



**“LORD, TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?**

*You have  
the words  
OF ETERNAL LIFE.”*

JOHN 6:68, NIV

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*The Service for the Lord's Day  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 26, 2018*

**Boldface type indicates a spoken response.**  
The asterisk (\*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #626 *As the Deer*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The living God has sent the living bread  
from heaven  
to fill our hearts with strength!  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Ps. 84:2, 5, 7;  
John 6:57–58  
Eph. 6:10*

PSALM READING *Psalm 84*

\*OPENING HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins  
to the One whose eyes are open day and night  
to heed our cry and our prayer.

*1 Kgs. 8:28–30*

**Watchful God, you know our plight.  
Offended, we have not believed your words.  
Complaining, we have betrayed your love.  
We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost.  
Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall.**

*1 Kgs. 8:29; John 6:64  
John 6:60–61, 64  
John 6:66  
Eph. 6:10–11*

**Strangers to your holiness, we wander.  
Defenseless against evil within and without,  
we are lost.  
Shine your light in our darkness,  
and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.**

*John 6:69*

*Eph. 6:13*

*Ps. 84:11*

*Ps. 84:4-5*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin!  
The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor  
and honor on us  
through Christ, the bread from heaven,  
who brings us back to God and feeds us  
with his strength.

*1 Kgs. 8:30*

*Ps. 84:11*

*John 6:58*

*John 6:56-57, 63*

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #275      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (verse 4)**

**\*SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST      (Please place prayer request cards in baskets)**

**\*\* *Please be seated.***

**HYMN #402**

*How Lovely, Lord*

**A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

**Jon Mills**

**GOSPEL LESSON      John 6:56-69 [p. 98 NT]**

**EPISTLE LESSON      Ephesians 6:10-20 [p. 195 NT]**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE      *"Lord, to Whom Can We Go?"***

**Pastor Jim Rausch**

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

## PRESENTATION AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Scripture tells us, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is appropriate that together we all reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith by saying the Apostles' Creed.

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Shaun, Karlie, Jack, Becky and Jan, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

***New Members: I will, with God's help.***

## PRESENTATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

### PRAYER

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Shaun, Karlie, Jack, Becky and Jan to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another

as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

***New Members: Thanks be to God.***

WELCOME

Together, let us welcome our newest members to our fellowship and shared ministry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

***New Members: And also with you.***

OFFERING

*Registration of Attendance*

OFFERTORY HYMN #629

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven,  
through whom we offer these gifts.  
Endow these gifts with your power,  
that they may express your steadfast love  
and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.**

*John 6:58*

\*CLOSING HYMN #269

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

\*CHARGE

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Household Prayer: Morning*

Lord God, my sun and shield,  
a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
Let the favor of your presence strengthen me and accompany me  
everywhere I go today.  
Prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
that your light and love may radiate through me.  
Through Christ my Lord. Amen.

*Household Prayer: Evening*

Lord God my strength, your Spirit never tires; your love never fails.  
I bring you my struggles, stresses, questions, and worries of this day.  
Where else can I go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Let your promises sustain my soul and comfort my heart as I rest in you,  
through Christ my Lord. Amen.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Lindsey Piper; GREETERS: Ruth Clark, David & Jacquie Swenson; USHERS: Don & Pam Correll, Jim & Jolene Cloutier; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Bob & Nancy Bierenga; OFFERING COUNTERS: Sam Hollar & Jim Watson

## NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Welcome Guests!** We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

***This morning's flowers have been provided by Leon & Lisa Conklin***

Don't you miss the fun we had during Vacation Bible School? ***The VBS Reunion will be held tomorrow evening, Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m.*** Let's recreate VBS in fellowship, songs, and fun! Check out the upcoming events bulletin board and sign up to volunteer in these areas: crafts and face painter. Questions? See Arisha.

***Mom's Workout Group*** is excited to see our volunteers again in September. If you have a love for little ones and enjoy the energy they bring, sign up to sit with them while the moms work out for an hour. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the events bulletin board. Contact Arisha for further details.

***We have been invited to attend McGraft Memorial Church's Fish Fry Fundraiser on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m.*** Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for children ages 5 – 10 years of age) and will be available in the FPC office Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The menu includes perch, baked potato or fries, cole slaw, garlic toast, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will support the Children of India Pastors – Education Fund.

The ***funeral mass for Sylvia Paquette's husband, Al***, will be held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in Lake Linden, Michigan. Please note the correct address for memorial contributions: MultiCare Home Health and Hospice (P.O. Box 5200, Tacoma, WA 98415).

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

08/26/18 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Hospitality
08/27/18 Monday	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Gentle Yoga VBS Reunion
08/28/18 Tuesday	7:15 pm	Gentle Yoga
08/29/18 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Usher Appreciation/Training
08/30/18 Thursday	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
08/31/18 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
09/01/18 Saturday		
09/02/18 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Hospitality