

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ring of the Church Bell

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

***Call to Worship**

L: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

P: God's Word lights the way for us.

L: God has promised to abide with us.

P: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

L: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

P: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Faithful God, most merciful judge, You care for Your children with firmness and compassion. By Your Spirit nurture us who live in Your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #32** ***"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

***Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

P: Amen.

L: Compassionate God,

P: we confess to You all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In Your mercy, call us back to You. Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in Your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Response: #647** ***"Give Thanks"

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

2 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:129-136

L: 129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

P: 130 When your word is opened | it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

L: 131 I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

P: 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

L: 133 Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

P: 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

L: 135 Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

P: 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

31 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Sermon

Quentin Markfort

Hymn #839** ***“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

***The Apostle’s Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

The Lord’s Prayer: (page 35 in hymnal)

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the Earth

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

Responsive Hymn: #606** ***“The Doxology”

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, we offer at Your table, the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in You and share freely of Your love, so that all creation can taste Your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #834** ***“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

***Benediction & Charge**

Go forth from this place to struggle for God’s glory, to be a “happy warrior” for peace, knowing that Christ goes before you, to make a way out of no way. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you; may God make God’s face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon those whom you love, both this day and forevermore. Alleluia! Amen.

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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July 19, 2026

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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Thank You ~ Thank you to everyone who helped make Worship in the Park a success!

Faith & Ag Farm Tour ~ Minnesota Valleys Presbytery is excited to invite people from across our churches and communities to a special Faith & Agriculture Farm Tour on **Sunday, August 9**, at 3 pm, at Tiffany Family Farms. This event is open to everyone—not only members of our Presbyterian churches. To help us plan for attendance and refreshments, we are asking participants to RSVP. RSVP Link: [RSVP](#)



July Ushers: Head Usher: Dan Tiffany
Ushers: Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Leon King, Lois Davis, Dan Alexander

August Communion Servers (August 9): Head Server: Shawn Corder
Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Stephanie Klavetter, Paul Hagen, Dave Danielson, Laura Kohler

July Deacon of the Month: Amber Kleinhuizen
Today’s Greeters: Scott & Laura Kohler

July Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Mike Bentson

Pray for The Following

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

July Birthdays: 21st: Savannah Joldersma, 22nd: LeAnne Corder, 25th: David Fuhr, Knox Kramer, 28th: Kassie Sweetman, 29th: Bruce Tiffany, 30th: Julie Fiala, 31st: Anne-Marie Danielson

July Anniversaries: 19th: Randy & Lynn Juell, Peggy & Ross Dolezal, 23rd: Brian & Stephanie Klavetter

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes, Merlin Goudy

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Jim Curtis, Shayla Shaw, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala’s Sister*
If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, July 19:	10:15 am: Worship - Quentin Markfort
Wednesday, July 22:	8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, July 26:	10:15 am: Worship - Anna Williamson
Wednesday, July 29:	8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 2:	10:15 am: Worship - Dennis Peterson
Wednesday, August 5:	8:00 am: Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 9:	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion - Elaine Boyd 3:00 pm: Faith & Ag Farm Tour at the Tiffany Farm 5:00 pm: Friendship Dinner
Wednesday, August 12:	Church Office Hours: 8 am-2pm 8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Thursday, August 13:	All Day: Presbytery Use of Church
Thursday & Friday, August 13 & 14: Church Office Closed	
Sunday, August 16:	10:15 am: Worship Following Worship: Backpack Ministry
Tuesday, August 18:	6:30 pm: Scouts Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 19:	8:00 am: Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 23:	10:15 am: Worship
Monday, August 24:	5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
Wednesday, August 26:	8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!