



The Protestant Community Church

"Cathedral of the Woods"

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An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

10:00 - AUGUST 3, 2025 - EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Members, friends, and visitors are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew. We also invite you to share any joys or concerns, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.

Prelude

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Peterson

Opening Prayer

Good, gracious and loving God, who are we that you have loved us so well? When we find ourselves so often difficult to trust, how is it that you have given us this world of yours, each other, and Jesus to teach how to love you more fully. We need your power to be strong in this broken world of ours. Purify our intentions and deepen our commitment.. We gather together this day in your name. Amen

*Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers

#645

Unison Confession

Gracious God, we join our voices to confess to you, knowing that you hear us and that you understand. We have not always made the right choices. In fact, we have been foolish at times, and have devalued or deliberately ignored your will for us. We fill ourselves with what the world offers and forget that you call us to be filled with your Spirit. Forgive us, O God, and grant us wise and discerning minds and hearts that always seek after you. Forgive us, God, that we too may learn to forgive. Draw us back into a loving relationship with you, we pray. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance

Once we were dead to all things God hoped for us; but in God's love we are again brought to life. Rejoice, dear friends, for we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri #705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be...world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4

Responsive Reading

(Liturgist/Congregation)

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before
you.**

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

**You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot
be hidden.**

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, so
that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father who is in heaven.**

Anthem

"Sonata in A Minor"

Vivaldi

Nancy Stokking - Cello

*Gospel Lesson James 2:14-18, 21-22, 26

*Hymn	I Am Thine, O Lord	#504
Sermon	Faith is an Action Verb	
Offertory	"Alleluia"	Mozart

***Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #706**

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

Pastoral Prayer

***The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion - All are welcome to God's table

When communion is served, the polished brass chalice contains wine, and the brushed brass chalice contains grape juice. If you prefer to drink from the Common Cup please choose the pottery chalice. If a gluten free wafer is preferred, those are available in a basket on the communion table.

*Hymn	Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated	#490
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***Benediction**

May you follow God in all that you do and say, witnessing to the power and love of God. Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.
AMEN

*Response	"Choral Benediction"
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Postlude	"With Trumpets and Horns"	Handel
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*The congregation may stand

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

Those placed on the prayer list will remain on the list for one month unless specified otherwise. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please secure permission prior to calling the church office or emailing in to kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org

Adam	Lydia Gibson	Anne Marie Pisano
Inga Boehme	Bonnie Hammer	Judy Remalia
Lorrie Breslin	Evelyn Herzog	Rese Ritter
Casey	Nora Hofman	Smith & Miller family
Emma Chinn	Kelsie	Margaret Stokking
Robert Cocozza	Etna Kessler	Susan
Kimmie Copeland	Klausner family	Suzanne
Carole Cutry	Mary Kocis	Ed Tucker
Joan Daily	Ron Koontz	Lorie Truitt
Doris Davis	Tanja Markgrof	Elissa Williams
Tabitha DeMaio	Floss Mikle	
Don Dudek	Nilda Neil	
Jim Ghegan & family	Mary Parrish	

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world. ♥

† VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY †

Ushers: Lynda Miller & Lee Bealuk **Reader:** Carol Vahlstrom
Fellowship Hour Hosts: George

✿ ALTAR FLOWERS ✿

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Margaret W. Hendri, given by her husband Alfred and daughter Jordan.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 7/27/25

8:00 Worship Service - 14
10:00 Worship Service - 55
Online - 10

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the link below or the QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:



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