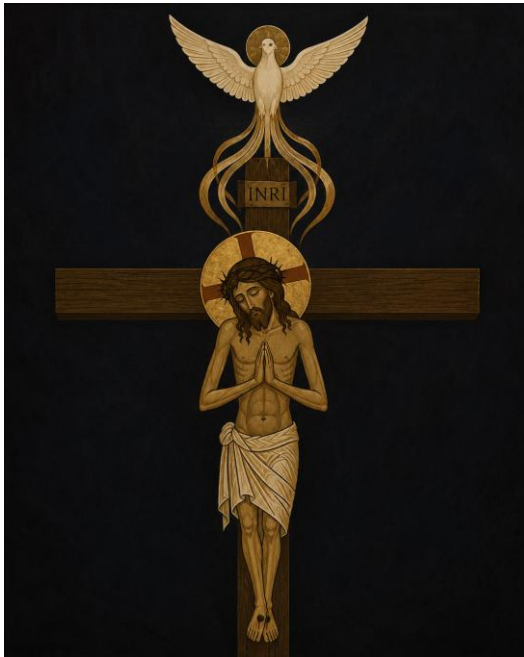


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Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

TO GIVE ONLINE, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XV>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

The devil sowed his evil seed of suffering and death into the world by convincing Adam to doubt and disobey God's Word (Matthew 13:39). The sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:38) would convince us that we could avoid the sufferings of this present time (Romans 8:18) by embracing death through abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. But, God, who is our Rock (Isaiah 44:8), promises us true redemption from suffering through the blood of Christ, in whom we are adopted as God's children and have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeter:	Sharon Lichtenberg
Prayer Team:	Bob & Karen Becker

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: O Holy Spirit, Enter In (LSB 913)

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 2):
tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen!

P: As human beings, we must trust in order to survive.

C: We trust in created things and in the relationships God has given us.

P: But above all, God designed us to trust in Himself.

C: He designed us to entrust our bodies, and souls, and all things into His care.

P: And He is worthy of our trust!

C: He is faithful to all His promises!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But we are sinful creatures.

C: My heart does not turn to Him as it should.

P: Especially when trials and suffering arise,

C: I struggle to trust Him.

P: Let us then confess our sin to God our Father.

Silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness

P: Almighty God and Father,

C: I confess that I do not trust You as I should. I am filled with doubts and suspicions, anxieties and fears. When suffering arises, I often question Your goodness and justice. I even begin to doubt Your love for me. Forgive me, Father, for presuming to sit in judgment of You. Forgive me for not trusting Your will and Your promise. And help me by Your Spirit to trust when dark my road. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, the Word that I speak to you now is not my word, but God's. The promise is His and you can trust it because God never goes back on His Word. Jesus Christ died for *your* forgiveness. He was raised for *your* salvation. And it was for *you*. Therefore, I forgive you your sin in the name of the Father, and of the $\dagger$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

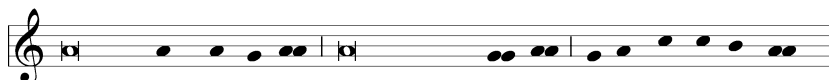
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



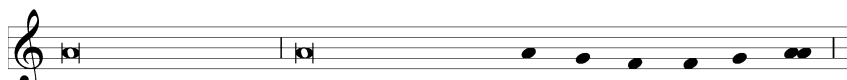
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



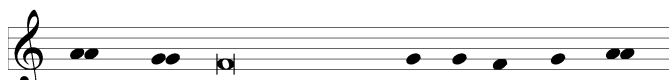
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:57-64

L: The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

C: I entreat your favor with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

L: When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C: I hasten and do not delay

to keep your commandments.

L: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

C: At midnight I rise to praise you,

because of your just and righteous decrees.

L: I am a companion of all who fear you,

of those who keep your precepts.

C: The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

teach me your statutes!

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and

bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” . . .

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: He Will Hold Me Fast (One and All Rejoice 283)



1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2 Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3 For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me



path; For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me
 last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 fast Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

Refrain:



fast. _____ He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 fast. _____
 last! _____



For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

*STEWARDSHIP VERSE – “The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!” Psalm 119:64*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS – *Each petition concludes with “Lord, in Your mercy.”
Congregation responds with verse below.*



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Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-94

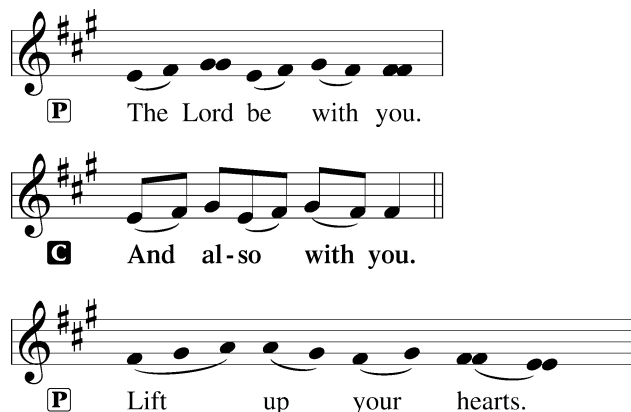
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the
direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are
available by request.*

PREFACE

LSB 177





C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

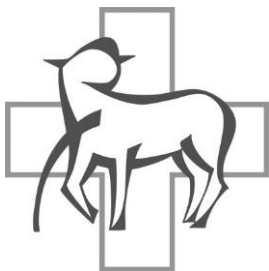
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: When Trials Come (Keith & Kristyn Getty)



1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for
2. With in the night, I know Your peace; The
3. I turn to wis - dom not my own, for
4. When I am wear - y with the cost, I
5. One day all things will be made new; I'll



in the pain, our God draws near to
 Breath of God bring strength to me and
 ev - 'ry bat - tle You have known. My
 see the tri - umph of the cross. So,
 see the hope you've called me to and



fire a faith worth more than gold And there His
 new each morn - ing mer - cies flow, as tre - sures
 con - fi - dence will rest in You; Your love en -
 in its sha - dow I shall run, 'til He com -
 in Your King - dom paved with gold, I'll praise Your

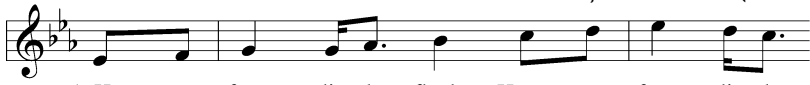


faith - ful - ness is told; And there His
 of the dark - ness grow; As trea - sures
 dures, Your ways are good; Your love en -
 pletes the work be - gun; 'Til He com -
 faith - ful - ness of old; I'll praise Your



faith - ful - ness is told.
 of the dark - ness grow.
 dures, Your ways are good.
 pletes the work be - gun.
 faith - ful - ness of old.

Have No Fear, Little Flock (LSB 735)



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

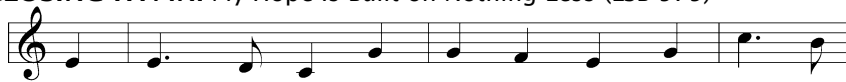
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (LSB 575)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "This is the office and work of the Holy Spirit: to reveal through the Gospel what great and glorious things God has done for us through Christ, namely, that He has redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil's power; has taken us into His grace and protection; and has given Himself utterly and entirely for our sake."

—Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of July 19 through July 26

- TODAY: *1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
- MONDAY: *1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22*
- TUESDAY: *1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40*
NO Church Council
- WEDNESDAY: *1 Samuel 5:1—6:3, 10-16; Acts 18:1-11, 23-28*
August-September-October Newsletter deadline 9:00AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *1 Samuel 6:19—7:17; Acts 19:1-22*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
- FRIDAY: *1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 21:15-36*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: *1 Samuel 9:1-27; Acts 21:37—22:16*
Basketball in the Gym 1-5PM
- NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Applebutter planning meeting 11:15AM

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of July 12, 2026

Information will be available next week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." That's what Jesus said to His apostles. What did that mean for them? What does it mean for us? A lot! Join us next week as we continue walking through Matthew's Gospel.

To access by phone: 312 626 6799. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. THIS SUMMER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: As our confirmands will all be transitioning into the adult Bible Study class, we are taking some time to have one combined class for several weeks. The basic structure will be the same (opening, story, and activities), but a little bit more laid-back. After all—it's summer!

3. AN APPLEBUTTER PLANNING MEETING will be held in the church basement following the worship service TODAY, **Sunday, July 26**. This meeting is open to anyone interested in helping make decisions on cooking applebutter in the fall, and anyone interested in finding out more about how this process works. We know that this is a big job, so keep an eye out for exact dates!

4. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS will be held during the worship services on Sunday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 5. The people who are beginning new terms are:

Brad Jackson (Vice-President); Lisa Briggs (Treasurer); Allan Brinker (Elder); Robert Waller (Elder); Myrna Rikard (Outreach); Kymry Webb (Outreach); Merna Rikard (Bd of Christian Education); Cynthia Schulz (Bd of Christian Education); Marlin Stellhorn (Bd of Christian Education); Judy Jackson (Bd of Christian Nurture); Fred Petty (Bd of Congregational Properties); Lynn Meyer (Cemetery Mgmt); Vic Heislen (Cemetery Mgmt); Lynn Meyer (Memorial Trust); Reggie Miller (Ministries Foundation); Roger Sachtleben (Simmons Scholarship); Joyce Sachtleben (Simmons Scholarship)