

September 7, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 107:21-22) Pastor John**

**Pastor:** Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

**People:** For his wondrous works to His children!

**Pastor:** Let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

**People:** And tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

**\*Apostles Creed Bruce Bloch**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace Bruce Bloch

**\*Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57**  
vs 1-4

**\*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch**

In dark alleys and deserted highways, we search desperately for you, O Lord. Then suddenly we realize that you have always been by our side, promising to shine your everlasting light on our pathway. Help us draw ever closer to you so that we will never lose our way again. In Your Loving Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, how could we be so ignorant and arrogant to disregard and disobey your Holy Word? We shamefully acknowledge our many transgressions and pledge to respect and revere all of your precepts moving forward as we seek forgiveness for all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. In Your Magnificent Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture	Isaiah 44:22	Pastor John
Scripture	Ephesians 1:7-10	Bruce Bloch
Scripture	1 Peter 1:13-16	Pastor John
Scripture	Colossians 1:21-23	Bruce Bloch
Scripture	1 John 4:7-12	Pastor John

Response  
One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word  
All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn "Jesus, Name Above All Names" Insert**

Message "Lost Without His Love" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John  
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**  
**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" No 157**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude "Lost Without Your Love" David Gates

*\*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## Bible Study Resumes

Oak Chapel's Monday Morning Bible Study is back in session. All are welcome as we delve into the Book of Numbers. After that, we will enter into a four-week study of Deuteronomy. Both books provide valuable insight into Old Testament laws, customs, and spiritual guidance. No additional materials are needed. Just your Bible. All are welcome to attend.

## Outdoor Worship Service

Worship at Grossniklaus Lake, 185 Cherry Ln, on September 21 and 10:30 a.m. Come and enjoy the service, and fellowship over a delicious meal. Bring a dish to share, table service, and a lawn chair if you can.

## Our Daily Bread

The latest edition of *Our Daily Bread* is now available in the Narthex. Pick up your complimentary copy and begin a regimen of daily devotions this fall.

## Helping Hands Fund

As you may know, Oak Chapel has a Helping Hands Fund, which the Pastor can use to assist those in need in our church and in our community. If you would like to support this effort, you may make your check payable to Oak Chapel and designate the offering to the Helping Hands Fund on the memo line.

## Team Budgets

As we plan for the year ahead, Team Captains are asked to submit their budget requests to Stuart Mykrantz as soon as possible. You can e-mail your request to [finance@oakchapelumc.com](mailto:finance@oakchapelumc.com). Dream big, as we work together to advance God's Kingdom here on earth!

## Waynedale Volleyball

If you would like to see Pastor John's Waynedale volleyball team in action this season, there are schedules available in the Narthex.



**Praises and Prayers**

Fairest Lord Jesus, we pray in earnest that you will hear our prayers as we lift up those who are experiencing pain, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bring them hope, happiness, and peace from this day forward. Amen!

**Praises**

- \*For the support of family and friends
- \*For Oak Chapel's Sunday School and Bible Studies
- \*For safe passage for all who travel, including Hallie Mykrantz
- \*For the beautiful fall-like weather

**Prayers**

- \*For the families of the Minneapolis church shooting victims
- \*For the family of Donnie Beckler, who passed recently
- \*For the safety and security of all who worship
- \*For the family of Cindy Mykrantz's cousin, who died recently
- \*For Steve Gossage's cousin Johnny, who has cancer
- \*For the family and friends of Leslie Easler, following her death
- \*For Holly Robertson, who is undergoing surgery for cancer
- \*For Pastor Dan Henninger, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For the student injured in the football game at Waynedale
- \*For Shannon Turner, who had a liver transplant
- \*For Rhonda Greer, who had a fall and is mourning a loss
- \*For Sandy Hower's sister-in-law, who suffered a fall
- \*For Cyndi Boyer's friend, Star, who is dealing with cancer
- \*For Jeannie Haghiri's father, who is dealing with an illness
- \*For Johnny Jansen, following neurosurgery
- \*For Phyllis Weaver's grandson Nathan, who is changing jobs
- \*For Carrie, who is dealing with loss and other issues
- \*For Chris, who is transitioning to new housing
- \*For Brianna Lockhart and family on the birth of Hudson Lee

**Last Week's Attendance:** .....43 in person..... 19 online

**Last Week's Offering:** ..... \$2897

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 9/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/9	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9/10	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 9/14	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9/16	UWF Executive Team	12:00 p.m.
	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9/17	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 9/18	Closet Clean-Up	1:00 p.m.

**Membership Care**

Our Membership Care Team is searching for a new Captain. Responsibilities include reaching out to our members who are hospitalized, homebound, or living in a care facility. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement through periodic visits. This team might also coordinate meals for those whose loved ones are hospitalized or have passed. If interested, please contact Pastor John.

**Calling All Captains**

It's time to appoint Captains for the coming two-year cycle. You have all done a wonderful job, so we would love to keep everyone in place. But, if you would like a break, or if you have not been serving and would be interested in a position of leadership, please let Pastor John know.

**Upcoming Worship Services**

- September 14..... What are You Worried About?
- September 21..... A Pew with a View for You
- September 28..... Nobody's Perfect

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Today's Message  
***"Lost Without His Love"***