

**Scripture Readings**

*Isaiah 64*

*Luke 1:26-56*

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

LG. PRINT #1161 / pew #531

LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1127

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**Sermon**

*‘Impossible is Nothing’  
“Trustworthy and True” A Series on Luke and Acts*

*Rev. Mark Simonds*

**Offertory**

*‘Shepherd of Love’*

*~ Peterson*



**\*Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Dedication of Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

**\*Dismissing Hymn No. 515**

*‘Since Jesus Came Into My Heart’*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response No. 43**

*‘Great Is Thy Faithfulness’*

*(refrain)*

**Postlude**

*‘Peace Like a River’*

*~ Traditional*

*We’re glad you joined us for worship today! Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs.*

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*In Essentials...*

*UNITY*

*In Non-essentials...*

*LIBERTY*

*In All Things...*

*CHARITY*

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

August 10, 2025

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)*

### **Meditation**

*For nothing will be impossible with God.” Luke 1:37 (ESV)*

### **Westminster Chimes and Announcements**

*(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)*

### **Opening Prayer**

**Prelude**                      ‘Dear Lord and Father of Mankind’                      ~ Maker

**\*Call to Worship**                      (From Psalm 127 ESV)                      Jud Herter, Lay Assistant

Leader: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**People: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.**

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**People: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Leader: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

**People: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

**\*Hymn No. 87**                      ‘May Jesus Christ Be Praised’                      (verses 1, 3, 4, 6)

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession** (In unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We look to ourselves to reach our own goals, we strive to gain what we cannot keep in this life. We try to live as though life did not depend on you and live in your kingdom as though you were absent, as though we ruled ourselves. We even fear what we might lose for your name's sake and keep silent when we ought to declare your good news. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen. . .(silent prayers of confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Congregation Response: Thanks be to God!**

#### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**                      *The Westminster Confession- Chapter 5 Section 1-3*

1. God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs, regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to the least, by his completely wise and holy providence. He does so in accordance with his infallible foreknowledge and the voluntary, unchangeable purpose of his own will, all to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

2. God is the first cause, and in relationship to him everything happens unchangeably and infallibly. However, by this same providence, he orders things to happen from secondary causes. As a result of these secondary causes, some things must inevitably happen; others may or may not happen depending on the voluntary intentions of the agents involved; and some things do not have to happen but may, depending on other conditions.

3. God uses ordinary means to work out his providence day by day. But, as he pleases, he may work without, beyond, or contrary to these means.