*“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” —Ephesians 3:16-17*

**• We affirm a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church.**

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” —Acts 1:8*

*“He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” —Micah 6:8*

**• We affirm the church as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” –Galatians 3:28*

**• We affirm the reality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” –Galatians 5:1*

**Questions for Discussion**

How does God’s Word influence your life? What practices have you found especially helpful lately in deepening your engagement with God’s Word?

How are you going deeper in Christ in your own life? What practices have helped you cultivate deeper devotion to Christ?

How do you see the church helping you to reach the lost, help the hurting, and address the causes of that hurt? What specific issues of suffering or injustice do you feel compelled to be involved with?

When have you been challenged to extend Christian freedom to a fellow believer? Do you believe there are limits to such freedom? Why or why not?

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**Order of Worship (i.e. What’s Happening)**

Announcements

4 Songs

Offering

1 Song

Time of Prayer

Children’s Talk

Sermon: “Identity and Mission: Mission Friends”

1 Song

Benediction





**Pietism:** A renewal movement within Lutheranism in the late 17th and mid-18th

Pietism’s “Instincts”:

* Life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Focus on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Church is a group of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* A future full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Covenant’s Core Beliefs (Affirmations)**

**• We affirm the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the word of God.**

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” –2 Timothy 3:16

**• We affirm the necessity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” –John 3:3*

**• We affirm a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Holy Spirit.**

**We are glad you’re here!**

Children up to grade 5 will be invited upstairs approximately mid-way through our service. A staffed nursery is also available upstairs.

**Sermon Notes**

**“Identity and Mission: Mission Friends”**



**IGNITE JR. YOUTH** – Grade 6-8 youth are welcome to join us Tuesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

**IMPACT YOUTH** – Grade 9-12 students are welcome to join us Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm.

**YOUNG ADULTS** – For upcoming events and more information contact Rick.

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