

August 23, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading** (from Psalm 57:9-10) **Pastor John**
Pastor: Teach us, Lord, the way of your decrees,
People: W will sing of you among the peoples.
Pastor: Give us understanding
People: And your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

***Apostles Creed** **Steve Moore**
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 Steve Moore

***Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” **No. 64**

***Prayer of Assurance** **Steve Moore**
Father in Heaven, we all endure periods of bewilderment and even brokenness, but we know that you are always there to repair and restore us. We ask your blessings upon us once again today as you guide us out of the wilderness and into a place of refuge, light, and encouragement. In Your Mighty and Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession **Pastor John**
Blessed Messiah, our misdeeds cannot be hidden from your sight, so we bow before you as we acknowledge our sins and pray that you see fit to erase our iniquities and cleanse our souls. May today be a fresh start, a new beginning, allowing us to draw closer and more secure in our relationship with you. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation		Pastor John
Isaiah 57:14-15	Pg. 776	Pastor John
Micah 7: 18-19	Pg. 976	Steve Moore
Galatians 2:20	Pg. 1219	Pastor John
Philippians 4:4-7	Pg. 1232	Steve Moore
John 15:4-5	Pg. 1130	Pastor John

Response
Pastor: Let us rejoice in God’s Holy Word!
People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” **No. 382**

Message “Repair, Restore, Renew” **Pastor John**

Our Morning Prayer **Pastor John**
The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts **Pastor John**
***The Doxology** **Pastor John**

***Hymn** “Lift High the Cross” **No. 159**

Benediction **Pastor John**

Postlude **Jen Moser**

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Card Shower
Oak Chapel is putting together a Card Shower for the Stillwagners as they navigate their immigration ordeal. Words of support and encouragement can be addressed in a card to Carolina, with a separate card to Zach, Styven (age 16), and Jacob (age 5). A box to collect the cards is in the Narthex.

Mission Barn Project
Thanks to all who participated in our quarterly Mission Barn trip this past week. Once again, we were able to prepare and package items for those victimized by flooding, fires, and other natural disasters. Our next trip will take place sometime in November.

Laboring for the Lord Ministry
Our next Laboring for the Lord project will take place on Wednesday, September 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the home of Sandy Spangler. We will be doing some weeding and trimming on her property, which is located at 646 North Jefferson Road. If you would like to join us, please let Carla or C.J. Krichbaum know.

Online Directory
Our online church directory has the latest contact information on our members and provides a handy reference when looking to reach out to members of our congregation. Special thanks to Elizabeth Feldman for keeping it up to date. If you would like to add the app to your phone, contact Elizabeth, and she can guide you through the process.

Annual Worship and Picnic at the Lake
Our annual outdoor service at the Cherry Lane Lake will be on September 20. Mark your calendar, please plan to join us, and bring a friend if you wish.



Praises and Prayers

God of Everlasting Glory, we give you thanks and praise for your wisdom and guidance as well as the many blessings you bestow upon us. We come before you again today, asking that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

Praises

- *For our Food Pantry, which continues to feed our neighbors
- *For a very successful Buy-Way sale
- *For the faith that we so readily share with others
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For our Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Stewards
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends

Prayers

- *For Phil Duby as he recovers from a hip surgery
- *For Dianna who suffered a broken leg and ankle
- *For the Domers as they embark on another Nomads Trip
- *For the Patton’s son whose garage was damaged by fire
- *For Kane, who continues to recover from surgery
- *For Stillwagner Family as they navigate immigration issues
- *For Mark Stanley as he prepares for chemo and radiation
- *For Mike Holmes, who is recovering from foot surgery
- *For Sherry Shafer, who is dealing with cancer
- *For Tom Rife, who continues to recover from a broken arm
- *For Dave Preston, who continues to recover from surgery
- *For all those dealing with Parkinsons and ALS
- *For students’ safety as school returns to session
- *For victims of wildfires at home and abroad
- *For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
- *For an end to the violence in our nation and our world
- *For peace among warring nations

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/25	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/26	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8/27	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Saturday 8/29	Pickleball Picnic	4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8/30	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.

Beautiful Bulletin Boards

Amy Sayre and Betsy Bower have put together beautiful bulletin boards to the left of the Narthex. Amy created a wonderful display representing the many missions and outreach activities in our church. Betsy put together a striking tribute to our nation on the occasion of its 250th anniversary. Be sure to check out both displays!

Week’s Attendance..... 49 in person.....7 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$3368

Upcoming Worship Service

August 30 A Better Way
September 6 Working Overtime

Look for it

Oak Chapel will soon be adding a new illuminated sign to the exterior of the church facing north. The sign will identify who we are for those coming from Route 250. The sign was provided by an anonymous donor and will be lit from dusk to dawn.

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Today’s Message

“Repair, Restore, Renew”

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John Finn, *Pastor*

*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*