



Pastor's Corner

Living Before God, Worshiping Together

There is an old Christian phrase in Latin, *Coram Deo*, which means “before the face of God,” or simply, “in the presence of God.” It reminds us that we live before God at all times—not only when we are in church, but also when we are at home, at work, driving, eating, resting, serving others, and going about our ordinary daily lives.

When we live with this awareness, our daily lives can become worship. Paul writes, “Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1). Worship is not limited to an hour on Sunday morning. When we remember that we live in God’s presence, love God and our neighbors, faithfully do the work entrusted to us, serve others, and offer our lives to God, our everyday lives can become an offering of worship.



*Laity Sunday Worship, Montana-Salem UMC —
October 12, 2025*

But the fact that our whole life can become worship does not mean that gathering for worship is unnecessary.

Sometimes we hear, “God is everywhere, so I don’t need to go to church to worship God.” It is certainly true that God is everywhere. That is part of what *Coram Deo* reminds us. But God’s presence everywhere does not make gathering as the church and worshiping together any less important. The same God who is with us wherever we are also calls us to come together as a community of faith and worship Him together.

Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18), and Paul calls the church “the body of Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:27). The church is not simply a building we enter on Sunday morning. It is a community Christ has called together and loves. If the church is precious to Christ, it should also be precious to us.

There is something special that we experience when we worship together. When the church gathers, we come before God not simply as individuals, but as the body of Christ. We sing together, pray together, and hear God’s Word together. We bring our joys and sorrows, our gratitude and burdens. We receive Holy Communion together. And sometimes, when our own faith is weak, we are strengthened by the faith, prayers, and presence of those around us. (continued on page 5)

October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 pm Bible Study at OS	2	3
4 9:30 am Joint Worship with Holy Communion at Gilmanton Joint Choir Sings Gilmanton Sunday School begins	5	6	7 6:00 pm Confirmation at OS	8 5:30 pm Bible Study at OS	9	10
11 10:30 am Joint Laity Service at Our Savior's; potluck to follow	12 6:00 pm SPRC meeting at G	13 6:00 pm Nomination Committee Meeting at OS	14 2:00 pm UWF 3:30 pm Bazaar Meeting No confirmation	15 6:00 pm Council Meeting at OS	16	17
18 8:30 am Montana Salem Worship 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship 3:00 pm Community First Responder Service at Central	19	20	21 No confirmation	22 5:30 pm Bible Study at OS	23 3:00 pm Lefse Prep (peeling potatoes) at OS	24 9:00 am Lefse Making at OS
25 8:30 am Montana Salem Worship 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	26	27	28 6:00 pm Confirmation at OS	29 5:30 pm Bible Study at OS	30	31 9:00 am Rosette Making at OS
1 9:30 am Joint Worship with Holy Communion at Our Savior's	2 Bazaar Drop-Off 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	3 Bazaar Drop-Off 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	4 Bazaar Drop-Off 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	5 Bazaar Drop-Off 10:00 am to 5:00 pm	6 Bazaar Drop-Off 10:00 am to 7:00 pm	7 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Christmas Bazaar at OS

October Worship Helpers at Our Savior's			
	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
10/4 Joint-G	Gilmanton members	Terry Plank	Leah Pichler, Gilmanton and Montana Salem Members
10/11 Joint-OS	Bill & Karen Lier	Mary Beth Pichler	Bill Lier & Jane Kleven
10/18	Sonny & Linda Sandberg	Katie Sandberg	Katie Sandberg & Jan Bechel
10/25	Terry Stiner & Ann Yelle	Ann Yelle	Jay Branger & Linda Johnston

Happy Birthday!

10/1 Katie Reidt
10/2 Johnny Elliott
10/3 Linda Johnston
10/3 Anessa Pehler
10/4 Hunter Bishopp
10/4 Darrin Bursaw
10/4 Carey Jo Nelson
10/6 Max Marten
10/7 Rick Parr
10/7 Bob Stoughton
10/8 Stephanie Stamm
10/9 Leanna Rosenow
10/11 Gene Bump
10/12 Layne Dziekan
10/14 Rita McDonnell
10/15 Rich Becker
10/19 Morgan McIntyre
10/20 Sue Christ
10/22 Tysen Poeschel
10/25 Boe Bishopp
10/25 Brook Kent

Happy Anniversary!

10/2 Chad & Paula Thompson
10/8 Mark & Carol McDonough
10/10 Randy & Dawn Moy
10/11 John & Christine Kramschuster
10/15 John & Tara Unser
10/16 Jon & Dawn Bursaw
10/19 Darrin & Kim Bursaw
10/25 Jason & Molly Marten
10/26 Galen & Orvilla Ede
10/26 Darrell & Jane Kleven

Keep in Prayer:

Members who are in long-term care facilities
Military veterans
Firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel
Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world

Schedule Reminder

Just a reminder that our fall/winter schedule resumes December 1 through March 31. Please see calendar for details.

Christmas Bazaar — Coming Soon!

Join us for a joyful, fun-filled celebration! The bazaar is the only fundraiser for our church, and we are in need of everyone's help. In the past we have asked for \$10 worth of baked goods. You might consider that as an idea for your giving if you would be so kind.

Donations Needed: Food • Candy • Crafts • Needlework • Woodworking • Artwork • Garden Produce • Dried Flowers • Plants • Antiques • Collectibles

Lefse & Rosettes — All Helpers Welcome!

- Lefse Prep: **Friday, October 23 • 3 p.m.**
- Lefse Making: **Saturday, October 24 • 9 a.m.**
- Rosette Making: **Saturday, October 31 • 9 a.m.**

Donation Drop-Off: Nov 2-6

- **Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Please bring items to the church for pricing and arranging.

Gilmanton Sunday School

Gilmanton Sunday School begins October 4.

Laity Sunday Service

Sunday, October 11, at 10:30 am at Our Savior's. Joint worship led by lay members from all three churches. A potluck will follow.

First Responder Community Worship

Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 pm at Central Lutheran Church, Mondovi.

Charge Conference

Monday, November 9, at 6:00 pm at Our Savior's UMC.

“Christmas...Walk Right In” Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9 am – 3 pm



*Baked goods
Candy
Lefse
Rosettes
Branger Pickles
Craft & Quilt Items
Plants
Garden Décor
Garden Produce
Grandma's Cupboard –
Antiques & Collectibles*

*We will be serving
fancy Christmas treats,
coffee and tea, for
people to “walk right in
and sit themselves
down.”*

Our Savior's United Methodist Church

210 N. Eau Claire St., Mondovi, WI

Tour of individual homes will not be included this year

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There is a spiritual life that grows within each of us personally, but there is also a shared spiritual life that grows among us as we worship together. We need both. Our personal walk with God leads us into community, and our worshipping community strengthens us to live faithfully before God throughout the week.

On October 11, as we celebrate Laity Sunday, our three churches will come together for worship. On this special Sunday, our laypeople will prepare and lead the worship service and take part in its various ministries. This is more than simply having laypeople do what the pastor usually does. It is an opportunity to see and experience that we are the body of Christ and worship belongs to all the people of God.

There is also something meaningful about our three congregations gathering in one place. Although we usually worship in different churches, we are one community of faith in Christ. As we sing, pray, hear the Word, and share our gifts together, we are reminded that we do not walk this journey of faith alone. We are God's people, called together.

After worship, we will also share a potluck meal and enjoy fellowship around the table. Sharing food, conversation, and time with one another is another simple but meaningful way of experiencing that we are one family of faith. I hope the fellowship that begins in worship will continue around the table and help our three congregations grow closer together in Christ.



Fellowship following Laity Sunday, Montana-Salem UMC — October 12, 2025

And when we leave the church, our worship does not end. We return to our homes, workplaces, farms, schools, and communities to continue living *Coram Deo*—in the presence of God.

May our worship together strengthen us to live faithfully before God throughout the week, and may our daily lives lead us back each Sunday to gather again as the body of Christ and worship God together.

Grace and peace,
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