



Welcome to Worship
7/15/2026

GATHERING SONGS

“FIRES”

Verse 1

*I remember how You told me that life may not be easy
And everything that I need you've already given me*

Verse 2

*I remember how You told me I can trust You completely
So why am I doubting when You proved that You'd fight for me*

Chorus

*You've walked me through fires pulled me from flames
If You're in this with me I won't be afraid
When the smoke billows higher oh and higher and it feels like I can barely breathe
I'll walk through these fires 'cause You're walking with me*

Verse 3

*I'm changed by Your mercy Covered by your peace
I'm living out the victory. Doesn't mean I won't feel the heat **(Chorus)***

Bridge

I can face anything 'cause You're here with me I can do all things 'cause You strengthen me

Verse 4

*I remember when You showed me the price of my redemption
Lord how could I question when You proved that You'd die for me **(Chorus)***

Tag *I'll walk through these fires 'cause You're walking with me*

“SMILE”

Verse 1

*Lost your way, lost your cool then you straight up lost your mind
Tried so hard to stay ahead but you keep falling behind
Life is gonna pull you down make it hard to see
But a little change in your point of view could be just what you need*

Chorus

*There's always a reason to always choose joy
There's something deeper that the world can't destroy
Smile, when you think you can't smile, get up and dance
Smile, there's a bigger plan the storm only lasts for a while so smile*

Verse 2

*Happiness is wonderful but it doesn't stick around
Walkin' on sunshine then here come the clouds
You can laugh or you can cry when it all falls apart
But I believe the more you laugh the more you heal the heart*

Chorus 2

*There's always a reason to always choose joy
There's something deeper that the world can't destroy
Smile, when you think you can't smile, get up and dance
Smile, there's a bigger plan
You've got a reason to
Smile, when you think you can't smile, just clap your hands
Smile, there's a bigger plan you've got a reason to smile*

(Interlude)

Chorus 3

*There's always a reason to always choose joy
There's something deeper that the world can't destroy
Smile, when you think you can't smile, get up and dance
Smile, there's a bigger plan
You've got a reason
To smile, when you think you can't smile, just clap your hands
Smile, there's a bigger plan you've got a reason to smile
Go ahead, get on up and smile
You've got a reason to smile!*

WELCOME

SONG: “Taste and See”

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

Matthew 5:3-12 Acclamations (inspired by Matthew 5:3-12)

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

All: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

All: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

All: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

All: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

All: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead. Amen.

SONG: “Taste and See”

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

GREETING (with the whole body)

(arms up) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, (arms over heart) the love of God,
(arms wide open) and the communion of the Holy Spirit (arms out) be with you all.

1 Peter 1:6-7

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response 1 - Matthew

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 5:3-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: The gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

SONG: “*Blessed*”

Verse 1

Blessed are the poor in spirit. God's kingdom is theirs today. Blessed are those who mourn, God will comfort them as they pray. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit this place. Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, they will find God's grace.

Chorus

You are the light of the world, a city on top of a hill.

Let your light shine brightly now, always seeking God's will, always seeking God's will.

Verse 2

Blessed are the merciful people, for they shall be forgiven. Blessed are the pure in heart, for God shall live in them. Blessed are the people of peace, for they shall be called God's own. Blessed are those who suffer for the truth, heaven will be their home. (Chorus 2x)

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

SONG: “*The Table*”

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord I will feast at the table of the Lord

I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus

Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is light

He is able He will restore at the table of the Lord

Bridge

I know He has a place for me Oh what joy will fill my heart

With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Chorus 2

Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is light

He is able He will restore at the table of the Lord At the table of the Lord

I'm invited to the table of the Lord I'm invited to the table of the Lord He says

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION & SONG: “Now The Feast And Celebration”

Chorus

*Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!*

Verse 1

*Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one
Great people of God. (Chorus)*

Verse 2

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (Chorus)

Verse 3

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (Chorus)

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION (Matthew 5: 3-11)

Leader: Jesus says to his disciples:

All: Happy are you needy ones: The kingdom of God is yours.

Leader: Happy are you who are hungry:

All: You will be satisfied.

Leader: Happy are you who weep now:

All: You will be filled with laughter. Rejected, insulted, happy are you; Be glad and dance with joy.

Leader: Jesus said: Take up your cross.

All: We will follow you, O Christ, into the needs of the world, into the truth of our lives, into the pain of our hearts, into the presence of God. Amen.

TABLE GRACE

Oh..... the Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord

For giving me the things I need: the sun and the rain and the apple seed;

The Lord is good to me. Amen! xx Amen! xx Amen! Amen! Amen! A.....MEN!

LET’S EAT!

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Wednesday, July 15

6:00pm—Praise & Graze Worship—Celebration Hall

Thursday, July 16

1:00pm—Sarah Circle

Friday, July 17

Office closes @ Noon

Sunday, July 19

8:30am—11:00am—Coffee & Donuts Fellowship

9:00am—Worship—Sanctuary

10:30am—Worship—Sanctuary

4:00pm—Baptism Orientation

Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm—Worship—Celebration Hall

If you or someone you know is sick, in the hospital or facing challenges, please let us know. We want to include you in our prayers, and the Prayers of the People during worship if you would like to be included in them. We are here for you!



NOW OPEN!!

**Church School/Confirmation
Registration**

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 program year for church school and confirmation—3 year olds (on or before July 31, 2026) through 10th grade.

First Wednesday of the 2026/2027 program year: September 16, 2026.

First Sunday of the 2026/2027 program year: September 20, 2026.

Early registration helps us plan for volunteers, curriculum, supplies, and all the considerations for a successful year.

**To register,
please scan this
QR code.**



**SUMMER BLOCK PARTY FEATURING
DOWNTOWN HORNS & FOOD TRUCKS**

Thursday, July 30

5:30pm-7:30pm

Sharon's North Parking Lot



Let's celebrate community with a **FREE** block party! Join us for **FOOD TRUCKS** and music by "the Red River Valley's Premier Party Band" - **Downtown Horns!** This event is free for everyone. Come have some family-friendly fun.

Food trucks this year:

The Wok
Our Magic Food Bus
Chino Latino/Steers
Brain Freeze

Summer Stewardship 2026

For Summer Stewardship 2026, we are going to tie into the game of soccer. This year, the FIFA World Cup tournament will be held in the US, featuring 48 nations and 78 matches in 11 US Cities. The dates of the World Cup will run from June 11 to July 19. Our Summer Stewardship dates will run from May 17th to July 19.

We have a soccer field depicted on a wheeled display. We began at the middle of the field with our teams. We are having two team captains, Deacon Jamie and Pastor Tawanda, one bucket for each to collect donations (we have Summer Stewardship envelopes for donations). Our overall goal is \$5,000, \$2,500 for each team. The soccer ball will move towards the goal based on the contributions for each team. We will post progress each week. So far Pastor Tawanda has raised \$1,479 and Deacon Jamie has raised \$1,954 for a total of \$3,433.



**Praise and Graze Gathering
Wednesday, July 15 • 6:00 p.m.
Sharon Lutheran Church**



Join us for a fun evening of worship, fellowship, and food at our **Praise and Graze Gathering!**

We will begin with **Worship and Holy Communion** at 6:00 p.m., followed by an all-church potluck barbecue. **Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided.** Please bring a **side dish or dessert to share.**

This is an **all-church picnic**—everyone is welcome! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and fellow members as we gather around God's table and enjoy a meal together.

All are invited! We will save a plate for you!