

June 1, 2025

Welcome

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Today, as we celebrate 50 years of God's grace to our congregation, it is good for us to be reminded how our history continues a story that has been unfolding since long before our congregation came to be, and will continue long after we have joined the hosts of heaven.

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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[The following is taken from our first worship service on June 1, 1975.]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid;

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts.

By the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, may we perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We that do truly and earnestly repent of our sins and, in love and charity with your neighbor, intend to live a new a life following the commands of God by walking in His ways do now humbly make confession to our Almighty God.

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbor. We have walked in darkness rather than light. We have claimed the name Christian, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us. Quicken our conscience and enable us to forgive those who have sinned against us that we may serve You in newness of life. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us all our sins and cleanse us by Your Holy Spirit. Amen

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn to Him in hearty repentance and true faith. He has had mercy on us and has pardoned and delivered us from all our sins. He confirms His love for us to strengthen us in living and to bring us to eternal life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood
His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

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The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray: O God, you have promised to be with Your Church forever. We thank You for those who founded this congregation and for the signs of Your favor over these past 50 years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and help us to share Your love with our community; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Old Testament

Proverbs 12:17

An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Acts 1:8

Jesus said to His followers: "...you will be my witnesses ..."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse.....*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*
Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!
Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!

The Gospel

Luke 24:45-48

[Jesus] opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

The Hymn of the Day

837 Lift High the Cross

- ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Sermon

In Christ Alone

(My Hope is Found)
In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Prayers of the Church

Lord God, heavenly Father,
For calling us to faith through your Word and bringing us into fellowship with You;
For awakening us to the opportunity to live in the community we call Christ Our Savior ;
For the privilege of taking your Word into our daily lives;
We give you humble thanks and praise.

This day, O Lord, we remember the past:
We remember the seven families that first envisioned a new congregation in Longmont;
We remember their determination to share the good news of Christ our Savior;
We remember their willingness to say, "Here am I! Send me!"
Give us, we pray, that same vision and determination.

This day, O Lord, we reflect on the task:
We reflect on being equipped with the power of your Word;
We reflect on being called to witness;
We reflect on being entrusted with Your message of grace.
Cause our reflection to lead us to action.

This day, O Lord, we look forward to rejoicing that will last forever;
To the rejoicing that will be ours in heaven;
To the rejoicing as others will experience the life changing power of Your grace;
To the rejoicing that takes place among the angels when one sinner repents;
May that future joy be ours now and always. Amen.

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Our offerings help to support:
Our 50th Anniversary Door Project

Offertory*sung to: We Give You But Your Own*

We give you but your own In any gift we bring;
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus sung to: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.
Amen.

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Agnus Dei sung to: *My Faith Looks up to Thee*
O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase, Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

[If your body does not tolerate alcohol, the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]

The Distribution Hymns

Evidence

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

See the cross, the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus

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The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

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I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, all over my life

Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here
Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here

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Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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 Savior He will stay
I labor 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

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!

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.
Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free
By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to You; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Choir

"Come Build a Church"

Server Schedule

	6/1	6/8	6/15
	9:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Bill	Dan	Erik
Reader	Dianna	Amy	Bob
PowerPoint	Lisa	Wanda	Gordon
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Preston	Benjamin	Amy
		10:30	10:30
Elder		Dan	Edwin
Reader		Cole	Rosemary
PowerPoint		Vicki	Cole
Audio/Visuals		Erik/Preston	Vicki/Conor
Counters	Mick/James	John Di/Wayne	John Da/Michelle
		Both	Both
Altar Guild	Royce/Paula	Dan/Amy	Monika/Inge
Altar Flowers	Prossers	Flower Ministry	Henderers

Altar flowers are donated in memory of Marjorie Hradecky, on her 90th birthday; Mother of Diana (Greg) Prosser and Preston Hradecky.

Birthdays this Week

06/03 Kevin Kluzek
06/07 Maxine Goodman

Anniversaries this Week

06/01 Adam & Sarah Stamp