



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 13, 2025

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We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to  
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way  
we might be of service to you or your family.

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**Silent Reflection:** "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God calls together a divine council to render judgment.

God holds a plumb line to measure our faithfulness.

ALL: **Who can stand before the judgments of God?**

**How shall we know what God expects of us?**

ONE: Lift up your prayers for God's mercy.

Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

ALL: **Can we distinguish faithfulness from popular success?**

**What must we do to inherit eternal life?**

ONE: God's judgment comes to all nations of the earth.

God's covenant with us involves care for all people.

ALL: **Will God deliver us from the hands of the wicked?**

**Will God put an end to wanton treachery?**

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**\* HYMN**      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      569

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Righteous God, we confess our easy compliance with ways of the world. We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves that are unavailable to many. We do not call oppressors to account or recognize our own oppressive ways. We pass by many who suffer, as if their suffering were no concern of ours. Our practice of the faith gives neither offense nor inspiration. We are troubled when we see ourselves this way. Redeem us, O God! Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI**      734

**SCRIPTURE:**

Amos 7:7-17  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

**HYMN**      *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*      132

**SERMON**

**HYMN**      *Christ, You Call Us All to Service*      571

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**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people knowledge of God, patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. We would act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the mercy you have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all.  
Amen.

**PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER**

<b>PRAYER RESPONSE</b>	<b>Hear Our Prayer, O Lord</b>	<b>490</b>
<i>Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;</i>		
<i>Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.</i>		

<b>* HYMN</b>	<b><i>Go Forth for God</i></b>	<b>708</b>
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

Council Person/liturgist      Kay Guse  
Accompanist:                      Melody Hollis

## **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**St. John's:**    Kenzie Barker, Lillian Jackson, Kevin Zeeb and Sean and Dustin,  
                         sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

**St. Jacob:**    Carol Casperson, Lori Erwin, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon,  
                         Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter,  
                         Darik Zobrist and Olin Zweck

**IL South Conference:** Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

### **Church & Pastors**

- St. Paul UCC, Staunton
- St. Peter's UCC Stone Church, Addieville

### **Retired Pastors**

- Rev. Jean Carmean

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Melody Hollis, July 13  
Charles Zweck, July 15  
Dian Gansmann, July 16  
Robbie Meyer, July 16  
Marlene & Larry Robison, 56 year, July 18

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE, July 6, 2025

St. John's – 17    St. Jacob – 22

### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

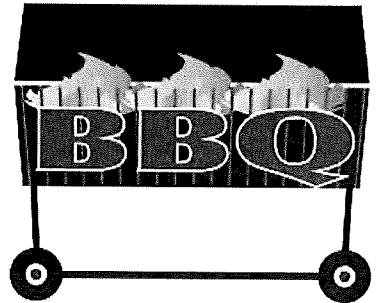
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### **BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 24**

The ELFs organization, in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc., are offering you a chance to win one of three prize packs worth \$50, \$150, & \$250 toward the cost of Korte's barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$3 each, or four for \$10. Ticket packets will be mailed out, and additional ticket packets are available on the table in the Narthex for you to sell to friends, family, or purchase yourself. The proceeds will be used for mission giving, including providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts from this past semester at the grade school, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc. The drawing will be held following worship Aug. 24, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. You can drop your donation/tickets into the BBQ safe on the table in the Narthex or mail them to: 207 West Main St. St. Jacob, IL 62281.



### **BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC**

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JULY 21:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**JULY 22:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**JULY 23:** Maintenance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

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### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of our precious grandson Robbie as he celebrates his 14th birthday July 16, from Carol.

### **UCC GENERAL SYNOD LIVESTREAM**

UCC General Synod livestream: <https://www.ucc.org/gs-livestream/> Sunday  
Worship: 2 p.m., Plenary Sessions: Monday & Tuesday: 8 a.m., 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

**\*\*\* THE UPPER ROOM** (July-August) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

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### **FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-17**

This is what the Lord showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. The Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I said.

Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the middle of my people Israel. I will never again forgive them. The shrines of Isaac will be made desolate, and the holy places of Israel will be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, reported to Israel's King Jeroboam, "Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn't able to cope with everything that he is saying. Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.'"

Amaziah said to Amos, "You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's holy place and his royal house."

Amos answered Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. But the Lord took me from shepherding the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

"Now then hear the Lord's word. You say, 'Don't prophesy against Israel, and don't preach against the house of Isaac.' "Therefore, the Lord proclaims: 'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, and your land will be measured and divided up; you yourself will die in an unclean land, and Israel will surely be taken away from its land.'"



**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14**

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother.

To the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. We've done this since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people. You have this faith and love because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You previously heard about this hope through the true message, the good news, which has come to you. This message has been bearing fruit and growing among you since the day you heard and truly understood God's grace, in the same way that it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world. You learned it from Epaphras, who is the fellow slave we love and Christ's faithful minister for your sake. He informed us of your love in the Spirit.

Because of this, since the day we heard about you, we haven't stopped praying for you and asking for you to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. We're praying this so that you can live lives that are worthy of the Lord and pleasing to him in every way: by producing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God; by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."