

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Church Propers 17

August 27 & 30, 2026

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Rowen Erickson

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

P: Seek God here.

L: We who come to be inspired and changed

P: Seek God's Spirit here.

L: We who know how little we know

P: Seek God's Word here.

***HYMN: "Come Forth, O Love Divine"**

B289/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you - you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. 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: Exodus 3:1-15

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: As we prepare for confession, let us consider questions inspired by the apostle Paul. Is our love always genuine? Do we resist the evil we see? Do we consistently seek to serve God? Are we hospitable to strangers? Do we offer blessings to our enemies? Do we even know what this means? Do we have close relationships with people who are different from us? Do we seek revenge on those who have wronged us? Good friends, we do these things. We do them often - maybe not all at once. They are also actions that turn us away from the love God always offers us.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

L: In this time of confession, God invites us to examine all this, and to repent, which means to turn back to God. Let us confess our sins and turn back to God.

ALL: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that: our love isn't always genuine; we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it; we forget to consider more ways to serve you; we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality; we do not pray enough for our enemies; we associate with our own kind, fearing the "other"; we relish in fantasies of revenge. For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers...

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination. God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up. God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin. It is because of these things that I declare to you in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity: God forgives us all our sins.

P: Thanks be to God!

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

WITNESS OF FAITH: Romans 12:9-21

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28

A TIME OF LEARNING SERIES: "Moses and the Burning Bush" Projected
By Faith Devotions

***STATEMENT OF FAITH: Adaptation of Colossians 1:15-20** Projected

ALL: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities-all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's Cross.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's Grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & 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.**

HYMN: “Good, Good Father” with Chris Tomlin Projected

MEDITATION: “Genuine Love” Rev. Mundell

HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” R198/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

L: We give back to God because God has given to us first, because we are loved by God, believed in by God, and empowered by God. Let us give back to God in gratitude for all God has given us.

*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: In your Creation, O God, we stand on the holiest of ground. May these gifts be a blessing to all that you have made. May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as your hands. May needs be seen and met, and may the giving fit the need. Through Christ, who models infinite giving. 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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Larry Retzlaff and Henry Wendt Sept 1, Kathy Lang and Susan Rahn Sept 2

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 10	Livestream: 83	Total: 93
Sunday :	In-Person: 62	Livestream: 128	Total: 190

General Fund: \$1,450.00 OCWM: \$101.50 Capital Improvements: \$93.50

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAMS

A/V: Keith Mulder/Kelly Mundell **Liturgist:** Cal Fischer **Musician:** Rowen Erickson
Gatekeepers: Keith & Becky Mulder **Greeters:** Team 6

RIPON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT “STUDENT NEEDS CLOSET”

Thank you so much for helping restock RASD’s Student Needs Closet! The items and a check for the monetary donations will be delivered to the school district later this week in time for the start of the school year!

UPCOMING SABBATICAL

Rev. Kevin will be starting his six week sabbatical on Monday, September 7, 2026, returning to the office on Monday, October 19th.

Rev. Clay Salmela will be filling in for all of our Thursday evening worship services. Rev. Becky Johnston will fill in for five of the Sunday morning worship services, and Rev. Jim Mohr will fill in for one Sunday worship service.

Rev. Clay will be available for Pastor visits to those who Rev. Kevin usually sees and, should the need arise, would also be available for funerals or memorial services.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Church Council. Thank you!

SENIOR CHOIR STARTING BACK UP

Welcome back, Singers! Senior Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 10th, meeting weekly from 5:15 pm through 6:15 pm. This group typically sings 4 part harmony and new singers are welcome to join. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF APPROACHING

Sunday School Kickoff is September 13th so we're sending a shout out to all parents and grandparents of school age children in our congregation and community who would like to have their kiddos attend our weekly Sunday School! Classes start at 10:15 am each Sunday and run for 1 hour.

We invite children 3 years old through Confirmation age to participate in bible study, perform with the Scott Street Puppeteers, play handbells and sing fun songs, and enjoy other activities together. We're blessed with wonderful teachers, helpers and musicians that make these experiences fun for everyone involved!

Registration packets will be available shortly in the East Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you!

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 August are: Peanut Butter, jam and jelly; canned tuna, chicken, salmon, stew; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals; kid-friendly healthy after school snacks; 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!

LOOKING AHEAD

- October 4th - WCUCC "Neighbors in Need" Offering and World Communion Sunday
- October 10th - Toccatas, Tunes & Transcriptions *Pulling out all the Stops!* Organ concert here by Jared Stellmacher to benefit Ripon Education Foundation's Polcyn Music Scholarship.
- October 11th - Anniversary Sunday Celebration of our couples married 50+ years
- October 23rd through October 31st - Jane Brady on vacation. Judy Lueck and Janet Crook will be helping cover in the church office.

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, and 10 Unspoken.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	August 27	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun.	August 30	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 6:00 pm - Lego Team
Tues.	Sept 1	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - OSUCC
Wed.	Sept 2	Noon - Noon Rotary Meeting in the East Narthex

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Sept 3	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
Sun.	Sept 6	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion 6:00 pm - Lego Team
Mon.	Sept 7	Happy Labor Day! Church Office is Closed.
Tues.	Sept 8	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran

SABBATICAL DATES

Mon.	Sept 7	Rev. Kevin's Sabbatical Begins
Sun.	Oct 18	Rev. Kevin's Sabbatical Ends
Mon.	Oct 19	Rev. Kevin's first day back in the Office



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Smart Phone.

