

**July 27, 2025**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ  
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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**Maxwell Methodist Church**  
**July 27, 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon**  
**Pianist: Deb Mitchell**  
**\*Please stand if able**

Prelude . . . . . Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

**We Worship With Praise**

**\*Congregational Song. . . “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”. . . .Hymnal #269**

**\*The Apostles’ Creed:**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried,**

**He descended to the dead  
On the third day rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The Holy Catholic Church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Congregational Song. . . . . “There is a Redeemer”. . . . .Hymnal #30

**We Worship Through Prayer**

Prayer Requests / Praises / Thanksgivings

Prayer Chorus . . . . . “He is Lord”. . . . .Hymnal #268

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

## **We Worship With Our Gifts**

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

## **We Worship As We Hear God's Word**

Scripture. . . . . Luke 24:44-53 & Ephesians 1:20-21(NIV)

### **Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

### **The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

### **Ephesians 1:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Sermon. . . . . Pastor Rob Bacon

"This I Believe. . . I Believe Christ Ascended into Heaven"

**\*Congregational Song. . . . . Hymnal #274**

**"Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious"**

Benediction

**\*Postlude. . . . . Deb Mitchell**

## **Announcements**

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to [office@maxwellmc.org](mailto:office@maxwellmc.org) by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **Confirmation Class This Fall**: We will have a Confirmation Class this fall. If you know of a student who wishes to attend, please let Pastor Rob know. Additional details to follow.
- **Today Ad Council**: Following worship.
- **August 4 @ 8 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group
- **Pencil & Pancake Needs**:
  - Backpacks
  - Wooden #2 pencils
  - 1 inch chart stickers
  - Erasers
  - Composition Wide Rule Notebooks
  - 5 Subject notebooks wide rule
- **September 23, 2025: Bishop Mark J. Webb will be visiting the Upper Midwest Conference, First Church in Marshalltown, IA.** During this opportunity, there will be three Sessions: Meeting with Clergy, Clergy Dinner, and a Worship Service. The Worship Service will be open to everyone. Please let us know you will be attending by completing the online registration form with all information requested. Thank you.