

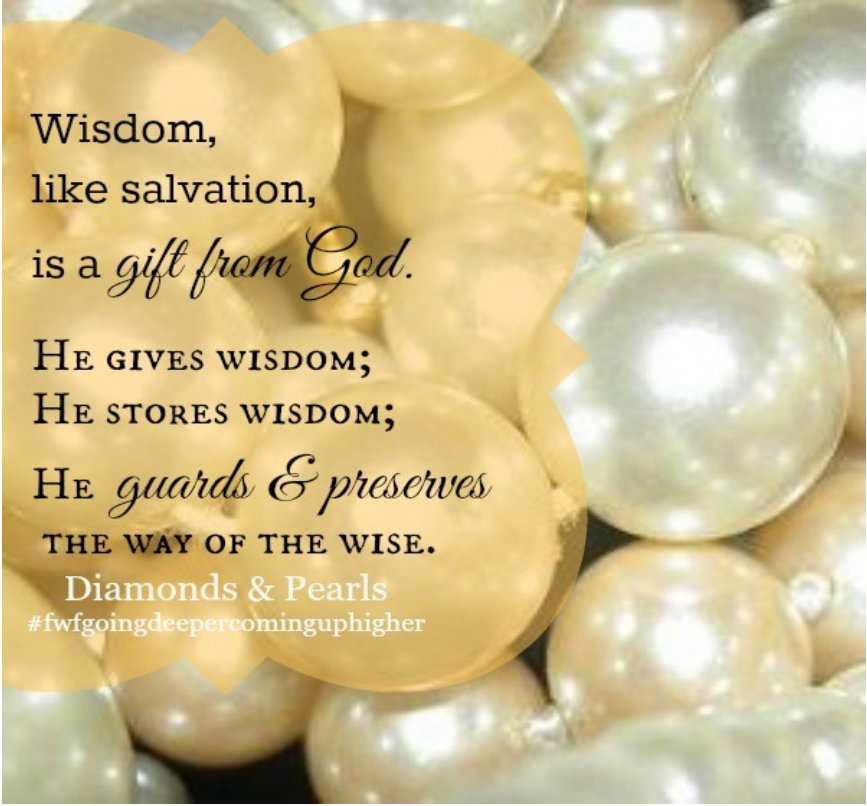
Announcements

Welcome — to our guests and visitors who worshipped with us today. Please return and worship with us again.

Pastor Rodebaugh will be returning this week. There will not be Bible class on Wednesday but there will be on Sunday— with regular worship service at 10:00 a.m. Please keep Missionary Ohlmann in your prayers this week as he is in Africa with the Mission Helpers spreading God's Word to the youth.

Voter's Meeting— Just a reminder that the Voter's Meeting will be held next Sunday July 21 following the worship service.

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024



Wisdom,
like salvation,
is a *gift from God.*

HE GIVES WISDOM;
HE STORES WISDOM;
HE *guards & preserves*
THE WAY OF THE WISE.

Diamonds & Pearls
#fwgoingdeepercominguphigher



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Hymn 540 With the Lord Begin Thy Task

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: (sing) Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor and Congregation: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Absolution from Our God

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: (sing) Amen

God's Word to ponder from Proverbs

Sunday - 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Monday - 10:4 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Tuesday - 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Wednesday - 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Thursday - 22:2 Rich and poor have this in common; The Lord is the Maker of them all.

Friday - 19:20 Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.

Saturday - 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Sermon Theme: The Search for Wisdom

(Ministry by Mail written by —**Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer**

The Offertory

Pastor & Congregation: (sing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn 764 worship supplement

The Benediction

Congregation: (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 53 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

The Gloria

Pastor & Congregation: (sing hymn 23:4)

Hallelujah! Let praises ring!
Unto our Triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises more and more
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,—
Spread the story; of our God, the Lord of Glory!

The Prayer for the Day

Congregation: (sing) Amen

†... Scripture Readings †...

Proverbs 1

¹ The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

² To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³ to

receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴ to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—⁵ Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶ to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. ⁸ Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, ⁹ for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. ¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. ¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; ¹² like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; ¹³ we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; ¹⁴ throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse"—¹⁵ my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, ¹⁶ for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷ For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird, ¹⁸ but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives. ¹⁹ Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors. ²⁰ Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; ²¹ at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city

gates she speaks: ²² “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³ If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, ²⁵ because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, ²⁷ when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. ³² For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³ but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.” (ESV ©2001)

Luke 11:26-36

²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” ²⁷ As he said these things, a

woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸ But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” ²⁹ When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ³³ “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶ If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.” (ESV ©2001)

Confession of Faith (*The Apostolic Creed*)

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn 294 ○ Word of God Incarnate

† Sermon †

¹My son, if you receive my words

Proverbs 2:1-8

and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes,

if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver

and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. (ESV © 2001)