

Each Other's Burdens." These classes have proved very beneficial in the past. They speak to family life and congregational life. Please join us! We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Communion will be a part of worship next Sunday. There will be no communion next Thursday, July 25.

The Believer Follows Christ is the eight week theme of worship. Today is week four. The remaining topics we will look at are:

Followers of Christ pray boldly

Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless

Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises

If you know of someone who could benefit from one of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

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The believer hears the Word of God and listens with a trusting heart. So many things in this world can distract us from that simple privilege and duty of believers! Living according to God's will means giving the Word of God central place in our lives as the one thing needful.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Word (p. 38) Sunday

Hymns: 735, 290; 283, 745

Prayer of the Day: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Eli had issues. He was a man who falsely accused pious Hannah but failed to remove his wicked sons from office. He was a man who served in the Lord's house, but received a prophecy of judgment against him from God. However, he knew one thing and passed it on to young Samuel: When God speaks, we listen. With Samuel, we humbly answer the Lord's call, "Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening."

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he

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Welcome! We thank



God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 122 (p. 58 cws)

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Though we have been called to be God’s chosen people, we often fail to act like it. Such fruits of the Spirit as compassion, gentleness, and patience are replaced by irritation, intolerance, and impenitence. But as the Word of Christ dwells in us, so the peace of Christ rules in our hearts. Gathered around the Word of the Lord, we hear of his gracious forgiveness. We rejoice in thanksgiving. We put aside the urges of the sinful nature. We forgive as we have been forgiven. We love as we have been loved. Such is the impact the Word of the Lord has in the believer’s life. Indeed, when the Word has central place as the one thing needful, everything we do is to the glory of God.

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Twenty-first century Christians can certainly identify with Martha. So much to do and so little time! We have great excuses and fine rationalizations to ex-

plain the fact we have so little time to sit at Jesus’ feet. But like Martha, our reasons fail in the face of Christ’s simple statement: there is one needful thing—to hear the Word of God. On many an occasion, Martha would have surely sat at Jesus’ feet. But on this day, she was distracted by the many things being used to drag her away from where it was better for her to be. The busyness of Martha is contrasted by the devotion of Mary to Jesus’ words. When this one thing needful is truly treasured in the believer’s life, everything else falls into place and it will not be taken from us, even into eternity.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Sermon:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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Followers of Christ Listen When God Speaks**

An amazing gift from God
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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 323 (41, 282) **Communion:** 222 (33, 189) **Bible Class:** 54

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Voters’ Meeting, school
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Softball at Newtonburg
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, NO communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	“One Another” Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship, communion

Voters’ Meeting The Voters’ Meeting will be after worship this Sunday. At the last voters’ meeting the voters decided to have two Sunday services. In the May newsletter there was a full page of the Worship Committee’s recommendations on how we might proceed with two services. This sheet has also been available in the church basement. The voters will decide on times and other items at their meeting.

School Cleaning is just around the corner. On Sunday, right after the worship service, we will clear out all the classrooms to get the floors ready for waxing. This goes really fast with the more people that come over and help! Please take just a ½ hour to join us! Kids can help, too!

School Registration packets are in the church basement. Please pick yours up today!

“One Another” Bible Class Next Sunday we will focus on “Carry