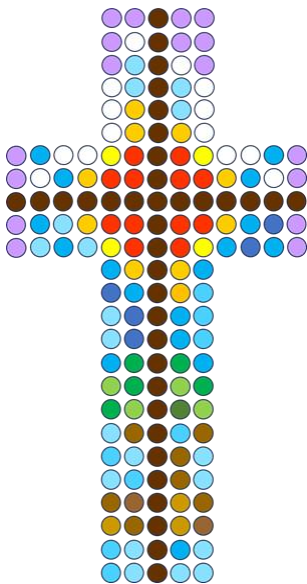




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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting & Passing the Peace

Opening

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise**

Who You Say I Am

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Children's Message

Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Song of Praise

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

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Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon

*The Happy Life: The Peace Makers &
the Persecuted*

***Closing Song**

Cornerstone

***Benediction**

Flowers in memory of Elaine Travis given by Cyndi Hyland

**Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

- **Kickoff Sunday** will be September 7. Wear your favorite team's gear!
- **Praise Team** rehearsals returning to Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:15pm.
- **Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, September 17th @ **11:00am**. Topic will be David: A Life of Earthly Spirituality
- **Basin & Towel** is collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for the month of September. Please see Keith & Donita to donate.

Notices

- **Office Hours** have returned to 9am-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Ladies Bible Study** will resume September 8 @ 7:30pm. See Chris Verduin for details.
- **Church Calendar** is available on our website. Keep up to date with all our events and classes!
- **Handbell Choir** will resume on Wednesday, October 8 @ 7pm.

Worship God

- **In-Person Services** are in the Sanctuary on Sundays @10am.
- **Youth Sunday School** is offered immediately following the Children's message during the service.
- **Nursery** is offered every Sunday during our services.
- **Online Services** our service is live streamed every Sunday @ 10am. Join us on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
- **Check-In** for our service attendance by visiting our [website](#) check-in form whether you're joining us online or in-person.
- **Giving** can be done by placing your offering in the offering box in-person, mail to the church, visit our offering page on our [website](#), or directly through [Tithe.ly](#) or [PayPal](#)

Gatherings

- **Praise Team** Sunday's @ 9am in the Sanctuary.
- **Handbells** Will resume on Wednesday, October 8 @ 7pm.
- **Youth Group** Sundays @ 1:30pm in the Youth room.
- **Quilter's** 1st and 3rd Thursdays @7pm in Sonshine Hall.

Fellowship

- **Kid's Breakfast with Bob and Gus** Sundays @ 9:00am.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Michael @ 9:00am in the Parlor.
- **Coffee Talk Join** with folks for coffee on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the parlor.
- **Ladies Bible Study Mondays**-7:30pm via Zoom.
- **Weekly Bible Study** Wednesdays @ 11:00am in the Parlor.
- **Thursday Evening Bible study *On Summer Break*** in person at the Blasewitz home, 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 7pm. Contact Bob Blasewitz for directions.

Outreach

- **Basin & Towel** are always looking for donations to support the local community. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for specific items being collected each month. See Keith or Donita for more details.
- **Altar Flowers** If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sunday Altar, sign up by filling out the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Regular flowers are \$13 per vase. Specialty arrangements can be ordered for a higher price. Questions? Email office@delranumc.org
- **Prayer Quilts** Would you like to join the quilters? Or, if someone is in need of a prayer quilt, please contact Joyce Kelly @ sajkelly@comcast.net
- **Shop Rite Suzy** is alive and well. Our church makes a small income from your groceries when you purchase Shop Rite gift cards to shop with. You can purchase these gift cards at the church office Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-4pm or after church every Sunday.

Spiritual Growth & Prayer

- **Email Prayer Chain** Chris Verduin coordinates an email Prayer Chain for our church family. If you would like to be a part of this email chain, email prayersdumc@gmail.com
- **Prayer Requests** Visit our website for our new Prayer Request form. This new easy form allows you to send in your requests at your convenience. They can then be added to our prayer list.

Volunteers

- **Readers/Greeters/Ushers** Interested in reading the prayers and scripture during services on Sundays? Want to help greet or be an usher? Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **Dedicate A Day** Can you help out with our Children and Youth Ministries? If you're able, can you spend one morning in Sunday School with our younger children? Could you spend a Sunday afternoon with the Youth Group? No prep, no pomp, just your presence. Talk to Libby about picking a day.



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

~ Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer Guide

Follow the acronym P.R.A.Y.

P = Praise God / Thank God

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3

R = Repent / Confess

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

A = Ask / Ask Big, Ask Boldly, Ask Persistently

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10

Y = Yield / Surrender to God's good will

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

Prayer Concerns

Those with ongoing health concerns: Meghan Winner, Bill Fink

- Prayers for Bettyann Melvin, who fell and broke her hip.
- Prayers for the families of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis.
- Prayers for Mandy's best friend, Cassandra, whose mother is in the hospital.
- Prayers for the Fink's daughter, Linda, who is having a knee replacement.
- Prayers for Donita's uncle, John, who is back home from the hospital after aspirating a filling.
- Prayers for good results for Bill Fink from his recent tests.
- Prayers for Tom Phipps, who fell and broke his hip.
- Prayers for the family of Anthony DeSantis, who passed away last Thursday.
- Prayers for the world and everyone suffering.
- Prayers for Anita Cole's neighbor, Tony, who is entering rehab.
- Prayers for Connor, who suffered an accident and is currently in a wheel chair, but will be able to go to school next month.
- Prayers for Pam Wolfe and her family dealing with a tough year since Ethel's death.
- Prayers for safe travels for Pastor Michael and Albree on their vacation celebrating their 20th Anniversary.
- Prayers for Keith and Donita, as they watch their grandchildren this week.
- Prayers for SoAe, who is suffering from back issues.
- Prayers for Scott Barnes, who is in palliative care due to a brain tumor.
- Prayers for Andrew, who was in an accident and cannot begin a new job.
- Prayers for Maryann and her daughters to find housing.

*Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks.

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Loving God, serving others,
touching lives with the love of Jesus by:

Glorifying God through public and private worship.

Making new disciples for Jesus Christ by witnessing to others
about God's amazing grace through word and action.

Growing in spiritual maturity through training and
equipping opportunities.

Reaching out to others in need; beginning with our community
and moving out across the entire world.

Making a difference in the lives of all for whom Jesus died.



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