

- Because He is God, there are many things about Him that will never be understandable, even when we reach glory. And that’s okay because He is God! www.crosswalk.com
- “**THE**” – Unique. No thing and no one can fulfill the promises Jesus offers in these statements. Jesus is unique. Other people and things might promise to meet our deepest needs, but only Jesus can truly meet those needs. We will not find true satisfaction in anything or anyone besides Jesus.

- **Truth leads to an invitation to actually experience newness of life in Jesus** –Just as our human relationships blend objective truth and subjective experience, so our relationship with God is both objective and subjective. *John 4: “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”* We are invited to a new mode of existence where we are drawing life from Jesus.

Make this personal:
 What are you searching for?
 How does Jesus speak to your situation?
 What response is Jesus calling for so that you may more fully experience life in Him?



Welcome Serve Love

This Week’s Schedule

February 15

- Men’s Breakfast 8am Louscher Farmhouse.

- Worship 5pm

February 16

- Worship 9am
- Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am
- Pinewood Derby Boy Scouts 12-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Christian Ed Meeting 4pm
- Church Chicks 5:30pm

February 17

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am
- Paper Magnolia’s 10-12 noon
- Finance Meeting 5:30pm

February 18

- Homestead 9am
- Van Buren 10am
- Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
- Prayer Devotions @ 12noon
- Care Team Meeting 5:15pm

February 19

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am
- Mat Weaving 3:30-5:30pm
- Vine Meal / Worship 5:30pm
- Bells, Kids Club, Middle School Youth Group & Adult Bible Study 6:15pm
- Choir & high School Youth Group 7pm

February 20

- LHN 9-11:30am
- Charity Circle 9am
- Friendship Circle 1:30pm

February 21

- ELO 9-10am
- Office closes @ 12 noon

Announcements

Mission of the Month

HEIFER International

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Will start on February 19 @ 6:15pm.

Prayer Requests

The Manske Family , Cindy Massey, Tom Larson, Bruce Thomas, Larry Johnson, Bob & Nita Boleneus are in the hospital.. Julie Hayes(knee surgery) Steve and Rose King, Dennis Leigh, Jean Menning’s sister, Jan. Rolf & Carlene Solbach Family(Rolf’s sister, Lotte, passed away). Please pray for Jan Lindhorst and family. Jan’s body is weak but her spirit is strong.

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *Matthew 11:28-30 CEV*
Jesus gives us the following invitation:
If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Responsive Opening Prayer

Leader: Jesus, we come:
People: We need you. We trust you
For you are gentle and humble of heart.
Leader: Your yoke is so different
People: Easy. Light. For you bear the weight with us and for us. So here, take our weariness. Here, bear and our burdened soul
Leader: Teach us your ways
People: School us in grace in hope in you. Wrap us in your deep, deep rest. Raise us in strength and honor and witness. Jesus, we come.

***Song** *Hymn #175 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (Saturday) “I Need You” (Sunday)*

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 3:4-15*

Congregational Prayer

I praise You, Jesus, You are my Life, my Love. I praise You, Jesus, You are the Name above all names. I praise You, Jesus, You are Emmanuel, God with us. I praise You, Jesus, You are the King of kings. I praise You, Jesus, You are the Lamb of God. I praise You, Jesus, You are my Strength and my Song. I praise You, Jesus, You are my Salvation.

I praise You, Jesus, You are my Joy. I praise You, Jesus, You are my Provider. I praise You, Jesus, You are all that I need. I praise You, Jesus, You are worthy of all my praise.

***Song** *#181 “Ye Servants of God” (Saturday) “In Christ Alone” (Sunday)*

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**
We give with joy into your Kingdom today
May you bless our offering. Come O Lord and work through these gifts
Extend your love through us we pray! Amen.

***Song** *#172 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Saturday) “Knowing You” (Sunday)*

Children’s Message

New Testament Readings *See message notes*

Message *“The ‘I Am’ Invitations of John’s Gospel”*

***Response** *The Faith We Sing #2164 “Sanctuary”*

***Benediction** *II Corinthians 13:14*
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Sermon Notes

The “I Am” Statements of John’s Gospel

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE John 6: ³⁵Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty . . . ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD John 8: ¹²When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” . . . John 9: ⁵”While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

I AM THE DOOR John 10: ⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD John 10: ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE John 11: ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE John 14: ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I AM THE VINE John 15: ⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
What do these statements teach us Jesus and living as His people?

- **“I AM”** - Jesus is boldly claiming deity in these statements. The background is the crucial Old Testament text *Exodus 3: ¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” . . . ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*
- **Theological Significance of “I AM”** - What Does 'I Am Who I Am' Mean in the Bible? When God said, “I AM WHO I AM,” repeating “I AM” twice, He is stating His name, (LORD) Yahweh—His name forever. God was in effect, saying, He is. Period. He is stating He is the Eternal One who has no beginning or end. He is the really real, the ultimate reality—all reality is according to His will. Because He is Truth, His truth is absolute. I AM speaks to His omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience in and for all time. God is constant, and is in the past, the present, and the future. This baffles us because we live in a timeline of life, but God transcends all earthy patterns.