

Sunday

10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group
 10:45 am Adult Sunday School
 6:00 pm VBS

Monday

6:00 pm VBS

Tuesday

6:00 pm VBS

Wednesday

9:00 am Prayer @ Hope Academy
 10:00 am Sisters In Christ
 6:00 pm VBS

Thursday

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm VBS

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$ 15,253
 YTD Income: \$438,587
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 7,665
 YTD Expenses: \$375,346

Grace's search for a part-time Finance Manager continues. Do you have anyone to recommend for that important role at Grace? Please let us know if you do!

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 1:22-23 and then Matthew 28:20. Jesus and our Father God sent the Holy Spirit to be our comforter, guide and strength. What does it mean to you to have Jesus "with you"?
2. Read John 1:2-3. Jesus Christ was with our Father God in the beginning. He preceded the creation of the world. How does or doesn't this change your perspective about Jesus Christ?
3. If everything in creation has been made by God, what might you say to a person who said, "I don't believe in God because I built/made/fixed this "fill in the blank" without God's help? (See John 1:2-3)
4. Read John 14:6 and Romans 10:8-13. How is this important to you as a Christian that Jesus is the only way to life eternal? (NOTE: Remember, God loves every person on the planet! And, we are all sinners.
5. Matthew Kelly, in his study book *Rediscover Jesus*, says in a "point to ponder", "Jesus wants to have a deep, dynamic personal relationship with you." Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." (John 10:21 NIV). How well do you really know Jesus? How do we get to know Jesus better?

Prayer (Read Together):

Jesus, open my heart and mind and soul so that I can get to know you as you really are. Please make me mindful of Your will today in my life. Help me be in prayer today. All day. Each hour of this day. I know, dear Jesus, when I center each hour of the day on you, my life *will* be better, regardless of the trials, pain or persecution that I face. Help me, Jesus, not to worry about anything, because I know that when I trust in You, dear Jesus, that God, who has provided for me in my yesterdays, will provide for me in my "today" and in my "tomorrow", as well. Thank you, Jesus! In Your name we pray! Amen.

DECATUR *Grace*

"Put Jesus Christ in the Center"

Galatians 2:20

Rev. Dr. Pete Paulson

June 12, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Raise Your Voices”*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #325 *“Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus”*

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer Prayer Anthem *“You Are Precious, Lord, to Me”*

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #310 *“He Lives”*

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

***Galatians 2:20**

“Put Jesus Christ in the Center”

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Invitation to the Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offertory Anthem *“Let Him In”*

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Commitment**

UMH #369 *“Blessed Assurance”*

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Congregation please stand as able**
Liturgist: Valerie Pries
Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

(Time for personal prayer.)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you loved us and gave yourself for us. Forbid it, Lord, that we should boast in anything except your cross.

May we be crucified with you, set free from the narrow and selfish standards of the world in order to experience the liberty of the children of God.

May we cease to live for ourselves and rather live for you, who for our sake died and rose again.

Jesus, Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, by your sufferings you set an example for us and called us to follow in our steps.

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church, you gave yourself for the Church so that we might be holy and without blemish.

Cleanse and renew us by your Word so that we experience your peace and are faithful in carrying out your mission in the world.

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you laid down your life for your scattered children to draw us to yourself and to teach us how to live.

Bring home to the hearts and minds of all who hear the Gospel the reality of your love so people will gladly give themselves to you.

Jesus, you proved your Father’s love for us by dying for us while we were still sinners.

Awaken within us an answering love, ready to work, to speak, and to witness in obedience to your perfect will.

We pray this in your holy name, the name that is above every name, even as we pray the prayer you taught your disciples to pray...

(The Lord’s Prayer follows)