Graduate Sunday

**Next Week** 

**Come Celebrate** with our young adults after service

Card Boxes will be available with our Graduates

- Austin Bockrath
- **Sydney Dowler**
- Macy Johnson
- Melissa Joseph
- Cayden Laukhuf
- Olivia Ramos
- Kaden Shaffér



Lost and found items in the Narthex May 5th & May 12th

Lunch in

**Dining Hall** 



## College Graduates!!!

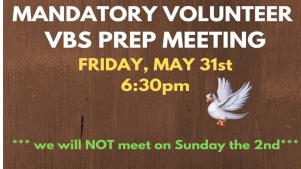
Please submit your graduation information to Teresa TODAY School Major **Graduation Date** Photo



Our May offering is designated to Operation Back to School. Please use the special envelopes in the church pews or write OPBTS on your check memo line.







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May 12, 2024

**Our Vision Statement:** 

# Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

All of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 NIV

\*indicates please stand if you are able

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Al Arnold

Prelude How Firm Thy Friendship arr. Jim Searingen/Scott Turner

\*Call to Worship Al Arnold

- L: Come, let us bow before the holy One.
- P: Come, let us confess God's might.
- L: Come, let us feel God's mercy.
- P: Come, let us live in God's light.
- L: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.
- P: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

\*Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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\*Opening Prayer

Al Arnold

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete. In Your name we pray, Amen.

#### Chat with the Children

Grace Dowler

Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Al Arnold

# **Pray for Our VBS**

Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS. Amen

\*Scripture Philippians 2:1-8

Anthem O Give Thanks! By Mary Kay Beall

Chancel Choir Linda Mechling, Accompanist

Series How Shall We Love
Message Selfless Love

Song The King Is Among Us

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Jeremy Laukhuf

**Dillon Staas** 

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings** 

(Children return from AWE)

Offertory Meditation on "Showalter" by David Lasky

\*Doxology | Surrender All

\*Prayer of Gratitude

\*Hymn Hymn of Promise

#707

\*Spoken Benediction

Postlude: Postlude by Edward Broughton

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by John & Jean Auld for the birth of their daughter, Sammi Jo

NEXT SUNDAY - WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES DURING SERVICE AND INVITE EVERYONE FOR LUNCH TOGETHER IN THE DINING HALL

### KID'S MINISTRY AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

# **Leaders in Today's Worship**

Pastor: Christian TaylorProjectionist: Cayden LaukhufDirector of Music: Scott TurnerSound Technician: Kent SmelserWorship Leader: Jeremy LaukhufVideographer: Dave Thompson

Acolytes: Ceci Staas and Anna Stoller Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant