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The Joy Of The Lord Is Your Strength

January 26, 2024
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #95 - At The Cross

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship - from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

People: The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

ALL: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, look with favor upon your gathered people here this morning. Guide us by your Holy Spirit into all truth. Teach us your wisdom and your way and help us to follow you today and all the days of our lives. Bless your Church in this place as only you can and help us to invite those in who need your healing grace. Thank you for loving us enough to send your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to save us from sin and to reconcile us to you. We offer up our private petitions to you and ask your blessing on all that we do today. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #98 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Jim Phegley	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Helen Putman	- Sandra Schauer
- Jerry & Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Larry & Betty Lintner	

Scripture Text: Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10 (NRSV)

8: 1 – 3

1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. **2** Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. **3** He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

5 – 6

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. **6** Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

8 – 10

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. **10** Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Scripture Readings - Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10 (NRSV)

Sermon - *The Joy Of The Lord Is Your Strength* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #108 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION

The bread and the cup are distributed together.

Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Closing Song - #123 - When We All Get to Heaven

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Wednesday, January 29th

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group - Wacky Wednesday

Sunday, February 2nd

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Beginning Balance As Of 1-19-25	12591.49
Expenses/Payroll	3146.77
Weekly Offering	1230.00
Difference	-\$1916.77
Ending Balance	10674.72

Announcements:

Week of January 19th - Attendance: 20 ; Live Stream Views on Facebook

Live: 34, YouTube: 11 Approx. Views: 68-88

Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday: will meet Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Meal provided by Ote Wood. Thank you Ote!

Youth Group Meal Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2025. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

January Birthdays

- 3 - Betty Malone-Lintner
- 6 - Robert Hensler
- 7 - Opal Williams, Luke Beehler
- 8 - Logan Parmele
- 9 - RaeAnn Ploughe
- 10 - Jennifer Lindahl,
Allison Arnold
- 11 - Kaitlyn Schultz,
Donna Wiseman
- 12 - Korbin Ploughe
- 16 - Sharlyn Hensler
- 17 - Alexander Althoff
- 20 - Judy Beehler
- 23 - David Grow
- 24 - George Cover
- 30 - Nolan Hitchcock



*Happy
Birthday*



January Anniversaries



- 3 - Chad & Laura Maxwell - 2023
- 3 - Gale & Noreen Kerns - 1968
- 4 - Russell & Donna Wiseman - 1975
- 7 - Jim & Dorrie Lefler - 1967
- 10 - Bob & Sharlyn Hensler - 1970
- 20 - Bob & Sally Wiseman - 1979

*Happy
Anniversary*



February Birthdays

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith,
Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Sayler
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd



*Happy
Birthday*



February Anniversaries

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