

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our services of worship today. This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This is the table of the Lord set for all who are trusting in the mercy of Christ for the forgiveness of sin and who are seeking to live according to his commandments. If you are visiting with us and are a professing member in good standing of an evangelical church, we cordially invite you to commune with us. Plan to stay for coffee and fellowship following the service. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk which can be ordered by calling the church office or by using the order form located next to the guest book in the narthex. May the Lord bless you richly as you hear His word and join in worship.

**The Lord's Day • July 24, 2016**  
**Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.**

*God Calls Us to Worship*

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Opening Hymn **God Is Here**
- \*God's Greeting
- \*Hymn of the Month – Celebration Hymnal 243: all **Amazing Grace**

*God Renews Us In His Grace*

- Call to Confession Isaiah 55: 6 – 7; 2 Chron. 7: 14 - 15
- Prayer of Repentance
- Responsive Reading of the Law of God from the Psalms**

- Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32
- \*Celebration Hymnal 526 **The Solid Rock**
- Congregational Prayer
- Offering Cottage Grove General Fund

*God Speaks to Us With His Word*

- Scripture Psalm 73 (pew Bible, p. 909)
- Sermon TAKING THE LONG VIEW OF GOD'S WAYS
  1. The Identity of the Pure in Heart
  2. The Nature of Asaph's Struggle with God
  3. A Reassuring Understanding in the Sanctuary of God
  4. Jesus' Passionate Appeal for the Wicked
- Prayer of Application

*God Invites Us to His Table*

**The Lord's Supper Celebration**

*God Sends Us Out to Love and Serve*

- \***Benediction**
- \*Doxology–Psalter 493 **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**
- \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

**Bold** denotes projected items.

**Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.**

*The Gathering*

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship and Prayer
- \*Psalter Hymnal 159 **O Lord of Hosts How Lovely**
- \*Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
- \*Celebration Hymnal 97 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
- \*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

*The Thanksgiving*

- VBS Singing Team Joshua 1: 9
- We Will Run This Race
- Hebrews 12: 1

The Prayers of God's People

- Offering Lansing Christian School
- \*Psalter Hymnal 376 *O Christ Our Hope, Our Hearts Desire*

*The Teaching*

- Scripture Matthew 13: 44 (pew Bible, p. 1519)
- Sermon PRICELESS
- Prayer of Application

*The Sending*

- \*Psalter Hymnal 427 *I Need Thee Every Hour*
- \*Closing Prayer
- \*Closing Song – Celebration Hymnal 56 **To God Be the Glory**
- \*Postlude

**Today at Cottage Grove**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Rick Williams, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- **Fellowship Committee** meets.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Mr. Cary Gephart, preaching. Offering: Lansing Christian School.
- **VBS** needs several people to help with final set up following the evening service. It would be greatly appreciated if you are willing to stay and lend a hand.

**This Week at Cottage Grove**

**Monday, July 25**

- 8:50 a.m. – Noon. Vacation Bible School's **Olympion**. Staff: please be at church by 8:30 a.m.
- **VBS Prayer Request** sheets are on the VBS table.
- There are still **VBS flyers** available for you to invite family, friends, or neighborhood children to VBS. Please take as many as you can use.
- 7:00 p.m. **Deacon's Business** meeting.

**Tuesday, July 26**

- 8:50 a.m. – Noon. Vacation Bible School's **Olympion**.

- 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.

**Wednesday, July 27**

- 8:50 a.m. – Noon. Vacation Bible School's **Olympion**.
- 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. **Men's Prayer Breakfast** at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave.) in Dyer. It's a great and enriching way to start the day and develop rich relationships with the guys. We'd love to meet up with you there!
- 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. **Pastoral Search Team congregational meeting** to discern and discuss our future life and ministry as a congregation. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall and the Search Team encourages you to attend.

**Thursday, July 28**

- 8:50 a.m. – Noon. Vacation Bible School's **Olympion**.
- 12:00 Noon. **Bulletin** deadline.

**Friday, July 29**

- 8:50 a.m. – Noon. Vacation Bible School's **Olympion**.
- 12:15 p.m. All staff **thank you luncheon** right after VBS.
- 7:00 p.m. Join in the Celebration at the **VBS Olympion Finale**. Ice Cream sundaes served after the program. See you there!

**Next Week at Cottage Grove**

**Sunday, July 31**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Sermon title: THE DEATH OF A PROPHET. Offering: Illiana Christian High School.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Richard Blauw, preaching. Sermon title: KNOWING GOD'S NAME. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

**Coming Events**

**Saturday, August 6**

- **Annual Church Picnic**. There will be a time of games and fellowship beginning at 3 p.m., including a bean bag tournament (signup sheet is on the bulletin board) and guessing games. Dinner will begin at about 5 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings, and asks that the congregation bring a side dish or dessert to share. No sign up is needed for the food. We hope to see you there!
- The Fellowship Committee is looking for three **bean bag/cornhole** sets to be used for the Church Picnic. If you have one that you're willing to share, please contact Mark U.

**Prayer Requests**

- Myrtis H is at Manor Care in Homewood for rehabilitation therapy.
- Dick S as he continues his treatment for cancer.
- Faith S who is at Glenshire Nursing & Rehab Centre, 22660 S. Cicero Ave., Room 323, Richton Park, IL 60471.
- The members of the **Pastoral Search Committee** are thankful that God has provided candidates for Interim Pastor. Please pray for us to have wisdom, patience, and discernment as we examine these men.

**F r o m M i s s i o n C o m m i t t e e**

**Neighbor Love Idea:** Offer to take a neighbor's children to **Vacation Bible School**.

**Pacific Garden Mission.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to serving the needs of the homeless in the name of Christ! If you are willing to deliver our gifts to the Mission, please contact Carol or Gail.

**Summer Mission Project.** You have just two weeks left to participate in our church **HOPE Packs** campaign. Be sure to respond by August 7. Thank you in advance for blessing children in need and for providing meaningful work to Elim's adults.

**A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

**GEMS** is looking for a few ladies to join our counseling staff. If you can spare a few Wednesday nights each month to encourage girls in their walk with God, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Grace H (708.305.7365 or cottagegrovegems@yahoo.com) if interested.

**R e q u e s t e d A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

**Seeking Two Home Missions Committee Members:** The Classis Home Mission Committee is looking for two new task-oriented members who want to see the kingdom grow in Classis Illiana. Committee members are not expected to become church planters or street evangelists; we do the organizational work of equipping local congregations in growing the kingdom. For more information, please contact Pastor Kyle Sanford: 219-314-5406 or PastorKyleS@gmail.com

**Saturday, October 1, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. A Conference on Restorative Justice** at Trinity Christian College. See the poster on the library bulletin board or pick up a brochure for more details.

**Elder Districts      Deacon Districts**

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| A – C | Rick U | Tom V K |
| D - H | Luke S | Neil V  |
| I – P | Gene F | Ryan S  |
| R – T | Rich K | Ken B   |
| U – Z | Dick S | Bob S   |

| <b>I n S e r v i c e</b> |                               |                             |
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|                          | July 24                       | July 31                     |
| Organist AM              |                               | Arlene V Z                  |
| Pianist AM               | Angela U                      |                             |
| Organist PM              | Joanne H                      |                             |
| Pianist PM               |                               | Joan F                      |
| Greeters AM              | John & Betty S                | Marv & Carol S              |
| Greeter-South AM         | Neil V                        | Neil V                      |
| Greeters PM              | Luke S                        | Dick & Judy S               |
| Nursery AM               | Gail W<br>Hannah W            | Beth H<br>Dale H            |
| Ushers                   | John H<br>Tom V K<br>Dave V K | Terry W<br>Rick U<br>Hank B |
| Video AM/PM              | Neil V                        | Neil V                      |
| AM Cookies               | Doris B                       | Lois B                      |
| Holland Home Driver      | Dave V K                      | John S                      |
| Sound Operator           | Jon K                         | Bob T                       |