

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH – 10:15AM

Faith that Obeys

Welcome: *[Pastor Steve]*

- Today we return to James and will examine 2:14-26 – We embark on a 3-week focus on *Authentic Faith: The relationship between faith and works*. Faith that Obeys (Abraham – Genesis 22/James 2:18-24), Faith that Hopes (Rahab – Joshua 2:1-24/James 2:25-26) and Faith that Works – (James 2:14-17).
- Stewardship Spotlight – led by John Shay
- Today we will hear another testimony of salvation [Joe Koontz]

Testimony & Vote for Church Membership – Joe Koontz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Medley: on the worthiness of Jesus (Revelation 5: 9-14)

The central theme of worship for the believer is the worthiness of Jesus; The slain Lamb, the risen Savior, and the reigning King. He is the object of our praise and will be in Eternity. Listen to the subject and object of worship as the Apostle John describes the worship scene in heaven.

Revelation 5:9-14

*⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”
¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the
voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying
with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”
¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and
all that is in them, saying,
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.*

Come Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ we bring;

Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.
To receive glory, Glory and honor
Glory and honor and power
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created;
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I AM

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give

Hallelujah to the King of Kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Who is the great I AM.

His Name is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King, master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shephard, The Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he,
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT [John Shay]

The Lord's Gracious Provision & Update on Mortgage Reduction Goal

Communication on giving

Prayer of thanks to the Lord

FAITH THAT OBEYS

Congregational Song: By Faith

By faith, we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

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By faith, this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

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Scripture Reading: Faith that Obeys - Genesis 22:1-19 [Pastor Bernie]

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy^[a] will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"^[c] as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Special/New Song of the Month: Jesus Is Mine

Fade, fade, each earthly joy;
Jesus is mine.
Stronger than fleeting hopes,
Jesus is mine.

Dark is the wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless;
Jesus is mine.

In days of fragile peace,
Jesus is mine.
Through tearful nights of grief,
Jesus is mine.
His voice commands the storm,
His presence stills my soul,
He will sustain my hope;
Jesus is mine.

*Jesus is mine,
Jesus is mine,
When all else fails, He still remains;
Jesus is mine.*

When on that final day,
Jesus is mine;
Before his radiant face,
Jesus is mine.
Safe in his arms I'll cling,
Praising my Savior King,
Forevermore I'll sing:
"Jesus is mine."

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Children 3-K5 dismissed to Junior Church

Message: James 2:14-26 & Genesis 22:1-19 [Pastor Steve]

James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham

believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Genesis 22:1-19

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Announcements: [Pastor Steve]

Fall Festival at Camp Chetek – Saturday, September 18th.

- K through 6th grade. Sign up is in the back. If you sign up today, the cost is \$15. After today the cost will be \$18.

Junior Church Teachers needed for 3-K5 – sign up in back

Wednesday Night, September 8th – Children, Teen and Adult Wednesday night ministries continue.

Next Sunday, September 12th – Youth Advancement Sunday

- 9:00am – Sunday School [Teen Parent Meeting during Sunday School]
- 10:15am – Worship Service
- PM – Sunday School Fellowships – leverage that time with those in your Sunday School

Tonight at 6:00pm – Missions Emphasis [in auditorium]