

WE'RE PLEASED YOU CAME TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY
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- I want to volunteer
- I would like to be contacted
- I have updated information

Prayer Request

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Announcements

Volunteers Needed to volunteer for nursery or greeter check the above form. **E-Mails** Signup on our website or message the church.

On The Radio Sunday Morning Service is on KAPI FM 88.3 from 10:30 a.m.—12 noon. **Nursery workers** for the coming weeks will be: May 16— Marcia Dickerson May 23 — Nancy Pierce

Congregational Meeting, May 30, after worship (BCO 25) **Book Club** May 26, 6:30 pm at the Steven's home,. *Knowing God*, ch. 5-8

Candy Catechism: **What sort of a mediator and deliverer must we seek?** One who is very man, and perfectly righteous; and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is also very God.

Lord's Day

May 16, 2021

Preparing our Hearts

Welcome and Announcements

**Indicates standing if you are able.*

Gathering of God's People

*** The Call to Worship** Isa 40:1, 3, 5

People: Amen!

*** Song** In Christ Alone (insert)

*** God's Invocation Psalm 106:1**

Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord,
People: for he is good; his love endures forever.

*** God's Greeting and Prayer** Phil 1:1-2

Confession and Purification

Reading of the Law Hosea 6:4-7

Silent Confession
Kneelers are in front of you under the pew if you would like to use them for confession.

Corporate Confession of Sins

Father, Covenant Lord, and Ruler over all, we confess we have failed to live perfect lives. You have loved us, but we have not responded in proportion. We acknowledge that while we have honored you with our lips, often our hearts are far from you (Isa 29:13). By the blood of Christ, forgive us of our sins. Cleanse us from within. O Lord, please renew in us a wholehearted devotion to you, your glory, and your pre-
scripts.

Declaration of Forgiveness Hosea 6:1

*** Song** 197 Comfort, Comfort

Proclamation of God's Word

Old Testament Psalms Eze 33:31-33; Isa 29:12-13
Psalm 11 (pg. 787 in Trinity)

Pastoral Prayer (End with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

*** The 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, Amen.

Sermon Matt 3:1-12 Prophet Prepares for Messiah
Pastor Chris

Prophet
Prescription
Power

*** Song** 715 Come, Ye Thankful

Why read scripture publicly?

We spiritually benefit from being devoted to the word read, preached, and taught (1 Tim 4:13)

Why the 'Lord's Prayer'?

It summarizes a biblical, comprehensive approach of what to pray, and it joins us to the world-wide saints past and present.

Response of God's People

Collection of Our Offerings

* Doxology - #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.

Confession of Faith:

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, from now on, to live unto him.

Prayer and Consecration

We prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds to 'taste and see that the Lord is Good' (Psa 34:8).

Words of Institution and Celebration

In celebration of our unity in Christ, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will all partake together.

Prayer After The Supper

Gracious Father, we thank you for the blessing of this spiritual feast. Instead of wrath, we have received Christ's grace and mercy. You have fed us again as we boldly enter the Holy of Holies where Christ, the High Priest, and our only Mediator reigns and rules. Please strengthen our faith and keep us in the shadow of your wings. We ascribe glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Sending of God's People

* Song 100 Holy, Holy, Holy

* Benediction

* Song #740 Threefold Amen

Welcome To



**JOHN KNOX
Ruston**



'TO KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF
HIS RESURRECTION' PHIL 3:10