

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good News is: there is more than enough love and forgiveness with God to cover all our sins. By God's Grace we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP OUR FATHER PRAYER

It is Good to Tithe to God

CALL TO GIVING

Genesis 28:22 (NIV)

²² *and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."*

(The offering plates are located at the exits)

It is Good to Depart and Serve

*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

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*BENEDICTION

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Christ has overcome the world. **Because He lives, we too can live.**

That is Good News to tell. **We proclaim that Good News to all.**

*POSTLUDE

"His Name is Wonderful"

(Please stand where indicated)



THE 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR is available for sign up in the Narthex. The cost is \$45 for altar flowers and must be prepaid.

Please write your name on your chosen date on the calendar and write "Flowers" on your check or offering envelope along with the date that you have chosen.



**"This is My commandment,
that you love one another,
just as I have loved you.
John 15:12**

First Methodist Church
of Lake City



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
worship passionately,
love extravagantly,
and witness boldly.

OUR LOCAL MISSION GOAL

"that no child sleeps on the floor in our town."

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MAY 4, 2025
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

It is Good to Gather for Worship

We come to the house of God, a sanctuary from the world. Enter in reverent anticipation; seek in quiet meditation; rejoice in revelation; depart to serve.

GATHERING MUSIC Medley: “More of You”, “All Hail King Jesus”
“His Name Is Life”

CHIMING HOUR

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Robin Green, Liturgist
PRELUDE “Thank You Jesus for the Blood Applied”

INTROIT “Time Now to Gather” Insert

It is Good to Offer God our Worship

Take this opportunity to focus on God, and realize God’s Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 15:1-12 (NASB)

¹ *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

² *“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.*

⁴ *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.*

⁵ *“I am the vine, you are the branches; everyone who abides in Me and I in them, will bear much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

⁸ *“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.*

⁹ *“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.*

¹⁰ *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.*

¹¹ *“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*

¹² *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.*

*HYMN

“Christian People Raise Your Song”

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It is Good to Affirm our Faith

AFFIRMATION OF TRUSTING FAITH

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His Word. Just to rest upon His promise, and to know “Thus says the Lord.”

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you. O for grace to trust You more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus; fully trust, His cleansing blood. This I know, by faith, He’ll plunge me ‘neath the healing cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you. O for grace to trust You more.

YES, it’s sweet to trust in Jesus, and from sin and self to cease, in His gracious love receiving, life and rest and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you. O for grace to trust You more.

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him, He’s my Savior, He’s my friend; and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust you. O for grace to trust You more.

HYMN

“I Surrender All”

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PRAYERS of COMMITMENT

It is Good to Hear God Speak

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Ankeny

It is Good to Come to the Lord’s Table

INVITATION

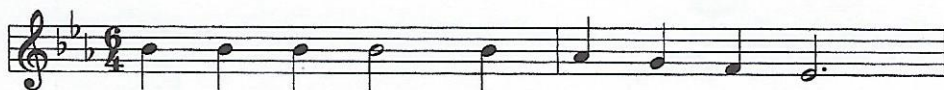
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and powerful God, You have given us Your Light and Truth to guide us through this world, but instead we have relied upon our human wisdom, and have lost our way. You have graciously offered to bear our burdens and give us Your strength, but we would rather depend on our own resources and so we end up finding ourselves exhausted. Bring us into Your Holy Presence Lord, bridge the gap we have created from You. By Your word and Spirit gift us with renewed faith to be equipped to better meet life’s demands, that we may be a witness to Your loving care and make a difference in this world as we represent You. (silent prayers) In the Name of Your Son Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Time Now to Gather

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1. Time now to gath - er, time now to feel
2. Time to re - mem - ber Christ who was sent.
3. All who are hun - gry, come, and be fed.



Christ's ho - ly pres - ence grac - ing this meal.
Time to say, "Thank you" for all he meant.
Serve one an - oth - er this cup and bread.



Grain from the har - vest, fruit of the vine;
Come to this ta - ble. Come, with - out fear.
All who are trou - bled, hurt - ing, or sad,



sim - ple the sup - per, sa - cred the sign.
God will for - give you, wel - come you here.
come, and find heal - ing. Come, and be glad!

WORDS: Mary Nelson Keithahn (Luke 22:19-20)

MUSIC: John D. Horman

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WELCOME SONG

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Prayer Concerns



Homebound:

† Sallie Rae Williams † Helena Powers

Congregation Members in Need of Prayer:

† Frankie Powers † Pat Humphress † Don Stevens † Bill Poplin † Rosalie Marks † Don Hembree † Robarts Family † Audrey Short and her family † Jim & Amelia Tompkins † Richardson Family † Ronnie Bennett † Barbara Leslie † Nora Parnell † Billy Ogden

Homes and Rehabilitation:

Mark Giebeig-Baya Pointe † Cheryl Hammons-Solaris

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

† Curtis Crawford † Ryan Gabey † Morgan Gabey † Kyle Moisan

Our Friends and Relatives:

† Peggy Ankeny's friend, Susan Walker † Carleen Van Sicklen † Dan Muckel † Sarah Geer † John Gunther † Laura Carter † Renee Minnich-Higdon † Quinn Ban & Family † Sandi Buck-Camp's brother, Samuel Buck, Jr. † Patricia Bumgarner † Audrey Short's husband, Lesten Douberley † Becky Dugan

Our Friends and Relatives with cancer:

† Troy Cunningham † Anne Sandlin † Barbara Hagler † Lorene Douberley's son, Farrell Short † Annette Hall † Shane Beadles † Rob Sandlin † Sharon Bentley † Tammie Hillon † Ronnie Jones † Brian Seeliger

Please let us know if a name can be removed or added. Thank you.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the information below, tear off and put this card in the offering plate. We are honored you chose to join us for worship today.

Please Print your name (s) in this space:
Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Notes/Prayer Requests

[] Please check the box if you would like the name added to the Prayer Concerns list in the bulletin

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

	22/24	2025	Total
Beds built :	259	35	294
New Beds requested:		17	17
Beds Delivered:	225	33	258

WEEKLY GIVING 4/27/25

Offering \$ 8,610.44

Gifts/Pledges \$ 7,435

Flowers \$ 271

Mother's Day \$ 53

Miscellaneous \$ 401.44

Facilities Use \$ 450

Vanco Giving \$ 420

Attendance 43



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Melissa Barber
- 5 Lavon Leszkiewicz
- 6 Terry Reiter
- 7 Morgan Gabey
Chad Stevens
- 8 Carol Stevens
- 9 Aaron Ankeny
- 10 Kathy Smith
- 11 Steve Stafford, Sr.
- 12 Deonna Willis
Annabelle Barber
- 14 Haley Willis
- 21 Martha Jane Carter
Jennifer Pitman
- 26 Paul Wengert
- 28 Nicole Lee
- 29 Peggy Ankeny



If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list, please contact the church office @ 386-752-4488.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Ankeny
Pianist: Amelia Tompkins
Organist: Position Open
Audio Visual: Rusty Bailey, David Smith
Administrative Assistant: Lee Gober
Custodian: Hope Crawford
Grounds Keeper: Austin Reiter
Nursery: Heather Giebeig

UPCOMING EVENTS and MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 7 @ 5:30 pm– Please join us for our final Wednesday Family Meal of the season. It will be a Hamburger & hotdog cookout and ice cream social. Please RSVP on the insert.

Sunday, May 11-Mother's Day

Saturday, May 17 @ 9 am-Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build at the Christian Service Center

Sunday, May 18 @ 9 am -Men's Fellowship Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 25-Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 1-Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Aaron and Peggy immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP on the insert.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

Come on Wednesdays and join us as we watch the series "The Chosen". It begins @ 6 pm in the youth room. If you have any questions, please speak with leader, Chris Costello.

CRAFT CLUB

Our crafting group meets on **Thursdays @ 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in on the fun! If you have any questions, please speak with Ann Fortney or Martha Rine.

GRIEF SHARE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support to help you then please join us for this program led by Pastor Aaron Ankeny. It will meet every **Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall. Brochures are available in the narthex and the church office.