

The Liturgy of the Word

Invitation and Gathering

*stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Concerns Pastor Olivia Fabros

*Praise and Worship Lord I Lift Your Name on High Joyful Noise
Awesome God

(Please be seated.)

Call to Worship Steve Schmudde

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

People: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: God’s works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

Leader: God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God’s voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

All: We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

*Hymn Majesty, Worship His Majesty #176

Opening Prayer Steve Schmudde
God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn Blest be the Tie that Binds #557

Children’s Moment

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture Mark 1:21-28 Steve Schmudde

Message “I Know You” Pastor Olivia Fabros

Offertory

*Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer: God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from “among the people.” Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher, and our redeemer. Amen.

Passing of Peace

*Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness #140

(Quarters will be collected during the hymn)

Pastoral Prayer/ Intercessory Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Thanksgiving

*Closing Song All the People Said Amen Joyful Noise

Sending Forth

*Benediction Pastor Olivia Fabros

*Postlude

Thank you...

To **Steve Schmudde** - for being our Scripture Reader.

To **Pat Weirup** - [Radio Sponsor] In honor of family birthdays in December, January, and February.

Announcements:

Church Organ

The organ in the sanctuary has been nonfunctional for some time now. Repair persons have evaluated it and unfortunately, due to the extensive damage done to the organ by mice, it has been decided that the organ will be removed and disposed of by March 1, 2024

Year End Giving Statements

Year End Giving Statements are now available. You may pick yours up in the church office during business hours. Thank you for your commitment to the ministries of this church!

Adult Bible Study:

Sundays 10:15–11:30 AM - Gather in the Memorial Room

Leaders - Jo Johnson and Steve Schmudde

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