

3. We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**(Please stand for verse)**

4. All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**“NATURAL DISASTER, AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE”**

*(Text: Acts 16:25-40)*

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**(Please stand)**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed***

**C. 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**C. 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**

**BENEDICTION**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**CLOSING SONG “I’ve Got Peace like a River” (sts. 1-3)**

1. I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

2. I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3. I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**\* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***

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**CONNECTION SERVICE**

October 12, 2025  
10:30am

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SONG “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**  
LSB 809 (sts. 1-3)

**(Please stand)**

**INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**(Please sit)**

**FIRST READING *Ruth 1:1-19a***

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you.

*(continued...)*

For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L. Here ends the first reading.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING 2 *Timothy 2:1-13***

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

L. Here ends the second reading.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL READING *Luke 17:11-19***

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.  
**C. Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please sit)*

**TITHES & OFFERING**

*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG “*They’ll Know We Are Christians*”**  
*(sts. 1-4)*

1. We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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