A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years
After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Hayley Moore's and Sally Moore's birthday.

Prayer Requests: Beth Brewer, Gary Brewer, Dan Buckner, HJ Fleming, Matt Gilley, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, Patti Moran, Rita Petoskey, Tracie Powell-Wilkin, Beverly Rakestraw, Andrew Reitzel, Jerry Reitzel, Maxine Reynolds, Linda Seifert, Scott Smith, Ann Towery, Shelley Winkler

We will have a combined worship service and a covered dish brunch next Sunday starting at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Bethel will provide sausage, grits, and biscuits.

Week of August 17

Worship Attendance	142
Gifts to Budget	$7,507
Goal per Week	$15,883
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$524,151
Year-to-date Budget Received	$304,654

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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August 24, 2025 **11th Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* arr. Larry Wolz

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

God, we cry out to you from the valleys of our lives.

Hear our pleas, listen to our cries, hear our voice, O God.

Lord, we wait, and we wait, and we wait.

Divine one, our soul waits for you, for our hope is in your word.

Hope in the Lord, you people of God.

For God's love for us is unbreakable.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* UMH 715

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalm 103: 1-18* UMH 824

Offering

Offertory *"As the Deer"* Martin Nystrom
Kristine Lee, organ

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"* UMH 453

During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"Anthem of Fellowship"* Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 13: 10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there
appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over
and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,
"Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately
she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant
because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on
which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath
day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the
Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not
this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free
from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to
shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Sermon *"What do you notice?"* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Lord of the Dance"* UMH 261

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Our Father Who Art in Heaven"* Karl Ferdinand Becker

Please stand as able