

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 20, 2025 Outdoor Hymn Sing

GATHERING SONG [VERSES 1 & 2] *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

And also with you.

HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (ELW 697)

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God,
**you draw near to us in Christ, and you make
yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives,
make us attentive to your presence, that we may
treasure your word above all else, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what
is right,
who speak the truth¹ from their heart;
³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no
evil to their friends;**

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but
they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do
not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be
overthrown.

HYMN [VERSES 1 & 2] *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [VERSES 1-2] *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "The Better Part" Pastor Tim Malek

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ the Same*
(WOV 778)

1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole
salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

HYMN [VERSES 1 & 4] *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (ELW 623)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING *Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the
earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

. . . in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to
pray.

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 and ever. Amen.

HYMN [SING 2 TIMES] *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (ELW 752)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
(ELW 774)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain
Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus, leaning on
Jesus,)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus, leaning on
Jesus,)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Please volunteer for church cleaning for the Summer while Connie is recovering from knee surgery. Sign-up sheets are on the table by the church office.

We have an opportunity to participate in the community event
“We ♥ Roland Story”

on August 23 from 3-6p in the north park. We will be serving hot dogs and lemonade. If you are available and would like to help serve, there are sign up sheets outside the church office. You can also email Ann Healy at ahealy1201@gmail.com and we will get you signed up. This is a great high school volunteer project also!
Thanks for your support

Quarterly Contribution Statements are ready for you to pick up in the narthex.

The McCallsburg American Legion
FISH & CHICKEN DINNER
TODAY, July 20, 2025
11:00a.-1:00pm
Menu: Fish, chicken strips, coleslaw, baked beans, dinner rolls, applesauce, bars & beverage
Cost: Freewill Donation
Come out & support our American Legion!

The McCallsburg Lions Club
SWEET CORN AND BOLOGNA
Monday, August 4, 2025
4:30-7pm at the American Legion Hall in McCallsburg
Adults \$10; Kids 5 and under \$5
Sweet corn, bologna, coleslaw, watermelon, desserts, drinks
Donations of use eyeglasses and hearing aides gladly accepted.

Kid Summer Fun Night 2025
July 2nd



St. Petri Night at “Sweet Treats” in Jewell, Iowa
July 13th

