STAFF

Pastor: David Salyer

Youth: Eric Wood | Church Admin: Sarah Salyer | Custodian: Charlotte Hajda 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), Lisa Hajda/Julie LeFeber (Christian Growth), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Megan Holl (Servant Support), Carol Holl (Church Fellowship), Sarah Salyer (Nursery)

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is the Assurance of Forgiveness?

After we humble ourselves during the time of confession, the Lord then lifts our heads and forgives us. The pastor calls us to rise. He proclaims the gospel ("good news") clearly and directly: that Jesus Christ has died for us and been resurrected for us, to pay the penalty for our sin and to secure for us eternal life.

The pastor then declares that all who trust in Jesus have indeed been forgiven of their sins. He often invokes God's Triune name ("Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."), which reminds us of our baptism, the sign and seal of the cleansing we have in Jesus (Acts 2:38, 22:16). Each week, during the assurance of forgiveness, we return to that baptismal promise: we are clothed with Christ and forgiven in Him (Gal. 3:27).

The pastor does not have special power in himself to remit sins, but he has been ordained to speak God's Word to God's people and to proclaim the Gospel (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23). Only God can forgive our sins against Him. But God chooses to speak that forgiveness through ordained ministers who serve as his representatives. The minister's word is God's Word to us, in so far as he is simply proclaiming what the Scriptures teach.

Of course Christians can confess their sins to God and receive his forgiveness at any time throughout the week. Jesus, our Great High Priest, continually intercedes for us at the Father's right hand (Rom. 8:34). But it comforts our souls to actually hear those words of forgiveness proclaimed boldly and authoritatively by the man called to speak God's Word to us. It reminds us that the forgiveness of sins is not just something in our heads, but a true Word from Christ himself—true despite the various doubts and fears within us, true because it is based on the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Having received this gloriously good news, we respond with a bold: "Amen!" God has dealt with our sin and brought us rest and peace. He has prepared us to draw nearer to Him in the next major portion of our service, the Ascension.



November 16, 2025

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-6
†Congregational Singing #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 Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing #185 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 66:16-20

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Lamb"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:3-8
Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 4:11-16
†Gospel Reading Luke 4:16-21
†Profession of Faith The Apostles' Creed
Sermon Pastor David Salyer

"Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture" Sermon Series: Biblical Worship

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (a cappella)

†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

"Speak O Lord"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer Nursery Volunteers: Rene Skyes & Rachel Hajda

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, November 16th - The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

12:00 p.m. . . . Church Council Meeting (Elders, Deacons, WIC)

Wednesday, November 19th

6:30 p.m. . . . One Another in Psalms (Trinity)/Devotional Classics (LeFeber's home)

Sunday, November 23rd - The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

12:00 p.m. . . . Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal/Hanging of the greens

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- ◆ Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal | A special Thanksgiving fellowship meal will be held on Sunday, November 23rd, following the morning service. A few families have offered to bring Turkey and/or smoked meats, so everyone else, please plan to bring your favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert to share. SERVING TEAMS UPDATED: Serving Team # 2 will be serving: Freitag, Jen Zimmerman, D. Salyer, Barber, Hughett, Goodbrake, K. Zimmerman, Sykes, Schillinger, Bates, Lutkemeier, George, Preston. Note: Being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.
- **✦ Hanging of the Greens** | After the Thanksgiving Fellowship meal, we will be hanging the greens to *decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas* seasons.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$202,073.86. Received 11/09: \$3,526.19. Received year-to-date: \$183,830.08.
- ◆ November Birthdays: (15) Xan Barber, Evelyn LeFeber 2006, Sylvia LeFeber 2006, (20) Guirlene George, (22) James Hooton 2015, (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would protect our pastor, elders, and their families from the strategic attacks of Satan and grant them many years of fruitful ministry in Christ.
- ◆ Presbytery: The work of all our churches in the Platte Valley Presbytery.
- ◆ Missions: PCA Mission to North America (MNA) Church Planters and Families.
- ◆ For our mothers with newly born children: Megan Holl (Moses James born 8/5), Bethany Remm (Brooklynn Grace born 7/28). And our expecting mother, Kristin Holl.