

Music Notes:

The anthem today is a brand new (2018) publication by Joel Raney that was a commission by a Lutheran church in Nebraska. Four well-loved hymns are woven together beginning with "All Things Bright and Beautiful," set to a new melody, which quickly moves into strains of the Doxology, then "For the Beauty of the Earth," and "Holy, Holy, Holy." The thread that holds it all together is the refrain "Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our grateful hymn of praise."

Be sure to read the bulletin insert that tells all about Joel Raney. The culmination of our Composer Weekend is the concert at 4:00 pm today.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, March 18:** Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth, Meredith Cronin, Pauline Stenlund,
- Monday, March 19:** Dale Siprelle, Jonathan Larson, Jason Fulford, Makenzie Mekler, Cody Long,
- Tuesday, March 20:** Doris Strathearn, Jessica Curtin, Reef Champlin, Delaney Williamson
- Wednesday, March 21:** Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele, Joshua Brown, Kalynn Laukner, Lucas Mueller
- Thursday, March 22:** Karla Renton, Kathleen Ellis, Mandy Voss
- Friday, March 23:** Ginny Courtney, Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck, Gabby Zimmer
- Saturday, March 24:** Fred Drew, Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis, Mike Sullivan, Isabella Devincentis, Taylor Davis

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2018 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Dylan Cantin
- (11:00) Blake Ruisz



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Herman Gaillard & Jackie Rice
- (11:00) Doris Elza & Barbara Forsyth

USHERS:

- (8:15) Don & Polly Hamilton
Howard Green & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Polly Brown & Roger Snay
Ed Puschnann & Sharon Card



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Gulten Wulf & Chrissy Reborn

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassandra Fredrikson & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. We'll be in service for the first 20 minutes or so and then we'll move to the City for Sunday School.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

This week TCI will consider the actions of students following the school shooting at Parkland which took 17 lives. Our discussion will be lead by Joe Zeigler. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 with coffee and cookies. All are welcome.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
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Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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March 18, 2018



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 18, 2018
5th Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: As Christ offered himself in obedience and was raised in glory,
People: So, too, God takes our lives and raises us up to new life in Christ.
Leader: As our lives are transformed by Christ's living presence,
People: So Christ gathers us even now to worship and to offer praise.
Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Joel Raney
Joel Raney, Piano; Tom Huffman, Organ; Jubilation Ringers; Chancel Choir
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #806 "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" MIT FREUDEN ZART**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Curvin, Pastor (8:15)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Lord, whose spirit is at work within us to enliven us, it is you who have called us to gather and to walk in your ways. Yet we confess we are more likely to follow Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, from a comfortable distance, rather than taking seriously Jesus' call to count the cost to follow him in costly obedience. Sadly, we acknowledge that we are prone to wander and go our own way. Dear Lord, forgive us. In your grace, renew us and strengthen us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM

"Hymn of Grateful Praise"

Joel Raney

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and all things wonderful: the Lord God made them all.
Mountains that rise in majesty, rivers racing to the sea,
All things created by God's hand. All heav'n and earth at God's command!
Lord of all to thee we raise this, our grateful hymn of praise.*

*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.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy, there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the sky;
For every day and every night, the sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all to thee we raise this, our grateful hymn of praise.
Our grateful hymn, our grateful hymn, our hymn of praise!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their
parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Raney
Joel Raney, Piano

***DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:29-34 (page 802)

SERMON

"Having Eyes to See" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

***HYMN #215**

"What Wondrous Love is This" WONDROUS LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Joel Raney

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A
Close look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Joel Raney, Piano; Tom Huffman, Organ;
Jubilation Ringers; Chancel Choir

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Stand Up"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Joel Raney, Piano

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Rescuer" (Good News)

VIDEO

"Spiritual Blindness"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 29-34

MESSAGE

"Having Eyes to See"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Unstoppable God"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!