



# **NORTH PARK**

## **COVENANT CHURCH**

JULY 21, 2024  
+ THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

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PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Traditional Spanish Medley  
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 89  
Jeanette Mottl

I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

**I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness to all generations!**

I will declare that your love stands firm,

that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

**Blessed are those who know you as their God,  
for they walk in the light of your presence!**

\* OPENING SONG

Shepherd

Bart Millard, David Crowder, Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes

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Led by Robert Johnson, Linnea Olfelt,  
Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

\* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sims*)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Linnea Olfelt, Reader

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Loving Shepherd  
J.S. Bach  
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us; keep us in thy tender care,  
and in thy mercy stay beside us; safely thy lambs now gather.  
Bring us in faith together, and thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me, thou art near, and I will fear no ill.  
So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing  
from living water springing, Lord of love, grant me comfort still.

## MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

## SUNG PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People  
Ben Kilgore, David Gungor, Evan Wickham,  
Ian Cron, John Arndt  
2015 Brownie Hawkeye Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music)  
Evan Wickham Music (Admin. by Moon & Musky Music)

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.  
Giving online at any time is also an option at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Wonder, Love, and Praise  
arr. Lani Smith

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 611

Your Cause Be Mine

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory (72)  
arr. Lloyd Larson

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*


*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.  
In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,  
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen  
in the box's drawer for your use.*

# Shepherd

David Crowder



The Lord, my por - tion      I shall not want.      The Lord, my com - fort  
The Lord, my keep - er      I stand se - cure.      The Lord, my heal - er




I shall not fear.      Yea, though I walk through the val - ley low,      yea, though the path gets  
Your love en - dures.




steep,      Sure-ly good - ness will fol - low me,      e-very pro - mise will be  
Third time, back to "Surely goodness"



light to my feet. When my heart is prone to wan - der-ing,      Je - sus, You shep - herd



1.      2.  
me.      me,      and I will dwell for all my days in the



shad - ow of Your re - lent - less grace.      And I will dwell for

*D.S. al Fine*



all my days in Your pre - sence,      Your pre - sence.      Sure - ly

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Traditional*

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## Prayers of the People

The Brilliance

**A**



You hear us call - ing, You hear us call - ing, Ab - ba, Fa - ther.

**B**



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have



mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit  
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,  
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,  
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

# Your Cause Be Mine

*In unison*

1 Your cause be mine, great Lord di - vine, your aim be  
 2 Your cause be mine, great Lord di - vine, this be my  
 3 Your cause be mine, great Lord di - vine, the world's e -

my am - bi - tion: for wast - ed is my great - est strength  
 life's vo - ca - tion: to seek the prize when life is done—  
 man - ci - pa - tion: to let your light in - vade the dark

un - less it find ex - pres - sion in love that  
 your lov - ing ap - pro - ba - tion. Di - min - ish  
 in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion, to prove you

gives it - self a - way, in life re - spon - sive to o -  
 pride, in - crease my love, O may your Spir - it now re -  
 in a thou - sand ways, to serve you well with zeal a -

FOLLOWING AND SERVING

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

bey the terms of your com - mis - sion.  
move all self - ish mo - ti - va - tion.  
blaze through life's un - known du - ra - tion. A - men.



# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!* *We're glad you're here.*

## *For your prayers this week:*

- **the Schukas family**, heading to family camp this week
- **Janice Kelly and family**, mourning the passing of Tom on June 24
- **Tim Johnson and family**, as his brother, Darryl, is now on hospice
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, home after a lengthy hospitalization
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, recuperating after a recent fall in her home
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, recuperating after going into cardiac arrest on July 14
- **family and friends of Ann Maleski**, former pantry director and wedding coordinator here at NPCC, who passed away July 9
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Dee Austin**, looking for a new location for her apothecary shop

**Childcare is available** in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.



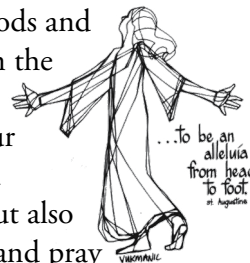
**Welcome to North Park Covenant Church!** If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code at the left to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

## **Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- A memorial service for **Eloise Nelson** will take place on Saturday, July 27, at 11 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Peace to her memory.
  - A memorial service for **Tom Kelly** will take place on Saturday, August 24, at 10 am in our sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Peace to his memory.
- These services will be live streamed via [live.npcovenant.org](https://live.npcovenant.org).

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Throughout this year, we have been striving to use our whole bodies—all of who we are—to envelope our neighborhoods and communities in prayer. In the month of July, we are invited to use not only our eyes and hearts, souls and mouths, feet and arms, but also our minds as we care for and pray for the people and places we encounter every day. Let us hold in our minds those individuals, families, and situations—both those we know and those that remain unknown to us—and let us pray that each person, no matter their story, might come to live in the peace of mind and body that only God can offer.



*Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. - 2 Corinthians 3:11b*

**Staff Away:** Pastor Jeff is out of the office until Sunday, August 4. Ann-Marie will be out of the office beginning Thursday, July 25, through Monday, August 5.

**Join The Friendship Center in the fight against hunger** at the inaugural End Hunger Games!

*When?* Sunday, August 11, 3 to 6 pm

*Where?* Guild Row, 3130 N Rockwell St, Chicago, IL 60618

*What?* While enjoying an afternoon of great food, a cash bar, and amazing raffles, guests will be put to the test with fun games and challenges to help end hunger.

All event proceeds will help provide access to fresh food and vital resources to our estimated 70,000 neighbors facing hunger in Chicago's NW neighborhoods. End Hunger Games is produced by the Friendship Center's Associate Board, a group of passionate professionals committed to ending hunger in our community.

*Tickets:* [General Admission \\$35](#)

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, July 28:**

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

- John 6:1-21

**Exodus World Service invites you** to a New Neighbor Gathering in the Park on August 1 or August 6, from 6:30 to 8 pm at Warren Park (6601 Western Ave). For details on how to register, visit [tinyurl.com/ews-park-gathering](http://tinyurl.com/ews-park-gathering).

**Join us for an afternoon out as a church family as we watch the Chicago Dogs** take on the Lake Country Dockhounds at Impact Field (9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont, IL 60018) on Sunday, August 25. The game starts at 3 pm, so join us for worship, grab some lunch, and head to the field. [Please register by Wednesday, August 7!](#) Impact Field is accessible via public transit by taking either the blue line or Metra and getting off at the Rosemont station. A Rosemont Entertainment Connector Trolley runs with stops at the Rosemont station and at Impact Field.

**Thanks for sticking it out with us!** We know it gets hot in the sanctuary during the summer, and we had hoped to be in the parlors this month. However, due to two memorial services in July and ongoing work on the east wall, we have made the decision to remain in the sanctuary for worship throughout the month of July. We apologize for any discomfort this may cause, but we will plan to move to the parlors for worship in August if temperatures remain high. We will continue to live stream the services to the parlors, should anyone need to move down there to be comfortable.

**Even over the summer, volunteers are needed** for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two at <https://tinyurl.com/volunteer-sunday>.

## The Church Calendar This Week

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*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

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### *Monday, July 22*

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, July 23*

- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

### *Thursday, July 25*

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 5 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Special Rehearsal (Parlors)

### *Saturday, July 27*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am Nelson Inurnment - Private (Columbarium)
- 11 am Nelson Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 pm Nelson Memorial Reception (Parlors)

### *Sunday, July 28*

- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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## Missionaries We Support

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

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## Welcome Statement

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*We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.*

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