

who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude**

Lorene Witte



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GOD GAVE THE SAME
GIFT TO THEM AS HE
GAVE TO US WHEN WE
BELIEVED IN THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST.



ACTS 11:17, ESV

May 18, 2025

The Order of Worship
**please stand, if you are able*

Prelude:
Announcements

Lorene Witte

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Make Me a Blessing" - Blue Hymnal #670

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting

life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Response - Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go the the JeLy Room for JeLy Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture

Brian Webb

Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Pastor Luke Schmalz

"The Spirit Told Me"

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

Special Music - Leslie Anderson

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

***Doxology (As the offering is brought forward)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Special Music - Leslie Anderson**

Sending Hymn - "Living for Jesus" - Blue Hymnal #605

Please remain seated - the Noisy Offering will be taken during the singing of this hymn

***Benediction**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
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Altar Rep: Barb Clark

Greeting us today: Ted & Jeannie Caris

Next Sunday: Don McKivitz

Song Leader: Beth Hooker

Liturgist: Brian Webb

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Garrett, Robin, Lou, Kendra, Jeff

Happy Birthday to ~ Brian Stroschin (23), Ted Clark, Lou Deleguardia (24), Duane VanDuzen (26)

Prayer Requests ~

Sally DeShetler - on Friday afternoon Sally was able to move back to her "home" at the Inn at CoalRidge.

The family of Siria Pinnick

(service will be Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m.)

Carol Black - under Hospice Care

Rachel & Greg Poches - Rachel's brother passed away.

Betty Dougan - health concerns - hospitalized in Grand Rapids

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Worship (Noisy Offering)

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:00 p.m. Tech Board - Library

Tuesday, May 20 - *Church Office Closed*

11:00 a.m. Trustees meeting - Library

Wednesday, May 21

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, May 22 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, May 24

2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Siria Pinnick - sanctuary

Sunday, May 25

10:00 a.m. No worship here - Service in the Park

Monday, May 26 *Church office is closed in honor of Memorial Day.*

Tuesday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Small Group at the home of Pat Krehn

Our Church News

Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship!

Thank You to Leslie Anderson for providing special music this morning.

Noisy Offering - thank you for your contribution of \$167 in April. Today is our May offering and we'll pass the pails again on June 29. Thereafter, contributions for the April/May/June quarter will be personally delivered to Prevention of Child Abuse in White Cloud. Thank YOU! For Charitable Giving/jb

The Lion's Club will be using our parking lot to park their KidsightUSA trailer (a trailer for free eye exams) in our parking lot for the summer.

ATTENTION LADIES Don't you think it's about time we had a Women's Bible Study again? Well, I'm planning to start one in June. We'll be meeting once a week in the church library. I need your help to decide what day and time we meet. Now that I'm retired I can do daytime.....late morning, afternoon, early evening all work for me. If you'd like to be a part of this group please let me know what day(s) and time(s) work best for you. I can't wait to get started again. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Beth Hooker

The funeral service for Siria Pinnick will be held next Saturday, May 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Next Sunday, May 25 we will be joining fellow worshipers as we meet together for Worship in the Park at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Golf carts will be available to drive you if needed.

From Sally DeShetler's daughter, Gail - I have great news- - Mom is returning to her "home" at the Inn at CoalRidge tomorrow (Friday) afternoon! We are so excited and I think she is in shock.....She is able to walk short distances with a walker and will use a wheelchair for longer trips at her facility until she feels confident in walking the distance to the dining room, etc. Everyone at the Apostolic Home is sad to see her leave. She will miss her new friends, but is anxious to return to her former life.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!! What a great group of willing workers showed up to spruce up our grounds and do some inside cleaning. We are grateful for each one of you who took the time out of your morning to help!! YOU are a blessing!!!

Small Group - will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27 at the home of Pat Krehn. All are welcome to come meet with us.