

Prelude

Call to Worship

Like a tree planted by the river,

We have sunk our roots in God's love.

Like the leaves bouncing with ease,

We have danced in the breath of the Spirit.

Like the small nest in the crook of a branch,

We have found rest in the arms of God.

Like a bird pouring out sweet melodies,

We have raised our voices in praise. Amen

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* #55-W, #1-B

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord of the church: We pray for members of this church who seem to have forgotten that they are members. While praying for them, keep us from being judgmental or smug. Move us, rather, to ask ourselves, probingly, "Are we perhaps responsible for their absence? Have we been negligent in our ministry to them? Have we failed, in whatever measure, to be a truly caring, nurturing community for them?"

We ask your Spirit to work in them so that they may be moved to return to our worship and our shared life. Then help us together, as your church in this place, to be a community in which all are welcome. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading **Colossians 2:6-15a**

⁶You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following him. ⁷Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.

⁸Don't let anyone fool you by using senseless arguments. These arguments may sound wise, but they are only human teachings. They come from the powers of this world^[a] and not from Christ.

⁹God lives fully in Christ. ¹⁰And you are fully grown because you belong to Christ, who is over every power and authority. ¹¹Christ has also taken away your selfish desires, just as circumcision removes flesh from the body. ¹²And when you were baptized, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Then you were raised to life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from death. ¹³You were dead, because you were sinful and were not God's people. But God let Christ make you^[b] alive, when he forgave all our sins.

¹⁴God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the Law of Moses. He took them away and nailed them to the cross. ¹⁵There Christ defeated all powers and forces.

Sermon

Hymn *We are the Church* see insert

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my cares upon you.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offering Prayer

Let the gifts we bring this day be used to nurture and care for all people within our church and community. Amen

Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* #67-W, #240-B

Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers:

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,
Bill Jones, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens

Homebound:

Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

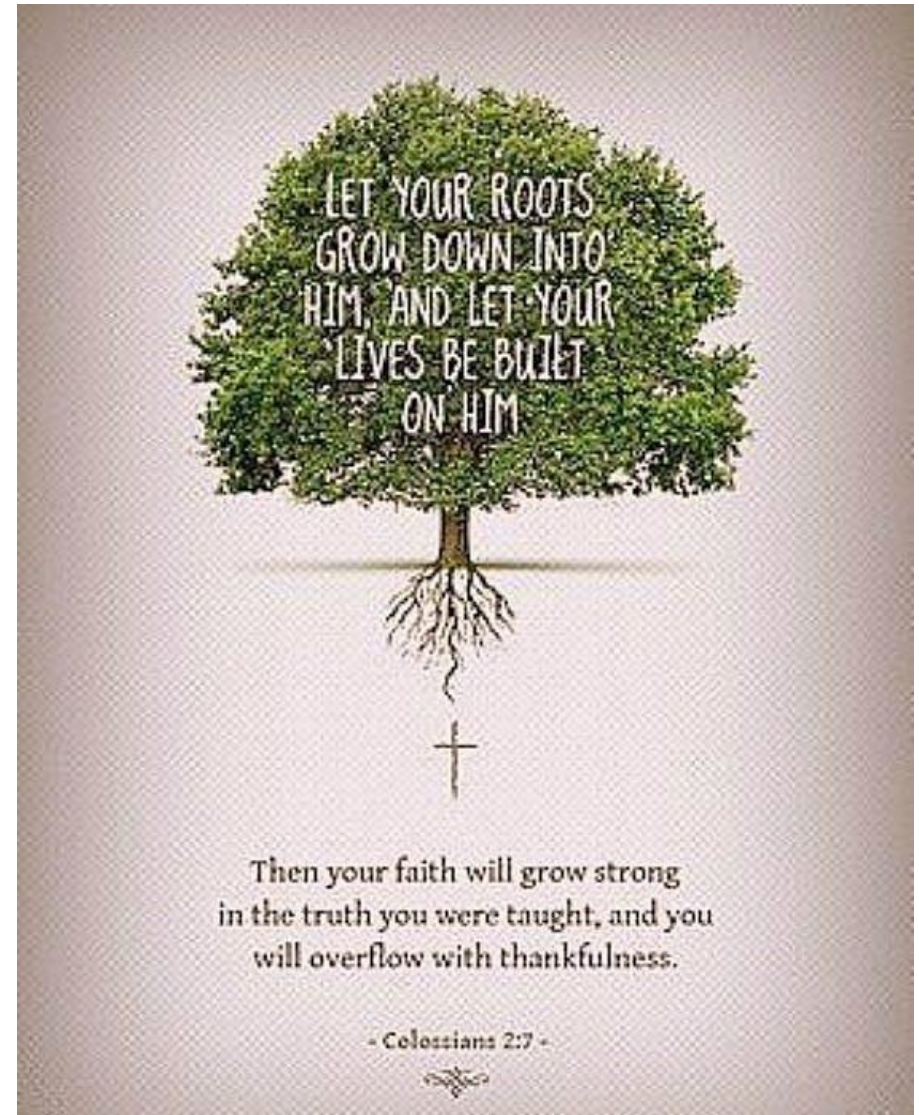
Arlene Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home:

Larry McConnell

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