:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM

<i>Elders:</i>	Randy Gifford	Bob Souza
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Monte Stoltzman	JJ Jones
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Jake Kruse, Lily Freehling	Hillary Fleming, Katie Kreamer
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Warren Regnier	Jose Rayos
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, OPEN	John Schultz, OPEN
<i>Greeters:</i>	Emma Bartman, Marie Hupp	Al Dierck, Sue Frendreis
<i>August Altar Guild:</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst	Dawn Werfelmann
<i>August Counters:</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst	Sue Best

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The Schmidtke's in celebration of Muriel Schmidtke's (8/11) birthday,
Susan's mother.

GENEROSITY SERVICE

A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

2nd Sunday

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Concordia University—Chicago Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne
and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, who is entering his 2nd year
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a “heart life,” daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces *Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.*

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force
Maj. Michael Ridley, USAF – Steve Best’s brother
Jason Lucker, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia
Jason Burkett, had been at Great Lakes, now attending War College
Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettiere’s friend
David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettiere’s friend’s future son-in-law
Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes
Bradley Abbitt, Susan Squires’ cousin, who recently joined the army

Opening Hymn

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spir and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,

the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging, **C: let him encourage;**

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: let him give generously;

P: if it is leadership,

C: let him lead diligently;

P: if it is showing mercy, **C: let him do it cheerfully.**
 P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

**C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,
 deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
 We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,

P: but because of his mercy.

C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: So that, now we are made right in God’s eyes,

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God’s generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1

I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Father of the prophets, You promised that the Messenger of Your covenant would come to Your people. And indeed He has— Your Son, Jesus, the Messiah. We continue to wait with brothers and sisters around the world for the Lord Jesus to come again. The war-torn are waiting for peace, the hungry are waiting for bread, the refugees are waiting for a homeland, the sick are waiting for healers, all sinners are waiting for forgiveness, and everyone who faces death are waiting for the resurrection. O Lord Jesus, come quickly, we pray.

C: *Amen.*

Holy Gospel for the 12th Week after Pentecost

John 6:35-51 (ESV)

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

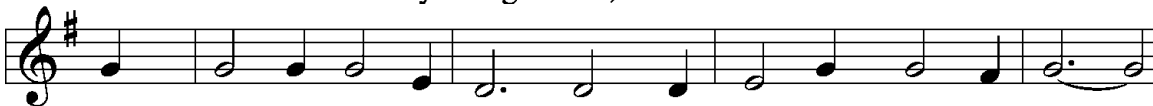
C: *Thanks be to God.*

In Worship,
we read the summary from
Know the Bible Now,
pages 202-203—

*“Waiting for
the Messenger”*



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

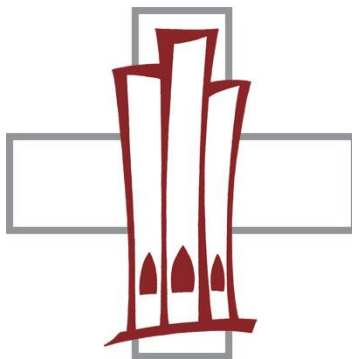


Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!



Advent in August

Malachi 1:1–2, 6; 2:17—3:4

¹The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

²“I have loved you,” says the LORD.

But you say, “How have you loved us?”...

⁶“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’”...

¹⁷You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”

¹⁴“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.”



Offering Preface

based on King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

C: ***Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.***

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

C: ***Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.***

P: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

C: ***Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.***

P: But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this?

C: ***Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. Amen.***

Offering & Prayer Requests

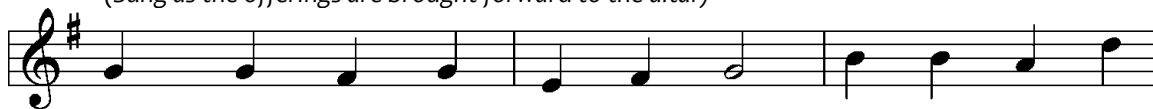
In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350, sts. 1-2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

**C: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people,
come to our aid when you save them,**

P: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may share in the joy of your nation

C: So we may join your inheritance in giving praise.

P: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: and gather us from the nations,

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: Amen! Praise the Lord.

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

LSB 722

Today's Favorite Hymn Selection



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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