

## Sunday Morning Opportunities

8:00-8:45am – Adult Bible Study

9:00-10:00am – Worship Service

TBD – Youth Catechism

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 9:20-10:00am – J.A.M Kidz - **ON BREAK FOR SUMMER!**

(for preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Ages 4-10)

## Mark your calendar!!

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Breakfast Club & Bible Study** at 8:30am at AW

- “Noah – The Man, The Ark, The Flood”

### August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Bible Study** at 9:00am at Abiding Word

- “The Gospel of Luke”

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

**20s and 30s Group Hike**

- **open to all members of the congregation**

- Mt Sherman near Leadville/Fairplay 14,036 feet elevation

-meet at church at 5am

### August 31<sup>st</sup>

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Congregation Potluck**

-there is a sign-up sheet on the upper reception counter

### September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ladies Book Club** at 6:30pm at Abiding Word

BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE at the reception desk

### September 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**AWLC Fall Festival**

-open to the community

-supporting the “All Stars” organization

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Susan Morgenstern 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kat & Fabio de Gaetano Plaza 3<sup>rd</sup>

John Harris & Sarah McCrystal-Harris 14<sup>th</sup>

Jeff & Shannon Schomberg 21<sup>st</sup>

### HOSPITALITY FAMILIES

#### FOR AUGUST

3<sup>rd</sup>

Morgenstern/Roberts

10<sup>th</sup>

Eckhardt/Rabenberg

17<sup>th</sup>

Foley/Roberts

24<sup>th</sup>

Johannes/Troutman

31<sup>st</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Congregation Potluck

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Rabenberg 1<sup>st</sup>

Mark Lineberry 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dave Richards 4<sup>th</sup>

Yuliana Kock 5<sup>th</sup>

Mike Lamb Sr 11<sup>th</sup>

Jenni Sayer 12<sup>th</sup>

Jack Harris 15<sup>th</sup>

Holly Jacobs 22<sup>nd</sup>

Nicklas Callinicos 24<sup>th</sup>



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## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2*

We are so happy to spend this time with you. If you are visiting us today, we look forward to meeting you and hope that you will join us again. Please sign our guest registry located near our front entry. Our ushers are here to assist you, but please note the following:

Your **CHILDREN** are welcome in worship! J.A.M. Kidz (Jesus And Me), our children's church for ages 4-10, meets most Sundays during the second half of the service (9:20-10:00am). There will be an announcement when the children go to their classroom. On the first Sunday of the month, and on certain other occasions, there will be a children's message in the sanctuary in place of the J.A.M. Kidz program. **WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!** Our Nursery for children (0-2 years old) is located at the back of our Fellowship Hall. Feel free to listen to the service in the nursery with your little one(s). It is provided for members and guests alike.

In our **WORSHIP SERVICE** we seek to first honor God for his work in our lives, especially as he gives us his grace in the Word, baptism, and communion. In much of what we do, we connect with the way believers have worshipped the Lord over the many centuries of our faith, while also adding newer hymns and arrangements that express the truths of the Bible. Our responses to Christ's love are thankfulness, prayer, praise, and a daily renewed commitment to glorify his name in our way of life.

The order of worship is presented on the large screen(s) in the front of the sanctuary. You may also follow along using the Bibles and Christian Worship hymn books under each bench. Personal prayers for worship or quiet meditation may be found in the: red Christian Worship hymn book on pgs. 10-11 or blue Christian Worship hymn book pgs. 255-258.

We welcome your **PRAYER REQUESTS**. Please speak with the pastor prior to the service.

**VIDEO RECORDINGS** of the service and sermon can be found on our website ([awlc.org](http://awlc.org)).

**SUNDAY WORSHIP – August 3, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**“Undivided Attention”**

**TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE (BCW Supplement p. 15)**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN #753 – My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

**GATHERING – CONFESSION – LORD, HAVE MERCY – ABSOLUTION**

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS – Glory to God p. 16**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14;2:18-26 p. 1035**

**PSALM 90 – Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord**

**SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11 p. 1831**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 p. 1619**

**NICENE CREED – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #717 – What Is the World to Me**

**SERMON – “When Life Loses Meaning, Find It in God”**  
**– Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

**OFFERING – PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – LORD’S PRAYER –**  
**THE SACRAMENT – WORDS OF INSTITUTION – DISTRIBUTION –**  
**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN #820 vss.1-3,6 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** – O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY: ON USEFUL RESOURCES**

Money. Possessions. Perhaps more than anything else, those things have the power to turn our attention away from what is truly important. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus frequently teaches about wealth. Christ wants us to understand that it is our heavenly Father who provides us with those useful resources. But we need to know why our Father gives them: what they are useful for, and what they are not useful for. Those resources cannot give purpose or meaning to our lives on earth. They cannot give us security for life after this earth. However, the blessings God provides can bring some joy to our lives. More importantly, our wealth is extremely useful in our efforts to serve God and others. This week let us give our undivided attention to what Christ says about the useful resources our gracious Father provides to us.

**TAKE THE MESSAGE HOME WITH YOU**



**Sermon Theme: “When Life Loses Meaning, Find It in God”**  
**– Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

What is the “heavy burden” (v.13) that is laid on all of us?

Have you ever heard anyone say that something has lost its meaning? Have you said that? What might make us feel that way?

Why is Solomon a good person to help us see what has meaning and what does not?

How does this question, “... for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?” (v.25), apply to all of our Christian faith and life?

**Dig Further in the Scriptures**

More on finding meaning in God’s eternal promises rather than just in material things:

•Psalm 73

•Isaiah 55:1-13

•Matthew 6:19-24

•Hebrews 11:8-16

**“As we enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those who are preparing for worship with prayer and Scripture and keep conversations to a minimum. Thank you, and may God bless our time together!”**