

Sunday  
**August 20, 2017**  
10:00 a.m.

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Greg Culver

We are alive in Christ.  
We love God,  
we care for one another,  
and we help people here and  
around  
the world.



Plain print indicates worship leader.  
**Bold print indicates congregation.**  
\*Indicates please stand as able.

### Gather to Worship

#### Welcome

#### Ministry Opportunities

#### \*Call to Worship

Let us reach out with heart and soul to the Lord.

**O Lord, our God, in You we place our trust.**

Let us ask the Lord to lead us.

**Help us, O Lord, to find the paths we should take.**

Lead us in Your truth O God,

**And we shall rejoice in Your love and goodness forever!**

**Amen!**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**O God, we trust totally in You as we trust in no other. You are the creator of all things, and our life depends on You moment by moment. You give us breath, and we respond with songs of praise and hymns of adoration. You give us truth, and we teach others Your word and try to model Your ways. You give us eternal life, and we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with all who will listen. You fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and we love others as You have loved us. You call us Your friends, and we seek to be friends with the friendless. In all things we completely depend upon You and do not rest secure in our own strength or wisdom. Draw us closer to You**



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and enable us to live more faithfully as followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray, amen.

\*Hymn: 171 There's Something About That Name

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Sermon: "Soul-Lifting"

### Silent Response — Between God and You

*Teach me Your ways, Lord,  
that I may come down from my heights  
and be open to the same Spirit  
who moved over the face of the waters in the first day of creation  
and moves also over the chaos of this time  
to fashion a day like this,  
a world like ours,  
a life like mine,  
a kingdom acting as leaven in the bread of earth.  
And make me aware of the miracles of life,  
of warm and cold,  
of starkness and order,  
of screaming wind and impenetrable silences,  
and of the unfathomable mystery of amazing grace  
in which I am kept.  
Teach me Your ways, Lord,  
that I may praise You  
for all the surprising, ingenious ways You bless me,  
and for all the wondrous gifts You give me,  
along with all the pain and joy I sustain.  
Teach me Your ways, Lord,  
that I may accept my own talent openly,  
nurture it hopefully,  
develop it faithfully,  
and give it freely.  
Teach me Your ways, Lord,  
that I may love Your kindness  
and practice it toward the hungry of the world,  
the poor and sick, and oppressed,  
that I may learn the healing humility that comes from You.  
Teach me Your ways, Lord,  
so that my heart is flooded with Your mercy —  
emptying it of what makes it firmly opposed to Your ways,  
so that it beats more in rhythm with You  
and pounds greatly for Your kingdom. Amen.*

(+ adapted from "Teach Me Your Ways" by Ted Loder in *Guerillas of Grace*.)

\*HYMN: 2165 Cry of My Heart

Prayer for Others and For Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

**Offertory:** VBS highlights video

**\*Doxology:** 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn:** 77 How Great Thou Art

**\*Blessing**

**\*Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, August 27: End of Summer Psalms: "Sing a New Song" — Psalm 40:1-11.*

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### **Prayer for Family and Friends**

*Brad Addis lost a friend.*

*Eloise Emmert is in Borgess Hospital with sacral fractures.*

*John Fulton is recovering from cancer surgery.*

*Tyler Lynch lost a friend in a bike accident.*

*Ebie (Diana Pomeroy's granddaughter) had tests at DeVoss Children's Hospital on Friday.*

*Please pray for President Trump.*

Andrew's friend whose father passed away  
Mark Boyer, Mary Ann Kudary, and Barb Bungart  
and families in the loss of their wife, mother and  
sister, Susan Shirah Boyer

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Paul Evans (Noni Heikes' cousin-in-law)

Bernice Flynn (Phyllis Barrett's friend) is having  
dialysis 3 times a week.

Deb Franklin

Susan Halladay and family in the loss of Lee

Mark Johnson and other friends and family mem-  
bers in the loss of his friend, Kyle Buttons

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Joel Smola was hospitalized.

### **For Cheer and Hello**

Liz Anderson

Beverly Nimmo

Mary Evelyn Bell

Robert & Carmen

David Bretz

Parsons

Alice Dibble

Char Rice

Barb Griner

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Pat McClelland

Al Thomas

Iris McGahan

Mina Willett

### **For Lost Loved Ones**

Virginia Caswell

Clarence Kohler

(Norm's brother)

### **In Service to Our Country**

Matt Kohler

Tyler Smith

Jeff Kudary

Richie Steinacker

Ryan Miller

Nathan Stevens

Walker Polsinelli

### **Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families**

August 20: Marshall Linebaugh

August 27: Joe and Betty Gruber

### **Do You Have Church Keys?**

Trustees want to know who has keys to the church. Please call Joe or any trustee or the church office if you have a key. If you have one and no longer need it, please return it to the office.

### **Flowers Are Needed**

Flowers are needed for the altar for the month of September. If you can provide an arrangement, please sign up in the narthex.

### **Children's Chairs Are Needed**

Darcy Osborn is looking for seating for the kids for Sunday School. She would like to use bean bag chairs, big, over-sized pillows, or kid-sized, fold-up "butterfly" or "saucer" chairs (they have a collapsible metal frame, with a removable cloth covering), for a variety of comfy seating. If you have any of these types of chairs, please contact Darcy at [darcyroborn@yahoo.com](mailto:darcyroborn@yahoo.com) or 269-998-7011.

## Play Gym

Here's a great way to reach out to a neighbor with young kids! Invite them to Thursday Play Gym — a fun, inexpensive, "play with me" group for 1- to 5-year-olds and their favorite adult. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Sign up online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1312917378791380/?ti=as> or by calling the office.

## Coming Deadlines

- Church Council submissions are due Tuesday, August 22
- Newsletter submissions are due Monday, August 28
- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Friday, September 1

### This Week's Celebrations

#### Birthdays

8/20 Leigh Ann Fryling	8/22 Carol Lohman
Sue McClish	8/23 Brad Fenwick
8/21 Rexalee Goecker	Gil Hasso
Bonnie Holmes	Marlie Hossink
Kara Nic	8/24 Mark Harrison

#### Anniversaries

8/20 Steve & Lori Ensing
8/23 Beth & Merton Smith
Doug & Dorothy Smith
Nathan & Jessica Stevens
8/24 Ken & Doreen Akins
8/25 Kip & Tamara Young

Please remember to schedule your professional photography session for our church directory.



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph & free directory for participating

August 13 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 65

## New Sunday Worship Schedule beginning September 10

9:00 a.m. *Sunday School*  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*

## Calendar

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. *Pastor's lunch with senior adults in the library*

### Monday, August 21

1:00 p.m. *Memorial Service in the Sanctuary*

### Tuesday, August 22

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

### Wednesday, August 23

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

### Thursday, August 24

1:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle at Barb Addis's home*  
6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth) in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting in the Library*

### Friday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

### Saturday, August 26

*no activities are scheduled*

## Coming Events

### Monday, August 28

6:30 p.m. *Church Council meeting in the Taylor Room*

### Tuesday, August 29

*Scout Sign Up Night in the FLC and Room 125*

### Thursday, August 31

10:00 a.m. *Play Gym in the FLC*  
6:00 p.m. *Play Gym in the FLC*

Please be aware that Fridays are Pastor Greg's days off. Please contact him only in an emergency so he can have time to rest and be with his family. Thank you for understanding.