

## Worship Leaders

JUNE 21 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JUNE 28 - CRAIG BIELKE

JULY 5 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

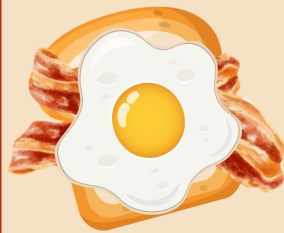
JULY 12 - REV. JOAN H. MIER



## For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz  
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.  
Lou Ann Niemann  
Al Stahl  
Alec Zaber  
Jane Bonaldi  
Ruth Klingel  
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)  
Our Pastor Search Committee  
Stacy Atwood, daughter of Judy Saeger  
Please call the office for prayer requests.  
618-233-3303

## Culinaires Breakfast



June 28

immediately following  
worship service

A free will offering is greatly appreciated!

Weekly Offerings	6/6/2026
Operating	\$ 4,141.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
	\$ 4,166.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 161,524.76</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 153,428.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

### Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

May 31, 2026	83	+ Online Participants
June 1, 2025	93	+ Online Participants

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Lay Leader ..... Craig Bielke  
Director of Music ..... Dr. Tristan Frampton  
Organist ..... Cynthia Johnson  
Liturgist ..... Peggy Burke

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Chorale Prelude on "Dominus regit me"*  
(The Lord guides me)  
by Craig Seller Lang

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**  
God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places.  
**God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**  
God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways.  
**God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**  
God fulfill's God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways.  
**God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**  
Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up around us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.  
**God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**  
**God, as you met Abraham in an ordinary moment of hospitality, meet us today in the ordinary moments of our lives. Open our minds to recognize your presence among us. Open our hearts to receive your promises. Open our arms to embrace your miraculous works with joy, wonder, and laughter. As we gather to worship, help us find the courage to hope. The wisdom to trust, and the perseverance to cooperate with you as you fulfill our promises as you work for abundant life for all creation. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**



**2026 Graduates**

**Tara Beisiegel**, Freeburg Elementary, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
(Grandniece of Donna Davis)  
**Ashley Beisiegel**, SIUE, BS in Business, cum laude.  
(Grandniece of Donna Davis)  
**Brooke Junker**, McKendree University,  
BS in Biopsychology & Sports Psychology, magna  
cum laude, attending Rockhurst University,  
Occupational Therapy doctorate program.  
(Granddaughter of Judy Koch)  
**Michael John Wagner**, University of Illinois, BS in  
Mechanical Engineering.  
(Grandson of Rusty & Sandy Wagner)  
**Tyler Poirot**, Smithton CCSD, 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Nephew of Terry & Syndy Kalinowski)  
**Jillian Ritter**, BTHS East.  
(Granddaughter of Tim & Sandy Ritter)



**A NOTE FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Due to the interest level, the material for "Other Pastoral and Lay Leaders" will be displayed for a longer period of time than a week. Individual exhibits, including the current one, will be up for approximately a month.  
Considering the number of "Leaders", the information will run well into 2028 and perhaps beyond! Enjoy."

# SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

D A G D F# A7 E D A D A A7 D A A7 D

1 Sav-ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;  
 2 We are thine, do thou be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear-ly let us seek thy fa-vor, ear-ly let us do thy will;

D A G D F# A7 E D A D A A7 D A A7 D

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:  
 keep thy flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray:  
 thou hast mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

G D A Bm7 A7 C# D

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to thee;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

G D A7 D

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WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); Hymns for the Young, 1836  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

BRADBURY  
 8.7.8.7.D.

# OPENING HYMN

# GATHER US IN

Unison D A/C# C G Gm/Bb Dm

1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who  
 3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the  
 4 Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A/C# C G

van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth,  
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen (1950- )  
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GATHER US IN  
 Imagination

**CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption. We find it hard to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation, and allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise. Forgive our lack of trust in you. Have mercy and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breath your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds so that we have courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

2026 Graduates (Listed on page 7)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Balm in Gilead*  
 Traditional Spiritual  
 arr. Henry "Harry" Thacker Burleigh  
 Teresa Schmidt, soloist

**SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 18:1-15 and Matthew 9:35-10:8

Peggy Burke

**SERMON**

Craig Bielke

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE 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.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
 Amen.

**RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Give Thanks*  
 arr. Henry Smith

**\*DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundred)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know  
 Praise Spirit, with us evermore  
 One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Lord, we know that there is much work to be done; far more than we ever imagined. We ask that you bless these gifts that they be used for the work you have set before us, for we place our lives and trust in you. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

(see page 6)

**COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Andante in F Major*  
 by Matthew Koch

