

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Worship - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

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Confession & Forgiveness

Litany of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

Message

Hymn of the Day

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Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion

Communion

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
ST. JOHN'S  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY'S THEME**

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible p. 163

Psalm 1

Pew Bible p. 424

Philemon 1-21

Pew Bible p. 970

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible p. 850

**Today's Message**

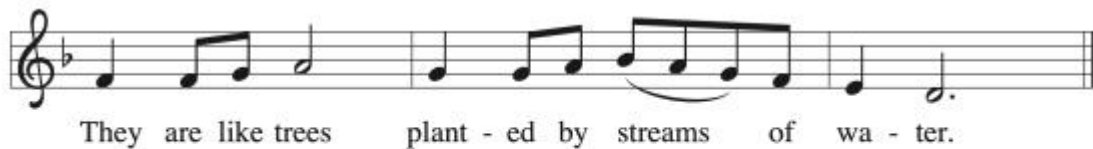
*"We Follow Jesus. We Worship God."*

*by Rev. Ralph Mineo*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**

Psalm 1:3

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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Carol Snippert, Carolyn Sturtevant, Barb Kulisek, Phil Nagy, Roger Seman, Max Alwens, Jr., Bob Schlaufman

**Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation:** Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Derf Hopsecger, Jonathan B., Heidi Sturtevant, Jill Eichner, Charles Schlaufman, Rev. Bill Cox, Ron Swanson, Hudson & Logan Stockburger, Amy Petro, Jane Swanson Riley, Walter Gaber, Wendy Carlson

**Cancer Friends:** Chris, Denny Hetrick, John Wurst, Catherine Learn

**Pray for those who grieve:**

*Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.*

**New Choir Season starting! New members welcome!**

First Rehearsal on Sunday, September 7

9:00 AM – Chancel Choir rehearsal

11:15 AM – Bell Choir rehearsal

**Thank You:** We would like to thank Janel Anderson for her gift of music this morning.