#### STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah
Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant
(Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman
(Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events),
Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)
Youth Group: Eric Wood
Custodian: Charlotte Hajda

#### WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

#### Why do we have a Commission and Benediction?

At the end of our service, the Pastor calls us to stand and receive God's commission and benediction.

God commissions us (gives us a mission) with the words of Christ from Matthew 28:18-20 (also known as The Great Commission). We are called to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the Triune Name and teaching them the gospel of Jesus. This is another point in our service where the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is spoken over us. Thus we are reminded of our own baptism and the fact that, when we were baptized, we were enlisted in the service of King Jesus.

Then God blesses us when the pastor proclaims the benediction (good word) from Number 6:24-26. This is the benediction God gave to the priests of Israel for use in their worship. He said it was His way of putting His name upon the people of Israel. For Christians, the three-fold repetition of God's name ("the LORD") in this benediction corresponds to God's Trinitarian name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This is a fitting end to the journey of the worship service. Through the power of the Spirit, and the priestly mediation of Christ, the Father has called us to himself. He has cleansed us of sin. He has made us ascend to the heavenly places. He has spoken to us through His Word. He has received our tribute. He has fed us at his table.

Our Father has transformed us through this process, making us more like His Son through the power of the Spirit. Now He gives us a mission and sends us out with his blessing, bearing His name. Having transformed us, he now uses us to transform the world and call all peoples to join us in worshipping Him.



**July 6th, 2025** The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

#### GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship †Congregational Singing Psalm 96:1-4 #59 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

### Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+Congregational Singing

#177 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

**Corporate Confession** 

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son

Isaiah 1:18

Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness +Congregational Singing

"The Lord is My Salvation"

# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon 1 Samuel 4:1-3, 7-11; 5:2-4, 6-11 1 Peter 1:13-21 Mark 10:32-40 The Philippian Hymn Pastor David Salyer

"The Ark of God in Exile and Exodus"

Sermon Series: 1 & 2 Samuel

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

### Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray: **Our Father who art in Heaven...** 

# GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.* 

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

+Congregational Singing

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

# GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

# Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Julie LeFeber, Kay Johnson

# CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, July 6th - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service
3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group
5:30 p.m. . . . Bible Study Workshop
Monday, July 7th
5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

- ★ Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering 9:50 AM (June 15 July 27). Join us for 7 Sundays at 9:50 AM for a time of prayer before worship. We'll meet in the last/ empty classroom in the back hallway. You can choose to prayer walk in the neighborhood or pray individually or in small groups in the room. We'll have prayer topics and a growing prayer list that we'll continue to add to throughout the summer. Come as you are and help cover our church, community, and world in prayer.
- ◆ Summer Missions Reading Contest: During June and July select any book/ audiobook that has to do with missions and earn a penny for every page read! There are many options in the church library, including the excellent "Christian Heroes: Then and Now" series. When you have completed the book, fill out one of the "Penny" reward cards to receive your reward! If you choose to donate your reward, it will go to Anne Aschmann and Service Dog Darcey for their upcoming work in Ecuador. For more information, or to turn in a "Penny" card, see Karen Salyer.
- \*7-week Bible Study Workshop Sundays 5:30 p.m. at the church. We'll use both modern technology and trusted print resources to help you explore God's Word. Refreshments and childcare provided. Bring a Bible and/or device if you'd like—but nothing is required. Questions? Contact David Lano at (308) 293-5463.
- ✦ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-todate: \$114,215.66. Received 6/29: \$9,423.73. Received year-to-date: \$108,381.55.
- ✦ July Birthdays: (1) Chad Anderson, (2) Aiden Freitag 2010, Nora Johnson 2013, Josh Goodbrake, (8) Aliyah Hughett 2018, (9) Micah Holl, (10) Eleanor Hajda, (13) Rollie Gibbins, (15) Haven Salyer 2009, (18) Marla Reiter, (22) Andrew Goodbrake 2022, (27) Georgia Cleland, (28) Mordecai LeFeber 2011, (29) Roz Gibbins, (29) Miabelle Lano 2010, (30) Beth Cole

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.
- Presbytery: Reformed University Fellowship UNL (Campus Pastor Josh Kruntorad).
- ✦ Missions: Chuck and Nancy Larsen Water4Haiti
- ◆ For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

#625 (a cappella)