



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

JULY 27, 2025
+ THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

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PRELUDE

To Love One Another
Ryan Wendt
Ryan Wendt, Guitar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Gather 2025 Annual Meeting Recap

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Michael Shawn Sanders



* CALL TO WORSHIP 852

Psalm 138

* OPENING HYMN 58

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* INVOCATION

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Gaius Berg, Reader
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

* Gospel Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Go Light Your World
Chris Rice
1995 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing
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Brian Ward

There is a candle in every soul;
some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
ignites a candle, and makes His home.

Chorus: So carry your candle, run to the darkness.
Seek out the helpless, confused, and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to,
still holds a candle without a flame. *Chorus*

'Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing,
so let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus,
make us a beacon in darkest times. *Chorus*

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Your Glory

Leslie Jordan

2011 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Little Way Creative (Admin. by Integrity Music)

Led by Jeff Hunter, Kristen Hunter, Jeanette Mottl,
Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

MESSAGE

Dr. Tony Pizarro

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 386

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings
Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

The Acts of God Are Righteous

Johann Gottfried Walther

Sam Parnin, Organ

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 388

Standing in the Need of Prayer

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (35)

arr. James Mansfield

Brian Ward, Organ

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

RESPONSE



I sing your praise for stead-fast love; ful - fill your pur-pose for me.

- I ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
 for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
³On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

RESPONSE

- II ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

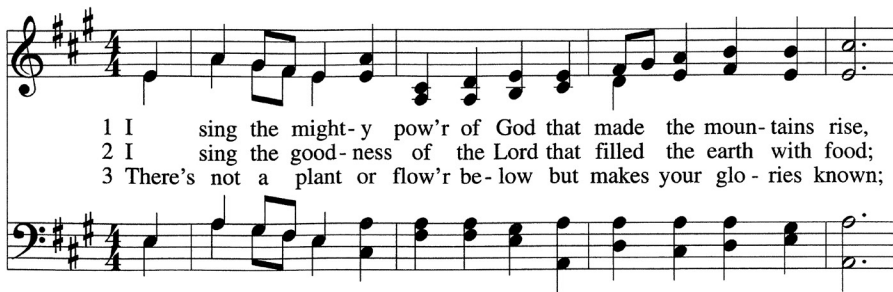
RESPONSE

- ALL ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
 you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

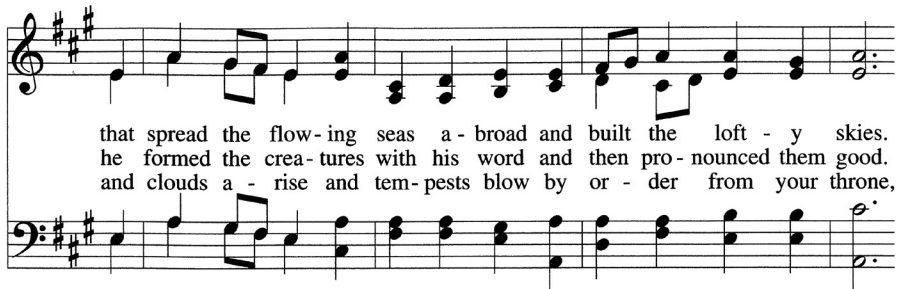
RESPONSE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

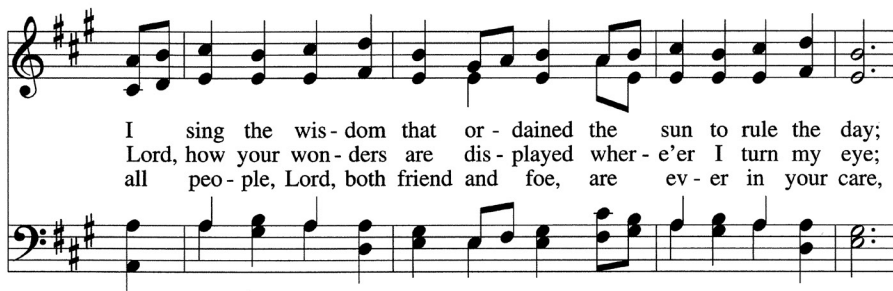
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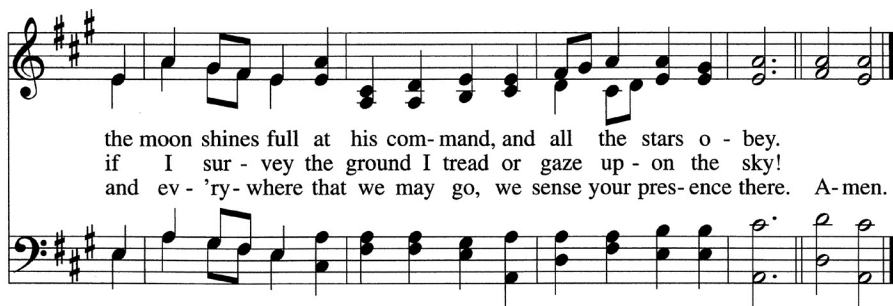
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye;
 all peo-ple, Lord, both friend and foe, are ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-'ry-where that we may go, we sense your pres-ence there. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl.*, Württemberg, 1784

C.M.D.
 ELLACOMBE

A lower setting can be found at 228.

Your Glory



My life is Yours.

My hope is in You on - ly.



My heart You hold,

'cause You made this sin - ner ho - ly.



Ho - ly Ho - ly. Your glo-ry is so beau-ti - ful.



I fall on - to my knees in awe,

and the heart-



- beat of my life is to wor - ship in Your light. Your glo-ry is so beau-ti - ful.



Your glo - ry is so beau - ti - ful.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus, You are good.

386 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

In unison

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,

Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love, send us

pow'r, send us grace.

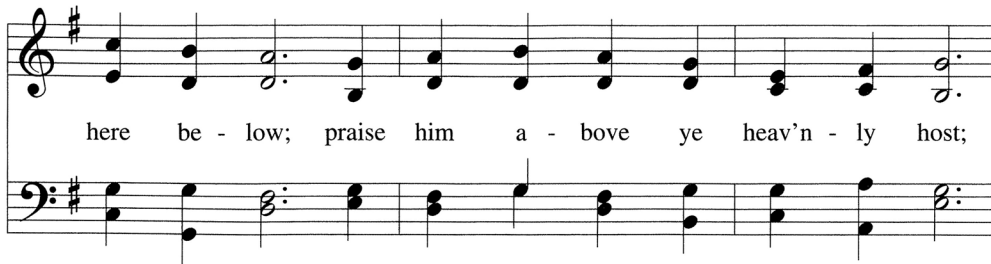
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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



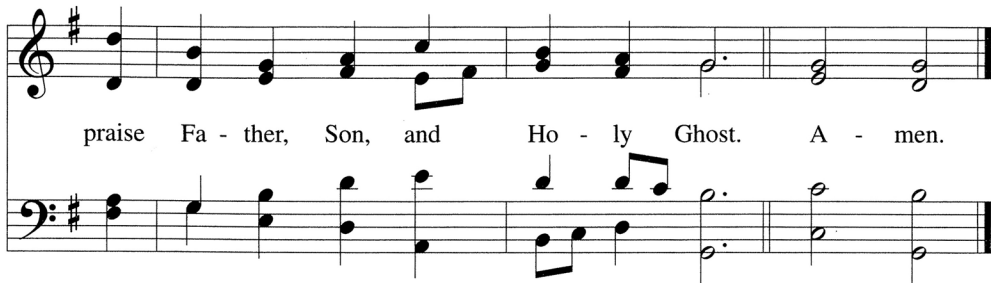
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line features chords and single notes.



here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The upper staff features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and the lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a double bar line, and the lower staff also concludes with a double bar line. The melody and bass line are consistent with the previous systems.

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Refrain (in harmony)

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
(Hal - le - lu - jah, Lord, it's me!)

Fine Unison or solo

stand-ing in the need of prayer. 1 Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
2 Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
3 Not my fath - er, not my moth - er, but it's

In harmony Unison or solo

me, O Lord, Not my
me, O Lord, stand - ing in the need of prayer. Not the
me, O Lord, Not my

In harmony D.C. al Fine

broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
fath - er, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the east side of the 5400 block of N. Christiana, the north side of the 3300 block of W. Balmoral, and the south side of the 3300 block of W. Catalpa; *"We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power."* (Ephesians 3:16)
- **Oskar Almer; Jim Meyer and Kristen Engebretson, Owen and Miles; Mark Schukas, Hannah Schukas, and Sophie**, heading to camp this week
- **Valerie Sanchez Lucco**, mourning the loss of her brothers Alan (two weeks ago, after a short battle with lung cancer) and Duane (last week, from health complications)
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after a fall and a brief hospitalization for tests
- Joel Olfelt's mother, **Janet Olfelt**, suffering from complications related to a fall in which she cracked a vertebra in her neck
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after having a second round of epidural shots administered recently
- **Peter Joly**, Rosemary Slaughter's property manager awaiting results of final cancer testing
- Dorothy Schmidt's friend **Anna**, mourning the passing of her husband, Richard, on July 10 after a lengthy illness
- **Zeynab and her three children**, that the U.S. government would approve their asylum applications, or that they may find a place safer than Iran to live if they are deported
- **Cal Katter**, recuperating after a fall earlier this month in which he hit his head
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, in palliative care
- **Diane Haglund**, continuing to struggle with fatigue, which is affecting her ability to work



Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Special Coffee Hour Today! Pastor Libby is now back from her sabbatical—hooray!—so we invite you to a special coffee hour in the parlors today after worship. We hope you'll join us!

Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

Staff away: Pastor Jeff will be out of the office from Monday, July 28, through Friday, August 8; Ann-Marie will be out of the office on Friday, August 1; and Christian will be away on Sunday, August 3.

Danny Martinez and Friends invite you to a salsa-infused concert on Saturday, August 2, at 6 pm. This concert is an annual event put together by Pastor Danny and his musician friends to raise funds for education and necessities for the children of [Casa Guatemala](#). Tickets are \$15 at the door, and the concert will take place at Anderson Chapel on the campus of North Park University.

It's Christmas in July! Thank you to all who are taking part in praying and donating items to the two household care packs! We hope to collect all the items by August 3, so once you have purchased your item, please bring it to church and put it under the tree, which is in the narthex today.

Vida Plena Covenant Church invites you to *Cena de Amigos* (dinner with friends) on Saturday, August 9, from 6-8 pm in the church parlors. If you have any questions, or to RSVP, please reach out to Pastor Sergio Gonzalez at 872-357-9080.

Vida Plen te invita a una cena de amigos, Sabado, Agosto 9, de 6-8 pm. Por favor de reservar con el Pastor Sergio Gonzalez al 872-357-9080.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, August 3:**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Our deacon board could use one or two more members! Are you a member of NPCC, and love God and love people? If you sense God calling you to this ministry, or if you want to suggest someone, please contact our co-chairs, Nancy Ebner or Susan Dawson, to learn more. Names will be brought to the Executive Council for approval.

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC? We always welcome people who are willing to hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, July 28

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 29

6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
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Wednesday, July 30

4:30 pm	Midweek Pause (Jeanette's Office)
7 pm	Knit or Not (Location TBD)

Thursday, July 31

7 pm	Youth Group Water Games & Ice Cream (South Garden)
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Saturday, August 2

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, August 3

10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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