



Worship

Prelude

We Come to God

* Call to Worship — Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1a

* **"I Surrender All" #366**

* Opening Prayer and Greeting

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #249

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

God Speaks to Us

Children's Sermon

Prayers for Illumination

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

"But I'm not Married" *Pastor Cody Raak*

We Respond to God

"Blessed Assurance" #345

* **"Doxology" (#625)**

* Closing Prayer

* Sending — Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1b

* Benediction

**** We stand as able to worship Jesus Christ our Lord***

The Week Together

Sunday, September 28, 2025

- 9a** Sunday School for all ages
10a Worship Service
“But I’m not Married” - Pastor Cody Raak
1 Corinthians 7:25-40
11a Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 7p** LIT & CREW

Thursday, October 2, 2025

- 9a-11a** Office open**

Sunday, October 5, 2025

- 9a** Sunday School Potluck – All Are Invited
Praise Team Practice
10a Worship Service
“The Lord forgave you.” - Pastor Cody Raak
Colossians 3:13
Communion

The Bible Recap Discussion

Readings for the Week of September 28

Day 271, September 28 — Nehemiah 8-10

Day 272, September 29 — Nehemiah 11-13; Psalm
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Day 273, September 30 — Malachi 1-4

Day 274, October 1 — Luke 1; John 1

Day 275, October 2 — Matthew 1; Luke 2

Day 276, October 3 — Matthew 2

Day 277, October 4 — Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3

Reflection and Discussion Questions

1. The first humans to confirm or acknowledge that Mary is pregnant with the Messiah are the unborn John the Baptist and the elderly Elizabeth. What does it reveal about God that these are His two choices for the first prophecies about Jesus's identity?
2. What new things did you notice or learn about the birth of Christ?
3. **What was your favorite “God Shot” this week? What did you learn about His character from these readings?**

The Bible Recap

“Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

Esther 4:14b

The book of Esther is curious in the fact that it is the only book of the Bible that doesn't mention God. There was even debate about Esther being included in the Bible because of that fact. But God didn't have to be mentioned for us to see that He is at work throughout the story, and indeed that He is the Hero of the story.

Working through the character of the story, God uses perfect timing to save His people. First, King Xerxes banishes his wife causing him to need a new queen. God then brings Esther and Mordecai onto the scene. Esther is made queen and Mordecai saves Xerxes' life. Meanwhile, Haman, enemy of Mordecai, plots to kill all of the Jews. Mordecai persuades Esther to go to the king to help save their people. God then uses two banquets and a sleepless night to expose Haman's plot and bring about the salvation of the Jews.

Sometimes stories in the Bible can seem too amazing to be true. How could the story of Esther even happen with all of the turns at pivotal moments? The only explanation is that God is there and He makes those turns exactly when they are needed.

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"To serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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