

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of 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 *(adapted from “Good” by Matthew West)*

I used to think grace was a ladder every sinner had to climb.

If only I could just do better, I could earn it over time.

Tried to work my way to good. Trouble is, I never could.

But then You showed me just exactly how grace works.

I’m good at always falling down; You’re good at never giving up.

I’m good at getting turned around; You’re good at saying I’m still loved.

And I was raised by mercy, the day I understood:

I’m not loved because I’m worthy; I’m loved because You’re good.

I’m loved because You’re faithful to me ...even when I’m not. **Just a grateful sinner**

saved by You...is all I have to be.

*Prayer of the Day

The earth is filled with Your love, Lord; train me to live by Your counsel. Make Your goodness and Your Word the theme song of my life. I come to You now for hope and for comfort. Give me ears to hear Your promise, and make my heart good soil for Your harvest of righteousness. Amen.

Baptism of Henry Edward Cassill

Song – “Blessed Assurance”

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Blessing of the Backpacks

Congregational Prayer

Father God, we care about our youth, young adults, and teachers of our church, and desire to see them grow in knowledge and faith in You. Watch over them at school, protect them, and inspire them to learn. Spirit, fill them with joy, and prepare them for fun and excitement in their classrooms. Bless their lives as they return to school. May their year be full of learning and of You. Amen.

Children’s Message

Song – “Thy Word”

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Sermon – “Your 3 Anchors”

Song – “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

*The Lord’s Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Standing on the Promises”

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

**Please stand if you are able*



Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:97-105

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on Your statutes. ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey Your Word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from Your laws, for You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. ¹⁰⁵ Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



You are invited to **Ingham Lake Bible Camp** for their **75th Anniversary Celebration** with a **ceremony at 2:00pm today**, followed by a hog roast meal from 4-6pm and pie auction at 6:00pm.

Thank you to today's Worship Partners

Altar Prep: Susie Brinkley, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message:

Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson

Greeters: Beau & Emily Hoppe

Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Kevin Skadeland

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayers of the Church: Al Vanderberg

Scripture Reader: Darrel Heckathorn

Tech Booth: Lance Storley, (Lead), Levi Simington (Sound), Adam Kreutner (Computer), Lucy Simington (Video)

Vocalists: Jim & Joan Unrau, Rachel Simington, Kirby Fueston

Worship Leader: Dennis Larson

Worship Partners for Aug. 30

Altar Prep: Susie Brinkley, Denise Lovitt

Communion Servers: Lora Johnson, Trisha Rohmiller

Fellowship: Gene & Patty Englin

Greeters: Dave & Linda Susie

Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland, Evan Storley

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayer Intercessors: Jake & Karen Jacobson

Prayers of the Church: Karen Brandt

Scripture Reader: Kim Wilson

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

Vocalists: Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Kaleigh McKenney

Worship Leader: Gary Klett



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