

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Church Propers 12

July 26, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanist: Jane Holstein

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: O Creator of the Cosmos, who knows what the kingdom of God is like, but also remembers what it was like before.

P: Before creation and kingdoms, before mustard seeds and fine pearls, before yeast and bakers to make bread.

L: So, you know what it is like to long for them, to imagine them into being,

P: And it is from this longing for your kingdom and for you that we enter our worship.

L: Yes, come, let us praise and pray to our God of promise.

P: Let us rejoice in the Good News together—how nothing can separate us from the presence of God. Amen.

***HYMN:** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

R263/Projected

***INVOCATION**

All: O Spirit, who helps us in our struggles, and teaches us how to pray when we don't know what to say or how to feel, we call on you from a sigh too deep for words. Within that sigh, we wonder, we question, and we hope that all things do, indeed, work together for your good. And in this experience of being here together, in this time set apart to be side by side in community, we are reminded how connected we already are. Let us open ourselves to your presence here. Let us seek first, the kingdom of God, and in our searching, may we be found by you, Beloved, the One who searches for us first. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia”**

by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
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WITNESS OF FAITH: Genesis 29:15-28

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

ALL: We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.

Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.

P: Thanks be to God!

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 8:26-39

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

HYMN: "Great is Your Faithfulness" Vs. 1&2

B423/Projected

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" Vs. 1&2

R-Cov/Projected

HYMN: "This is My Father's World" Vs. 1&2

R33/Projected

A TIME OF LEARNING SERIES: "The 10 Commandments: 6th" Projected
Luther's Understanding from the Luther House of Study

HYMN: "When Peace, Like a River" Vs. 1&2

B438/Projected

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" Vs. 1&2

R198/Projected

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MEDITATION: "God is for Us"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "For All the Saints"

R296/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Our gospel lesson today says that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure. Jesus' parable describes it as hidden, and it does feel like that sometimes. But it can also feel like earth is "crammed" with it too. May we take a moment to remember the ways in which this church has made the kingdom come alive for us. Let us take this time to give thanks by considering how we can give of our time, money, skills, and unique gifts to this beloved community. Amen.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: Like the net that was thrown into the sea and brought in fish of every kind, we celebrate the multitude and diversity of gifts that have been shared here today. May God bless these treasures with the abundance of Christ's love and passion to embody justice in our world. Amen.

***BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Postlude**



OUR SAVIOUR'S
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FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our Summer office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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***Benita Keplin July 23, Mark Sabel July 24, Jared Stellmacher July 25,
Gage Mueller July 27, Larry Pollack July 28, Dianne Heyn July 29***

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 6	Livestream: 133	Total: 139
Sunday :	In-Person: 41	Livestream: 158	Total: 199

General Fund: \$8,862.00 OCWM: \$34.50 Capital Improvements: \$47.50

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: Keith Mulder/Judy Lueck **Liturgist:** Kelly Mundell **Musician:** Jane Holstein

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The Altar flowers for Sunday were given in Memory of Jim Sasada (7-26-63 to 4-14-26) by Loved Ones.

The Organ flowers for Sunday were given in Memory of Jeffery Mueller by Loved Ones.

GUEST ORGANIST SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

We are honored and deeply appreciative that Jane Holstein has decided to stay in Green Lake through the weekend after the concert and workshop, and has offered to play for our Sunday, July 26th worship service! What a lovely gift to our congregation! Thank you, Jane!

VBS BEGINS MONDAY

It's time for VBS! Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God, begins Monday, July 27th at Immanuel United Methodist Church at 5:45 pm, running through Thursday, July 30th. The Sleep in Heavenly Peace project is part of VBS, so this Sunday is our last chance to donate items.

MISSIONS PROJECT FOR VBS - SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

This Sunday we will have a "Blessing of the Bedding" for all of the items so generously given to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace's mission in Fond du Lac. The items will go to VBS and then will be enroute to Fondy and the children who will be thrilled to receive a new bed and new bedding of their very own. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who made this happen for the kids!

RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT “STUDENT NEEDS CLOSET”

RASD is in countdown to the first day of school, Tuesday, September 1st, which means so is Mission’s Student Needs Closet project! The “closet” actually covers all of the Ripon area schools and we don’t know if there’s one at each school or how that works exactly. It just works.

The purpose of the District’s Student Needs Closet is to provide students with basic need items that they don’t have access to--be it that they are homeless or their living situation isn’t able to provide for them. Can we help restock the District’s closet so that these kids have basic needs?

Personal care items include men and women’s stick deodorant; lip balm; baby/body wipes; hair brushes; wide tooth combs; dry shampoo; hair detangling spray; hair ties; reusable water bottles; travel size fabric refresher spray; and travel size blankets and pillows.

Clothing items include Boys and Girls T-shirts (any color, sizes 4T-Youth XL); Men and Ladies T-shirts (neutral colors, sizes Adult XS-XL); Boys and Girls sweatshirts (any color, sizes 4T-Youth XL); Men and Women’s Sweatshirts (neutral colors, sizes Adult XS-XL); Boys and Girls Jogger Sweatpants (black preferred, sizes 4T-Youth XL); Men and Women’s Jogger Sweatpants (black preferred, sizes Adult XS-XL); Girls/Women’s leggings (black preferred, sizes 4T-Adult XL); Boys and Girls tennis shoes (Velcro closure, toddler size 10-Youth size 3); Boys and Girls socks (toddler size 10-Youth size 3); Men and Women’s socks (Adult S-L); Boys boxer briefs (4T-Youth XL); Girls underwear (4T-Youth XL).

Miscellaneous items include Kwik Trip Fuel Only gift cards, \$25; Hy-Vee gift cards, \$25.

MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



Suggested items for July are: Peanut Butter, jam and jelly; canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals; canned fruits; dried fruits; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; Manwich style sauces; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; brown sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil; pancake syrup; brownie and cake mix; biscuit mix. Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Emily McGuire, Maggie Moon, Kathy Schieler, the family and friends of Gloria Hughes, and 10 Unspoken.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wed.	July 22	Noon-3:00 - FABM Organ Workshop in the Sanctuary
Thur.	July 23	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun.	July 26	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary <i>with Guest Organist</i> 10:00 am - FABM - Pre-concert Organ & Piano Practice
Mon.	July 27 - 31	5:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Kids Church Camp (VBS) - Immanuel UMC
Tues.	July 28	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - 1 st Congregational UCC

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	July 30	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel - Communion
Sun.	August 2	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Communion
Tues.	August 4	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Our Saviour's UCC



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