

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in loving memory of Becky Asher by her family, and in honor of Shirley Flinn Waltermire, in celebration of her birthday, by Tom Waltermire.

Service Music - Summer Choir

Anthem Lyrics—*Blessed Assurance*—Joel Raney

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

August 4, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Prelude —Prelude Meditation on Psalm 42:1—Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! AMEN

Opening Hymn 185** —When Morning Guilds the Sky

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed - Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem —Blessed Assurance— Joel Raney

Scripture Reading —John 8:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon —Life-changing Moments: A Woman Caught In Adultery

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 2025 FWS (sing twice)** —As the Deer

Offertory —Chorale Prelude on Psalm 23:4 - Douglas Wagner

Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve other and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 128** —He Leadeth Me

Benediction and Choral Response — (Hymn 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude —Toccata on Psalm 150:4—Douglas Wagner

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 185 When Morning Gilds the Sky

1. When morning gilds the skies
my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

FWS 2025 - As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

CLOSING HYMN

128 He Leadeth Me

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
- Refrain:
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.
2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
(Refrain)
 4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

ANTHEM

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OFFERTORY

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