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What's the Heart of Christianity?



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession

Loving and gracious God, when we are tempted to put rules before people,
change our hearts and lead us in the way of Jesus.

When we think our faith makes us morally superior to others,
change our hearts and lead us in the way of Jesus.

When we use religion or Scripture to oppress our neighbors,
change our hearts and lead us in the way of Jesus.

When neglect justice and the love of God,
change our hearts and lead us in the way of Jesus.

Opening Hymn

"We Are Called"

ELW # 720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain: We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"Tell the Story"

(Sung to "Thine the Amen" ELW #826)

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
Help them understand the way, God is working every day.
Help us share your great, great story so that all the world may see
by your love we're all set fr-ee, by your love we're set free.
Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard
God is making all things new, God is calling me and you.
Let us tell God's great, great story, so that all the world will hear
God's not distant, God is with us, God is near, God is near

Prayer

Special Music

"We Have Seen the Lord"

Barb Kay & Jerry Joseph

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Deuteronomy 5:12-15...Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 11:37-42...While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. ⁴²"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dialogue

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Breathe on Me"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, love and life that makes me free;
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fan the flame within me.

(Chorus) *Teach my heart, heal my soul, speak the mind that in Christ we know;
Take me to Your Sanctuary, breathe on me.*

Speak to me, voice of God, soft and still inside my heart;
Speak to me, Word of God, comfort, heal, restore with love. (Chorus)

Breathe on me. Breathe on me.

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us gracious God." Please respond: **We lift our prayers to you.**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Feed Us Now

**Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray .**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where're we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You, on the Bread that is true.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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 & ever. Amen**

Communion

Communion Hymn

"Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*(Chorus): All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend,
I have lived in the goodness of God. *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge): Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (repeat Bridge)*

*(Chorus): All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God. (Repeat Chorus)*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"They'll Know We are Christians "

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.

(Chorus) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand by 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. *(Chorus)*

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 one's dignity and save each one's pride. *(Chorus)*

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. *(Chorus)*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

⇒ In-Person Worship Guidelines

- People who are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, or are at high risk of exposing others are asked not to attend worship.
- Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear masks, social distance, and may sing.
- People not fully vaccinated are expected to wear masks, refrain from singing, and social distance. This includes people who have had COVID-19 but are not yet fully vaccinated.
- Bulletins will be emailed. Projection will resume when streaming system is installed.

We must be highly mindful of those around us who are still at risk including:

- those who are not yet fully vaccinated
- those who are vaccinated but have underlying health issues
- children, age 11 and under, and individuals who are not yet able to receive a vaccination

⇒ Food Pantry Our first Saturday of the month Pantry is August 7. To assist with pantry prep on Friday, August 6 or the day of the pantry, Saturday, August 7, please [CLICK HERE](#).

⇒ Prayer Requests If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 25

9:30 am Worship Outdoor & Facebook Live

Monday, July 26

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, July 27

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, July 29

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Alanon

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Kevin Leahy as he begins cancer treatment. **Marie Pitner** as she recovers from broken wrists. **Irene Schnack** as she recovers from knee replacement.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.