

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi

Sunday, August 23

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Jean Morrow - Interim Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Tommy Gress - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

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PRELUDE "Jesus, My Confidence" Gaël Liardon

WELCOME
Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT: "In The Midst of New Dimensions"
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar. We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore

CALL TO WORSHIP
We arrive with blurred vision and heavy steps, carried here by the quiet persistence of friends.
We do not come to perform or prove our worth. We come to be found.
Christ reaches out, takes us by the hand, and pulls us away from the noise of the crowd.
He walks with us into the open air, ready to look us in the eye.

*HYMN	“This is a Day of New Beginnings”	417
*INVOCATION		
God of the open road and quiet spaces, breath of our breath, we welcome your presence here. We confess that we are often overwhelmed by the rush of the world and the confusion in our own minds. Meet us in our half-seeing. Take our hand and steady our steps as we lean into your grace this hour. Amen.		
MUSIC TO INSPIRE	“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”	A.P. Carter Soloist- Jackson Graham
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 8: 22-33	
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”	459
INTERPRETATION	“The Green Tiger”	
INVITATION TO GENEROSITY		
We take an offering as a symbol of our willingness to share all that we are and all that we have, with one another and with Christ. With that spirit our morning offering will be received.		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	“Close to Thee”	Silas J. Vail
<i>*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
A TIME FOR PRAYER		
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord’s Prayer		
*CLOSING HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	547

BENEDICTION		
Go forth into the world with confidence.		
Jesus has taken us by the hand.		
He is patient with our progress and faithful to complete his work in us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, seeing his light in every face you meet.		
Amen.		
POSTLUDE	“Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious”	W. H. Monk
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USHERS: Dawn and Jon Reuvers, Andy Hill		
DEACON OF THE DAY: Ben Quail		
ACOLYTE: Dexter Sanderson		
NURSERY: Kauer Family		
COFFEE HI: Luther Sanderson		

Thank you, Kari and Jake!
Thank you to Kari Jensen and Jake Kerby for leading us in prayer and worship this Sunday morning. We are grateful for your time, leadership, and willingness to share your gifts with our congregation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAF/BC REGISTRATION

Our children and youth programming resumes on Wednesday, **September 2, at 5:30 pm**. Join us for registration, hot dogs and chips, and a chance to reconnect! **Parents will have a few registration forms to complete. Everyone is welcome!**

If you'd like to volunteer with our children's ministry or help in the kitchen, we'd love to have you join us.

LAF/BC groups are open to children in pre-kindergarten through seventh grade.

USD SYMPHONIC CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Do you like being a part of a performing group? Then the USD Symphonic Choir is for YOU! Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from **5:30 to 7:20 pm** in the Choir Room of the USD Fine Arts Building. Rehearsals begin on **September 1**. Any interested community member should contact Tim Campbell timothy.campbell@usd.edu for more information. Everyone is welcome! **This will be an exciting year with great performances, including a chance to sing with the Sioux City Symphony.**

VERMILLION CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITIONS

Do you know any 3rd to 6th grade kids who love to sing? Who love to perform? Who love having fun? The Vermillion Children's Choir provides all of this. The choir meets on **Tuesdays after school until 5:00 pm at the Elementary School** in Vermillion beginning September 8. Some wonderful music has been chosen and several exciting events are planned. Tuition for the entire year is only \$150 (\$75 per semester). That works out to \$5 a week. Auditions for this year's choir will be on Tuesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 3 from 4-6 in the Elementary Music Room at

the Elementary School in Vermillion. There is nothing that needs to be prepared for the low pressure audition.

Students will be asked to sing Happy Birthday and sing a few simple exercises. For more information or to sign up for an audition visit: <http://vermillionchildrenschoir.weebly.com>.