

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Song – “Today is the Day”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Litany (*from “All Because of Mercy” by Casting Crowns*)

I could stand here and try to tell you:

I found my way here on my own, Brought to life this heart of stone,

Working *my own way* to good as if anyone could,

Made up my own mind to change my own life.

But the truth is: I've been broken since my very first breath.

The truth is: I've been wandering since my very first step.

I know the only reason I can stand here unashamed.

Is not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.

There's no way that I could earn it.

Praise God! My debt is paid!

It's *not* because I'm worthy.

It's all because of mercy. Praise the Lord

*Prayer of the Day

Dear God, Your wisdom is deeper than diplomas and degrees. Your beauty soars beyond our greatest art. Your goodness touches wounded souls and makes them whole. Open our hearts and minds to see Your wisdom, Your beauty and Your goodness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Song – “I Surrender All”

Graduate Recognition

2026 High School Seniors: Abbey Crew, Blaine Erdman, Zach Kooker, Drew Piercy, Isaac Rustad, Mia Schwartz, Levi Simington, Ellie Spieker, Evan Storley, Josh Vos

*Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Children's Message

Song – “He Will Hold Me Fast”

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Sermon: “You are God's Secret Weapon”

Song – “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

*Affirmation of Faith– The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

*The Lord's Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Your Grace is Enough”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*



Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David, ³³and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.” ³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” ³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail.” ³⁸“I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before Him. ³⁰ It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”



Thank you to today's Worship Partners

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message: Dodo & Emu

Counters: Joan Unrau,

Fellowship: Terry Frerichs, Marleen Thorson

Greeters: Hoppe Family

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayers of Church: Tim Brinkley

Scripture Reader: Bill Kersting

Tech Booth: Brett Eilts (Lead, Sound), Haley Eilts (Computer), Katie Eilts (Video)

Vocalists and Instrumentalists:

Youth Praise Team

Worship Leader: Dennis Larson



Congratulations Graduates!

God's Blessings on your future

Worship Partners for May 17

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Communion Servers: Gary & Connie Jenkins

Counters: Jolynne Eilts, Don Schnell

Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson

Greeters: Jake & Karen Jacobson

Instrumentalists: Elliana Antoine, Gloria McKenney, Anna Quanbeck, Joshua Antoine

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie, Dennis & Sara DeWitt

Prayers of the Church: Kevin Swancutt

Scripture Reader: Jalyce Storley

Tech Booth: Nathan McKenney (Lead, Sound), Kirby Fueston (Computer), Otto Maaland (Video)

Vocalists: Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Dan and Amara Antoine

Worship Leader: Matt Essick

God-Sightings



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