



## **THE LORD'S SERVICE**

**May 17, 2026**

Gathering & Hospitality  
Welcome & Announcements

Welcome! If you would like to receive our E-announcements, leave your contact info (including email) at the welcome stand. Please reference the insert for upcoming events and announcements.



## **THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE**

***\*Call to Worship***

Psalm 57.5, 9-11 (ESV)

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

***[ALL] Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!***

**\*Songs of Praise**  
**“Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

Matthew Bridges (1851)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of peace whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be pray'r and praise  
His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 8.6-11 (ESV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin,

the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

## **"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"**

CityAlight (2018)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me



## THE LORD CLEANSSES US

### † *Confession of Sin*

Most holy and merciful Father;  
We acknowledge and confess before you;  
Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good;  
And all our shortcomings and offenses.  
You alone know how often we have sinned;  
In wandering from your ways;  
In wasting your gifts;  
In forgetting your love.  
But you, O Lord, have pity upon us;  
Who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased you.  
Teach us to hate our errors;  
Cleanse us from our secret faults;  
And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear son.  
And O most holy and loving Father;  
Help us we beseech you;  
To live in your light and walk in your ways;  
According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***\*Declaration of Forgiveness***

Psalm 116.5-7 (ESV)

*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.*

*The Lord preserves the simple;*

**When I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

## **\*Prayer of Petition**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy;

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And now let us offer the prayer that our Lord has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.**

## **Children's Homily**

*Dismissal to Little Sprouts. (Available for kids 3-PreK, to be picked up at the beginning of the Lord's Supper. Drop-off and pick-up are as you exit the sanctuary.)*



## **THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5:13-26

Pastor: This is the word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Bill Leuzinger

### **"Love that results from Gospel Freedom"**



## **THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Jesus Christ himself invites all true believers to his table. If you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognizing its belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers, please know how welcome you are to eat this gracious meal with us. By taking the bread and the wine, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in God's sovereign mercy, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any questions about your participation in the Lord's Supper, please speak to one of our elders.

### **"The Lord Is My Salvation"**

Getty, Nockles, Myrin (2016)

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground, the Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, the Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

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My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flows each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come, the Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days, the Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home, the Lord is my salvation

*Chorus*

*Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation*

### **\*We Confess Our Faith**

from Romans 8:31-39, except v. 36

*Leader: What then shall we say to any and every enemy of our salvation?*

**All: If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

*Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?*

**All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

*Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword.*

**All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our LORD.**

### **Collection of Offerings**

*Leader: What gifts do you offer to your Lord in response to His grace?*

**People: We offer ourselves through praise and thanksgiving,  
We offer our prayers and offerings for the sake of the world.**

**\*Doxology**

**“Old Hundreth”**

(1551)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Hymn of Response**

**“We Will Feast In The House of Zion”**

McCracken, Moore (2015)

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*Chorus*

In the dark of night before the dawn  
my soul be not afraid  
for the promised morning, O how long  
O God of Jacob be my strength

*Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful One  
and from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

*Chorus*



**THE LORD BLESSES AND COMMISSIONS US**

**\*Benediction**

*\* all who are able, please stand  
† all who are able, please kneel*

*This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness,  
not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise.*

*We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it.*

*The process is not yet finished, but it is going on.*

*This is not the end, but it is the road.*

*All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.*

Martin Luther

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# UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS, 10:10-10:50 | THEOLOGICAL AND TOPICAL TEACHING:

- TODAY, Sharing the Gospel & Your Testimony, Kike Astorga
- 5/24, Amy Markwalter & Leslie Owens will share an update about their mission trip to Greece.

**TODAY, MAY 17, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR ANNA LITTLE:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Little! Please RSVP to Charlotte at 423-972-5984 & use the QR code to see the registry.



**FRI MAY 29, 6PM | MEN'S HANGOUT:** Come at 6pm to the Pavilion at Southside Elementary, and we'll eat around 6:30. We'll grill some burgers and hot dogs- bring a side or dessert to go with that!

**SUN, MAY 31, 2PM | BABY SHOWER FOR CASSIE FERGUSON:** Ladies, please join us here at the church for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Ferguson! Please RSVP to Charlotte (423-972-5984). Use the QR to see the registry.



**WEDNESDAYS 6-8PM, JUNE 3-JULY 1 | REFORMED THEOLOGY 101:** Join us at the church building for a special summer seminar! What is 'reformed theology'? What does it mean to be 'reformed'? We'll enjoy a meal together each Wednesday before Pastor AJ teaches and leads discussion. Childcare will be provided for young children, and older kids (~10+ are invited to join in the class & discussion).

**FRI, JUNE 5, 6PM | CHURCH PICNIC @ ROTARY PARK:** Join us for this sweet time of fellowship @ the Harris Pavilion at Rotary Park! Hot dogs and waters provided, and please bring a side to share! RSVP and specify side with QR code so we can plan ahead.



**JUNE 7-JULY 26, 10:15-10:45, 3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM | BASIC BIBLICAL GREEK:** If you are interested in learning some basic Greek, join Matt Russell as he leads this class for the summer! Contact matttr29@hotmail.com to RSVP, get textbook information, and with any questions.



**JUNE 15-19 | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join us for a week of Vacation Bible School as we blast off for a deep exploration of the majesty of God! When we think of God's magnificence, we often think of the wonders of creation, and rightly so! The stories of Genesis 1-9, however, admonish us that to stop there is to barely skim the edge of the universe of God's greatness. *VBS is for children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.* Use QR to register.



Sign-up to  
provide  
VBS Snacks



Sign-up to  
provide Lunch for  
Youth VBS Leaders

**SAT, JUNE 20, 10:30AM | BABY SHOWER FOR JOANNA BARTAL:** Ladies, please join us for a baby shower to celebrate the coming arrival of Baby Bartal! Hosted at Jeanette Ransom's home (800 N Mohawk Dr, Erwin, TN). Please text Jeanette to RSVP (321-480-2287). Use the QR to see the registry.



# SCHEDULE

EACH LORD'S DAY

- 8:45-10:00, 1st Worship Service
- 10:10-10:50, Classes & Fellowship
- 11-12:15, 2nd Worship Service

## Adult Classes

- Fullbright Community Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- Theological & Topical Teaching: Sanctuary, 10:10-10:50

## Children's Classes, 10:10-10:50

- K-1<sup>st</sup>: Elaine DeVusser 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Arika Smith & Mackenzie Reagor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Josh Beatty & Caleb Osborne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Youth Classes

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 10:10-10:50
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): Troy Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6-8PM



## May 24th | Last Day of Children & Youth Classes Between Services

## FAMILIES AND CHILDREN:

We are thankful to be an intergenerational congregation that prioritizes family worship. We love little ones in our gathered worship learning the rhythm of corporate worship.

**FRONT ROOM & 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LARGE CLASSROOM:** A live stream of the service is available in the front room & on the second floor in the large classroom.

**NURSERY:** On 2nd floor for children under 3, for the duration of the worship services.

**LITTLE SPROUTS (3-PREK):** On 2nd floor, during the sermon with age-appropriate teaching. Check your child in/out of class in the front room (after children's homily & before Communion).

**COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP:** If you or your child is ready to profess faith in Christ and partake of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor AJ (or any elder), so we can arrange a time to talk.



## WOMEN

**TUESDAYS, STARTING 6/2, 3-4:30PM | WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** Join us as we study Colossians, using Sarah Ivill's book! We'll study Colossians over 7 weeks. Childcare is provided. Use QR to register.

**MISSIONS PARTNER: KIKE AND BRITTANY ASTORGA.** The Astorga family is here for the summer as they raise support so they can continue their work with Campus Outreach in Guadalajara, Mexico. If you would like to support their ministry please scan the QR & consider connecting them with other Christians in your circles! Kike's email is [elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org](mailto:elifelet.astorga@campusoutreach.org).



<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Two Kinds of Slavery

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

One Kind of Love

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

What should we do