

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We give you all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to you, O Christ our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement; one God who sustains us with your love and your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before you. Grace us with your presence, that we may learn of your way. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For we are God’s people, the flock that God shepherds. We come singing praises to the rock of salvation!

*OPENING HYMN “Revelation Song” Insert

*CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, forgive us for allowing living water to be fouled. There are times when we blame you for all our troubles and cast upon you the waste in our lives. Our wants are insatiable through misuse of your mercy; we tap your good graces with unending requests. We let the waters of our baptism become barren and stagnant; new life cannot flourish when we don’t do your will. Cleanse us through

Christ, in whose name we confess our sin, and bathe us with mercy to give us fresh hope.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Lt. Blue Songbook #76

Singing: Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 16: 29-33, 21: 23-26 p. 323, 329

SPECIAL MUSIC Violinist David Arends
& Pianist Dave Thomas

SECOND READING Psalm 33 p. 507

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15: 21-28 p. 17

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Listening to the Voices We Were Taught to Ignore”
Pastor David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “In You, Lord, I Have Put My Trust” #183

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we confess faith in your mercy as we bring offerings before you. Use them to further your work. May our talents be useful in serving your people, and our time filled with obeying your will. The money we give is in response to your graciousness. Accept it as part of renewed commitment to Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our 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.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” #399

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** **“Go with God”**
Lt. Blue Songbook #138

Singing: Go with God. Go with God.
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day.
As you leave this place, go with God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. August 24	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	PW Bazaar Workshop	10:00 AM
Tues. August 25	Boundary Training	9:00 AM
		to 12:00 PM
	Fundraising Committee	5:30 PM
Wed. August 26	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Discipleship Committee	7:00 PM
Fri. August 28	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sat. August 29	Boundary Training	9:00 AM
		to 12:00 PM
Sun. August 30	Community Choir Practice	2:00 PM

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Arlene McHenry, violinist David Arends & pianist Dave Thomas, Tech Lead Ryder Brown, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For Prayer Chain Requests, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Please check out our website <https://www.conradfirstpres.org> to find our list of current Session Elders and active Deacons as well as other updated information. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Attention all Committees. The Church Secretary needs schedules so that she can keep the calendar always updated with the correct dates and times for meetings and other activities. This will also help when putting together the newsletter calendar. Please send all information to the church email compres@3river.net.

Church Secretary will be out of the Office **Monday, August 24th**.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **September Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Tuesday morning, August 25th**.

Boundary Training will be on Tuesday, August 25th and Saturday, August 29th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

Our **Youth Program** will be starting on **September 9th**. We are looking for ministry partners to help out once a month or so. Please call Jane Arends at 406-450-4163.

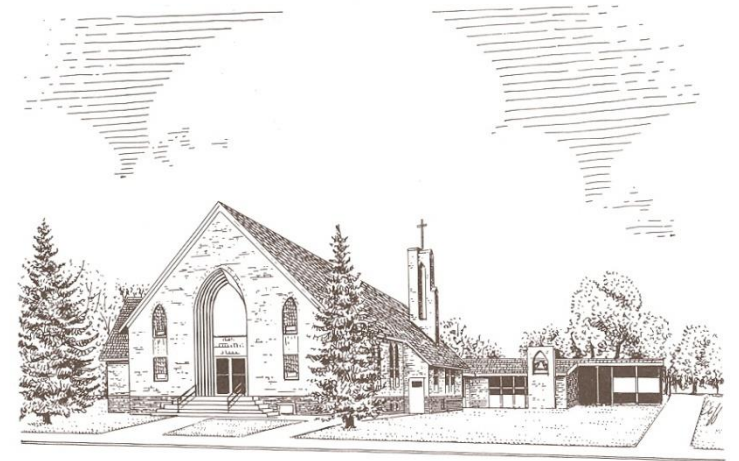
Deacons, mark your calendars! We will resume regular meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning **September 13th after church.** See you there!

Last week, the combined giving was **\$2,123.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,550.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of Mary Simonson, Family & Friends of David Perry, Esther Finlayson, Colby Stenerson, Ralph Stordahl, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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