

**November 23, 2025  
Order of Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn:**  
*How Great Is Our God*

**Call to Worship**

**Praise Hymn #26:**  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Praise Hymn #262:**  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Children's Message**

**Morning Prayer**

**\*Prayer Hymn #458:**  
*Gentle Shepherd*

**Scripture:**  
Isaiah 40:1 - 11

**Message:**  
Finding Light before the Light  
Comes

**\*Responsive Hymn #463:**  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory**  
*10,000 Reasons - Flute solo,*  
Emily Griffioen

**\*Doxology**

**Church Happenings**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Hymn #602:**  
*God Be With You*

*\* Please Stand*

## Today's Scripture

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. – **Isaiah 40:1 - 11**

## Prayer & Praise

- PRAY FOR HEALING: For **Velda Steenblock**, who is recovering at home from a broken hip.
- PRAY FOR COMPLETE HEALING: For **Leigh Jass**.
- PRAISE: For **Marcus Barkema's** amazing recovery! Keep those prayers coming as his health is restored.
- PRAY FOR COMFORT AND HEALING: For **Nate McVey**.
- Remember **Laura, Kathy, Fritz, Wilma, Jack, Dave, Ronnie, and Scott** in prayer as they go through health struggles.

## Church & Family News

- CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS: **Julie Berneman** has been nominated for deacon, and **Gary Steenblock** has been nominated for elder. The date for the church's **annual meeting** is December 14.
- Next Sunday, November 30, is the first Sunday in **Advent**.
- Also next Sunday, **The Informer** will be available for you to pick up in the Fellowship Hall.
- "Thank you so much for your prayer support during my recent testing. It made all the difference!" **Karen Halfpop**
- The food pantry REALLY needs your donations of cash or groceries right now: **Soda crackers, fruit juice, boxes of instant pudding, boxes of Jello, pancake mix, syrup, salad dressing, toilet tissue and laundry soap.** Give any cash donations to Wanda.

### Serving Us Today

**Greeters & Clean-Up:**

Dave & Joy Bonin

**Musician:** Donna Buseman

**Message:** Leigh Jass

### November 30

**Greeter & Clean-Up:**

Crystal Braner

**Musician:** Donna Buseman

**Message:** Sheena Pluff

### Happy Birthday!

**Nov 5** Kaitlin Boelman

**Nov 18** Lisa Lovgren

**Nov 19** Lawrence Basener

**Nov 22** Becky Ellington

**Nov 25** Carol Lockett,  
Jane Pals, Joy Bonin

**Nov 30** Dennis Vanness

### Happy Anniversary!

**Nov 24** Jerry & Mary Boelman

**Nov 26** Tad & Aimee McKnight