

Prayer List

Bill Andersen	Mary Freeman	John Patterson
Fred Anderson	Cordial Gilette	Dale Perkins
Lynn Belcher	Gregory Family	Ethel Perkins
Mary Cass	Michael Heinrich	Jack Ryder
Mark Christian	Joe Hudgins	Mary Lee Swickert
Doc Coleman	Joseph Jaeger	Robert Turner
Todd Davis	Holly Mann	Sandy Veselka
Michael Franciose	Ed Niesen	Marie Wayne
Bob Freeman	Joanne O'Brien	

This Week's Calendar July 30-August 5, 2017

Sunday	Church Picnic	11:30am
Tuesday	PADS Meeting	6:30pm
	Stephen Ministry	7:00pm
Wednesday	Alpha Group	5:15pm
Thursday	CE Team Meeting	6:15pm

Offerings for July 23, 2017

Operating	\$3,631.00
Designated	\$276.00
Attendance	104

Worship Assistants for August 6, 2017

<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
8/6 - Lea Ann Skogsberg	8/6 - Tony & Laurie Houle
<u>Church Guardians</u>	
Fred Dickson (7/30)	
Jeff Farren (8/6)	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Fred & Mary Ellen Anderson - 51 years		
	Roger Anderson		
Monday	Dave Heywood		
Tuesday	Kevin & Lauren Vaclavik - 8 years		
Wednesday	Ethan Strong		
Friday	Goldie Behrens	Jen Eichorst	
Saturday	Chelsea Skinner	Lincoln Skinner	Penelope Skinner

Next Week's Calendar August 6-12, 2017

Sunday	Communion Sunday	10:00am
Tuesday	Personnel Meeting	6:00pm
	Stewardship	7:00pm
Wednesday	Pastoral Care	10:00am
	Joliet Slammers Game	7:05pm
Thursday	Financial Committee	6:00pm
	SLT Meeting	7:00pm



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Pastor: Rev. Mark Gregory **Ministers: The Congregation**
Worship: 10:00 A.M.

July 30, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lots and without compass, God’s love encompasses us completely. He loves every one of us, even those who are flawed, rejected, awkward, sorrowful or broken.”

~Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Legalism says God will love us if we change. The gospel says God will change us because God loves us.”

~Tullian Tchividjian

“But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God’s love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God.”

~Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

We Gather Together

Prelude:
Lighting the Path
Ringling of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

Tina Andersen, Organist

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Call to Worship:

Leader: How will you pray to God this day?

People: **I will pray with a humble spirit and contrite heart.**

Leader: God will take all that you are and help you work for good.

People: **Even though I struggle and wonder if I am good enough, I trust that God sees my abilities and my loving heart.**

Leader: Bring your hearts to God this day.

ALL: **May God touch my life with peace and confidence. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Chalice Hymnal #517

Children’s Message

***Prayer of Invocation:**

Life can be overwhelming at times, O God. I sometimes feel lost and alone, abandoned to my own devices and left to fend for myself. So, today I pause and remember you are always with me. You offer refreshment to my soul and comfort to my aching heart. You offer my troubled mind your peace. In this time of worship, may I feel your presence with me, O God, so that when I leave this place, I am refreshed and ready to share your loving presence with others. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

***The Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace:**

With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Announcements, Joys & Concerns
The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

The Offertory:

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

Take what I have, O God, and use it for your work. Take my gifts to fund ministry and mission. Take my heart that my love for others might transform their lives. Take my hands that I might do things that make a real difference in this world. I pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

Scripture Background

Scripture Lessons: **Romans 8:26-39**

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message: *Never-ending Love!*

Pastor Mark Gregory

Preparing for a Week of Serving

***The Closing Hymn:**

Forever!

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~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

***The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:**

Postlude:

Tina Andersen