

10:00 AM

World Communion Sunday

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

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They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s Holy Name.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget his benefits,

L: Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

P: Bless the Lord.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

“10,000 Reasons”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are our Redeemer, always at work for our good. Yet we confess that we often trust our own plans over Yours. We resist when love requires sacrifice, and we withhold compassion when it costs us something. Forgive us, Lord. Through Jesus, who paid the full price for our redemption, restore our hope, renew our trust, and reshape our lives so that we may reflect Your steadfast love to all. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Behold the Lamb”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Seek Ye First”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNION RECOGNITION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:8-11

ANTHEM

“Blessed Quietness”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:1-13

SERMON

“Entering His Rest”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

\*HYMN

“Behold the Lamb (Around the Table of the King)”

COMMUNION

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

No. 712

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Deacons

Greeters: Cindy Musko

Welcome Desk: Susan Mossgrove & Sadie Tarr

Fellowship Hour: Heather Zeigler

Liturgist: Laura Mason

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

<i><b><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></b></i>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Hygiene Kits &amp; Soup Cookoff</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Trustee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Grief Fellowship Hour</b>

**COMMUNION-**Today we recognize those who have completed the communion prep class and will join us today in their first communion; Brinley Bowser, Benjamin Hauser, Henry Holtgraver, Graceyn McKain, Mason Messina, Cadence Patrick, Adalee Schultz, Crew Siefker, AJ Statzer, Sadie Tarr, Levi Toniolo, & Greyson Werth.

**HYGIENE KITS-** We will be packing kits followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall today.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL INTEREST-** Following worship on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:20, we will meet in the sanctuary to discuss the possibility of an adult Sunday school class. If you have ideas, questions, or are simply interested in participating, please plan to attend. We'd love your input!

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We need volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those who would like to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! Sign up in the fellowship room.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH-** During the month of October, we take time to recognize and honor the dedication and sacrifices our pastors and their families make in service to our church community. Boxes will be placed in the fellowship room outside the office to collect cards or notes of thanks for Pastor Steve and Pastor Mike if you would like to express your gratitude.

**BLOOD DRIVE-** Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 PM at Meridian Fire Hall. Please signup at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) if you are able to donate.

**CARE TEAM MEETING-** The special care team will meet next Sunday following worship in Tim's office.

**HANG TOUGH STOCKINGS-** Please see the insert in the bulletin for details.

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