

Announcements

Bach Concert THIS MORNING—Stay after church and enjoy a free concert of Bach preludes as Nell prepares for a Bach Festival in Waupaca on October 9.

Wednesday night Meal—Join us for food and fellowship at Dinner Church, Wednesdays at 5:30. You can help with food prep by coming to the kitchen or making something ahead of time! We are looking for some chefs help Denise make EIGHT Burrito Bakes for the Wednesday Meal on October 16. Recipe is available at the back of the sanctuary. Bring hot or we can put in the oven here at church! Please bring any receipts to the office for reimbursement.

“The Chosen” video study resumes—We are excited to continue our journey with season 4 of “The Chosen!” Join us for the videos each Sunday before worship or from home, free on the “Chosen” app. Our discussion continues every Wednesday evening at 6:15. We will be in-person in the office and also on Zoom. (Link is sent via email Wednesday mornings)

Remodeling continues in the lounge—Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room! Taping and painting will be the next stage! Connect with Ryan Korb or Joe Coenen if you can help.

Trunk or Treat is October 27th 3-5pm — Mark your calendars for this special event! We will need volunteers to decorate trunks and serve food. Candy donations will be helpful for the day. Sign up near the office to decorate trunks! Candy donations can be brought to the office.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy and celebration for Heidi & Josh’s 17th Anniversary!
- ♥ Joy! Vida & Lynn’s grandson Chris and his wife Sarah are parents of Auri June who was born on the 24th!
- ♥ Becky’s dad Wayne as he deals with a knee injury and the complication that followed
- ♥ Jane Coenen who had surgery to repair her meniscus on September 30th
- ♥ Jane & Roger’s granddaughter Kaylin who after many surgeries is still in pain
- ♥ Audrey’s family in NC who are safe but isolated after the flooding

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Celebrating God's Deliverance

Esther 9:20-28

October 6, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!

**We gather to remember the mighty works of God,
who turns sorrow into joy and mourning into celebration.**

We come together to celebrate God's deliverance.

**Let us rejoice, for God's mercy endures forever,
and His love never fails!**

Come, let us worship the God who rescues, redeems, and restores.

**We lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise
to the One who brings us peace and victory!**

Hymn – To God Be the Glory — RED 98

Prayer of Confession — all

Merciful God,

**forgive us when we allow fear to overshadow
the memory of Your grace.**

Help us to remember Your works and to walk in trust.

Renew our hearts, that we may continually

celebrate Your goodness and share Your love with others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment — Pastor Ben

Breakthrough Prayer

God of Community,

**thank you for going with us
as we walk in your world.**

As the seasons change,

change also our hearts.

Breakthrough, as we step out in faith. Amen.

Call to Prayer — I Sing Praises to Your Name — BLACK 2037

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music — Great Is the Lord— CHOIR

Scripture — Esther 9:20-28

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Celebrating God's Deliverance — Pastor Ben

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

Generous God,

we bring our gifts with grateful hearts.

Just as Your people in Esther's time

celebrated with joy and thanksgiving,

we offer our gifts in response to Your faithfulness.

Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and deliverance

to those in need, that Your glory

may be known in all the earth.

Bless these gifts, O God, and use them

to further Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Holy Communion— Choral Setting — BLACK 2257

Music during Communion—I Come With Joy — RED 617

Benediction

Postlude