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## *In Christ We Have Obtained an Inheritance*

**January 04, 2026**  
**10:00 A.M. Worship Service**  
**Pastor Jeff Seger**

Welcome

\*Opening Hymn - #206 - We Three Kings of Orient Are

\**Passing of the Peace*

### **Call To Worship: From Psalm 147**

**Leader:** How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People:** **The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

**Leader:** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

**People:** **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**

**ALL:** **The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

### **Opening Prayer:**

*Holy God, as we start a new year with you, continue to guide us and direct us by your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to follow you and to stand up for all those who are oppressed and downtrodden. Guide your Church here in this place to be a faithful witness for you and your teachings. Bless us as only you can. Help us to carry our cross and follow you wherever that leads us. We love you and we know that you love us. We lift all our prayers and praise to you in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen..*

**Scripture Text: Letter to the Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 (NRSV)**

Prayer Hymn - #215 – Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

Prayers of the People

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN*

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Sharon Arnold
- Nancy Justice	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- George Cover	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Kate DeWees	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Madison Clark	- Diana Fleming

**Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. **5** He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace **8** that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight **9** he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, **12** so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; **14** this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Scripture Readings - Letter to the Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 (NRSV)

Sermon - *“In Christ We Have Obtained An Inheritance”* — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

\*Doxology

\*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #202 - As With Gladness Men Of Old

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

*OFFERTORY & COMMUNION*

*The bread and the cup are distributed together.*

*Please hold until you are invited to partake together.*

\*Hymn of Invitation - #199 - Redeeming Love

\*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended, go into the world, you are the body of Christ.

And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

be with you now and even forevermore.

**People: Thanks Be To God.**

**Todays Meeting:**

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

**Weekly Meetings:**

Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 12-29-25	4549.31
Expenses/Payroll x2	4184.15
Weekly Offering	1453.00
Difference	-2731.15
Ending Balance	1818.16

**Announcements:**

**Week of December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Attendance: 27 ; Live Stream Views - YouTube Live: 11 Approx. Views: 17 - 44

**Week of December 28<sup>th</sup>**: - Attendance: 32 Live Stream Views - YouTube Live: 6 Approx. Views: 11 - 43

**Youth Group Meal Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal for our youth on Wacky Wednesday nights for 2026. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is available in the narthex. Also, a reminder card will be sent out a week prior to the date you choose. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!

**Youth Group – Wacky Wednesday:** will meet Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**January Birthdays**

- 3 - Betty Malone-Lintner
- 6 - Robert Hensler
- 7 - Opal Williams, Luke Beehler
- 8 - Logan Parmele
- 9 - RaeAnn Ploughe
- 10 - Jennifer Lindahl, Allison Arnold
- 11 - Kaitlyn Schultz, Donna Wiseman
- 12 - Korbin Ploughe
- 16 - Sharlyn Hensler
- 17 - Alexander Althoff
- 20 - Judy Beehler
- 23 - David Grow
- 24 - George Cover
- 30 - Nolan Hitchcock

**February Birthdays**

- 1 - Rick Williams, Dick Wiseman
- 2 - David Lintner
- 5 - Sarah Bailey, Susie Smith, Sarah Sutton
- 6 - Cole Dunlap
- 7 - Brandon Roberts
- 9 - Kolton Ploughe
- 10 - Katie Saylor
- 11 - Bob Wiseman, Conrad Smith
- 13 - Stan Bailey, Steve Bailey
- 14 - Rhonda Murphy
- 19 - Matt Phillips
- 21 - Bailey Craig
- 23 - Jim Lintner, Jim Donnelly
- 28 - Dinah Todd

**January Anniversaries**

- 3 - Chad & Laura Maxwell - 2023
- 3 - Gale & Noreen Kerns - 1968
- 4 - Russell & Donna Wiseman - 1975
- 7 - Jim & Dorrie Lefler - 1967
- 10 - Bob & Sharlyn Hensler - 1970
- 20 - Bob & Sally Wiseman - 1979

**February Anniversaries**



*As we step into 2026, may God fill your lives with abundant peace, joy, and good health. May He guide our steps, strengthen our faith, and align our hearts with His will.*

*Wishing you ALL a year filled with God's presence and answered prayers. Happy New Year!*