



But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: O Lord God our Heavenly Father, we come into Your presence to hear Your holy Word and to worship and praise You for your great Love. May our worship be pleasing in your sight, and may You give us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, increase our love for You, and keep us steadfast until that day when Christ shall come and take us to our heavenly home to live with you forever in peace and joy. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 234; 231; 20; 45:1,2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:20-33

This reading records one of the finest examples of prayer in its faith, and persistence, and in its intercessory nature. Abraham pleads for mercy for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Again and again Abraham approached the Lord in lowliness and yet with the confidence of faith that the Lord would hear his prayer. The Lord found Abraham's prayers acceptable. May the Spirit of our God grant us such faith as we pray, not only for ourselves but also for others in their time of need.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:7-12

We all pray the Lord to have mercy upon us, and as He is merciful toward us, so as children of God we shall be merciful to others. The Spirit of God purifies our hearts from sins of bitterness and avarice. It is the Spirit that gives us the ability to live in peace with our neighbor. And though our faith may cause others to abuse and persecute us, the Lord suffered far more us than we suffer for Him. Let us count ourselves blessed to suffer shame for His name's sake.

THE SERMON: Acts 8:26-38

Theme: Philip's Encounter with the Ethiopian Reveals How the Spirit Works in this World.

- I. He Works through Believers.
- II. He Works through the Means of Grace.

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 CHURCH COUNCIL follows the service. Sermon text: Matthew 7:24-29.

SUNDAY July 27: Confirmation of Teah Kesler and Caidyn Kruse.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1-2: Vacation Bible School Friday evening August 1st, 6:00-8:00, Saturday August 2 from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. This year's series is entitled: In the Courts of the Lord.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Ubl

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 6 Worship –20

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$780.00	Harold and Martha Cole - Prop. Imprv.	25.00
Needed for Year:	27,380.00		
Received for Year:	25,825.50		

Spokesman subscriptions \$15.00

CLC NEWS: We currently have 8 pastoral vacancies in the CLC, Millston, Wisconsin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Mapleton, North Dakota, Loveland, Colorado, Lakewood (Denver), Colorado, Blue Springs (Kansas City), Missouri, Live Oak, Florida, Lawrenceville (Atlanta) Georgia. **“Pray the Lord of the harvest that He send out laborers into His harvest.”** (Matthew 9:38).

At the Hospital: Samantha Barthels is at Mayo Hospital, Methodist Campus in Rochester, room 7411. She is being treated for leukemia. Yours prayers are requested. **Cards and visitors are welcome.** No plants or flowers are allowed on that floor.