

THE STONES OF LENT

LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

Luke 20:9–20

THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

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

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: **OPEN**
Acolytes: Holly Faitsch, Emma Megerle
Lay Readers: Tony Young, Karen Kozlik
Ushers: Al Diercks, Don Heidlauf
Greeters: Kenny and Sue Hessel,
Chuck Kozlik Family
Fellowship: Cindy Ellwein & Madeline Adams
April Altar Guild: Shari Hoppe
April Counters: Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Ruth Ziegler, Michaela Rosenthal
Deb Pellettiere, Shari Hoppe
John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen
Stephanie Bunnell,
Marie Hupp
Becky Anderson
Bill & Kathy Schwartz

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Kelly Dorner in celebration of Lexi's 17th birthday (4/16).

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.

1st Sunday

Missionaries

Pastor Nicholas Salifu and churches in Northern Ghana

Chris, Heather, Moses & Micah

Carlos & Suzanne Tejada, former preschool family, Costa Rica

Prayers for Justice

Heal our communities, break systems of injustice, use us as Your people
help us see others as children of God

Our local partners

Love INC—serving churches to help Christians serve those in need

COOL—food bank and transitional housing

PADS—homeless advocacy and support

A Safe Place—support for those affected by domestic violence

Ricky Bueno & Frontline Street Intervention—local gang outreach & ministry

Informed Choices—Pregnancy & Parenting centers, Grayslake & Crystal Lake

Congregation: Care in Community

We will provide direct assistance and build supportive relationships

PSALM SERVICE

*This service uses portions of the Psalms as the parts of the liturgy.
The Psalms are the hymnbook of the Bible and help us form our worship today.*

Opening Hymn

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847; tune 417



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Invocation and Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 92)

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

P: O Lord, it does us good to give you thanks,

C: to fill our lungs with the name of the Most High,

P: To start the morning off with good news of your love,

C: and to close the day with thanks for your faithfulness,

P: You made us find joy in what you have done, O LORD.

C: We will sing joyfully about the works of your hands.

P: How spectacular are your works, O LORD!

C: How very deep are your thoughts!

Confession and Absolution (Based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 130)

P: The Lord's thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways the Lord's ways.
Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the sinners abandon their ways,
and the unrighteous turn away from their thoughts;
Return to the Lord, for he will have compassion on you,
Return to our God, for he will forgive generously.

C: Yes, let us return to the Lord and confess our sin.

P: Out of the pit we call you, Lord;

C: please, Lord, hear us;

P: Though our voices are faint let them reach your ears

C: and touch your heart of mercy.

P: Lord, if you keep a tally of all our sins,

C: then who could survive?

P: But Lord, you have the power to forgive;

C: So we worship and honor you.

P: His word is our only hope;

C: We wait on the Lord, we wait in our souls,

P: eager as any watchman waits for the morning.

(Silence for reflection on personal sins and need for forgiveness).

P: You wait for the Lord, because his love for you will never run out,
and because he has the power to set you free;
Only he will save you from your sins,
Only he has sent his son to die for you
and rise again to give you new life.
Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

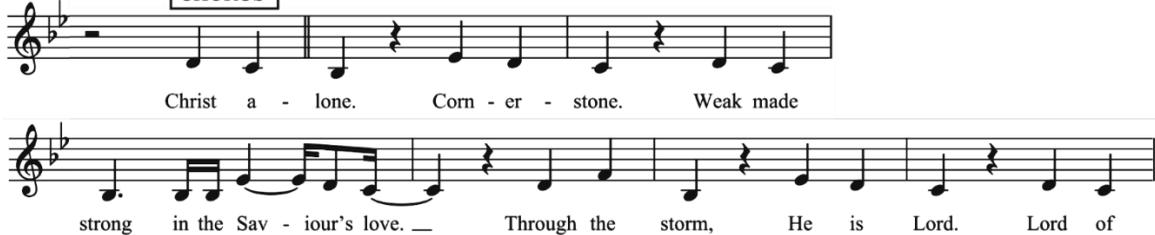
Cornerstone

VERSE 1



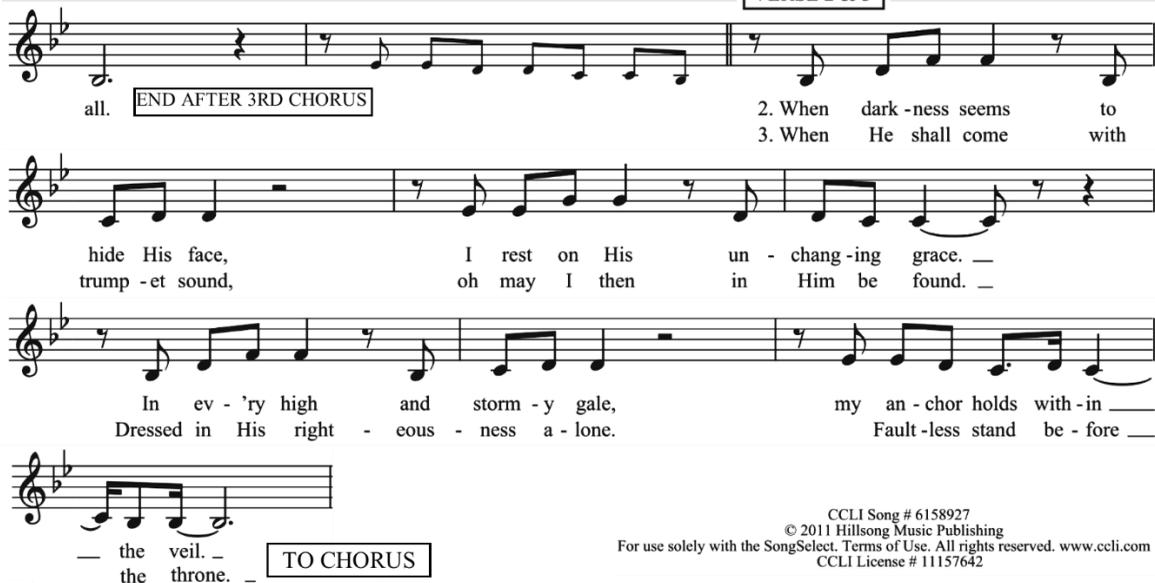
1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and
right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

CHORUS



Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made
strong in the Sav - iour's love. — Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

VERSE 2 & 3



all. **END AFTER 3RD CHORUS** 2. When dark - ness seems to
3. When He shall come with
hide His face, I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. —
trump - et sound, oh may I then in Him be found. —
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in —
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore —
— the veil. — **TO CHORUS**
— the throne. —

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21 (ESV)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Philippians 3:8–14 (ESV)

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Kyrie”

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy).

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20 (ESV)

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?’

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

Sermon

"The Stone the Builders Rejected"

Luke 20:9–20

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

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



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



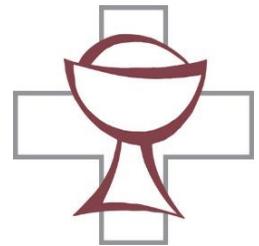
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

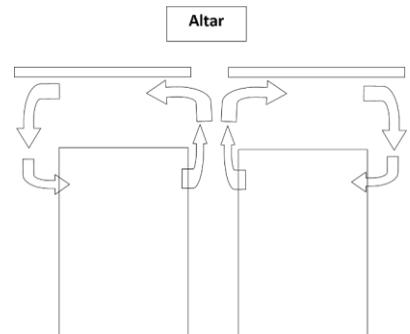
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

(Based on Psalm 98)

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: *The LORD has made His salvation known
and revealed His righteousness to the nations.***

P: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;***

P: make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



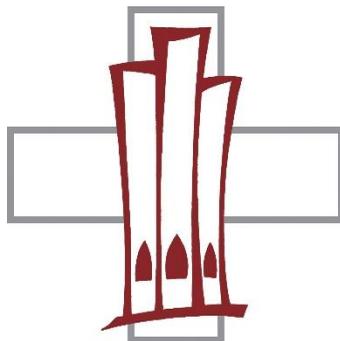
by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.



Second Distribution Hymn The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord LSB 634 sts. 1-4, 8



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise this day for all of your blessings, especially for giving us your body and blood. Keep us through this meal to always be under your care. Watch over us as we go throughout the day, so that we may never wander from your way. This we pray in your name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction (Based on Psalm 67 and Numbers 6)

P: God is good to us, he is blessing us,

C: *The face of God is shining down on us,*

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: *Let all the peoples praise You.*

P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

C: *God, our own God, shall bless us.*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 sts. 1-2, 4



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Announcements

Mission Symbol Banner

to left of the altar in the Gym

Discipleship Initiative

Our mission is calling each other to follow Jesus

Pray-Eat-Love

Our mission of seeking God, building relationships, & sharing the Gospel

Spiritual

Conversations

Build relationships that include sharing our source for hope & life



Discipleship

moving from head knowledge of the faith to "heart life" in Jesus

Care in Community

We will build relationships with those we serve

Park Bench

places to help us build relationships that lead to spiritual conversations

For further explanation, see the posters in the hallways throughout the building or download our Mission Glossary at:

<https://www.bethelgurnee.org/bethel-mission-glossary.html>



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 14 ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Worship with communion in the gym.

Maundy Thursday

April 18 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Worship with communion in the sanctuary.

Good Friday

April 19 ~ 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Worship in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday

April 21

Sunrise 6:00 a.m.

Worship with communion in sanctuary.

Festival Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Worship with communion in the gym.

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