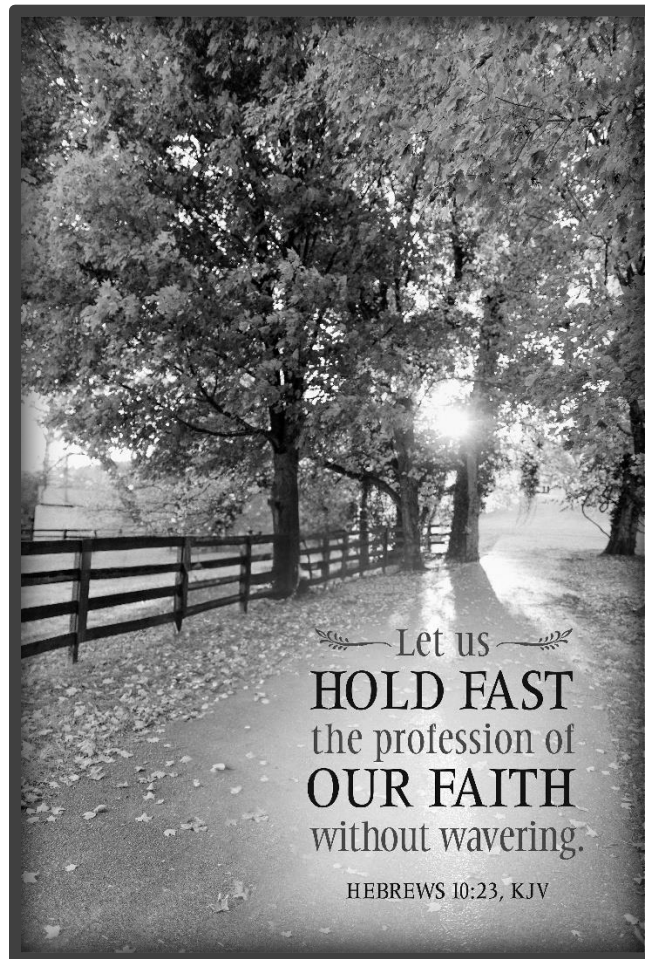


# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**August 17, 2025**



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together  
toward abundant life in Christ.*

## **THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD**

*<sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)*

### **A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:**

Welcome! As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we're excited to share what Holy Communion means to us. We believe that when we receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present "in, with, and under" them—not because the bread and wine change into something else or merely symbolize His body and blood, but because Jesus Himself said, "Take, eat, this is My body" and "Take, drink, this is My blood." Through His divine Word, we trust that we're truly receiving Christ's body and blood along with the bread and wine.

For us, this Sacrament is more than a memorial—it's Jesus coming to us in a real, tangible way. We believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is what we believe and confess about Holy Communion, rooted in Scripture and our faith in Christ.

If you're not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and have questions about our Communion practices—or if you'd like to join us at the Lord's Table—we'd love for you to talk with our pastor beforehand. After reading this and reflecting on your own beliefs, please fill out the Pew Card in the pew rack. When the offering plate comes by, place your tithes and gifts in it, then pass your Pew Card to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. May God bless our time together in this Communion service!

### **COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:**

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

### **AS WE GATHER**

The verbal command "Hold on!" is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to "hold on" to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages

him to be “holding faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & WELCOME

Welcome

### The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

*(Please stand)*

#### OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - mighty - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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## THE INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross T may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB pg. 151*

C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

## T Confession and Absolution T

*(Please be seated)*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C **Amen.**

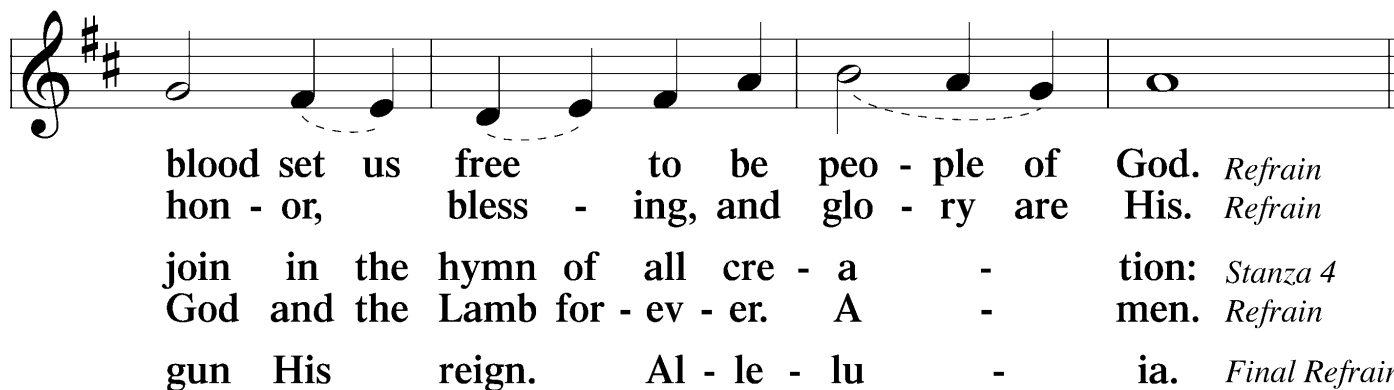
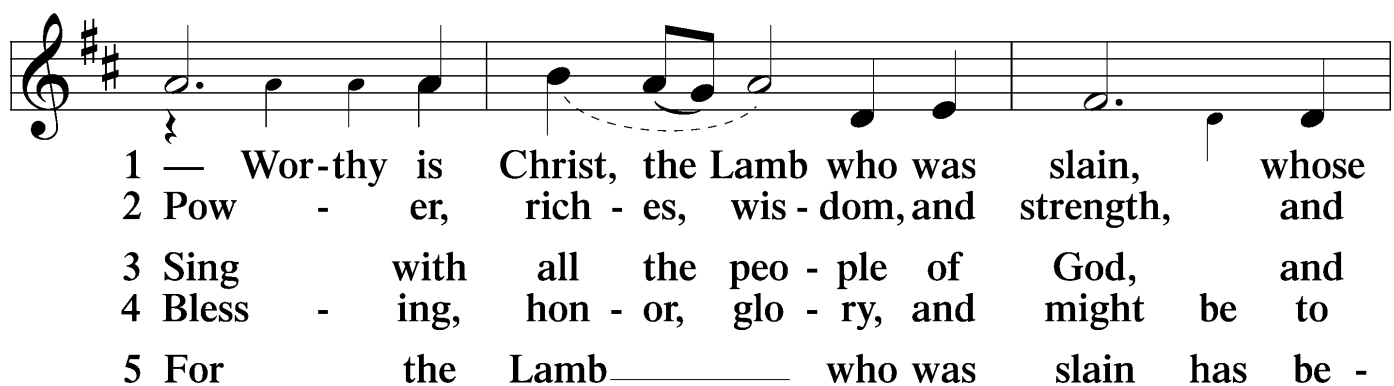
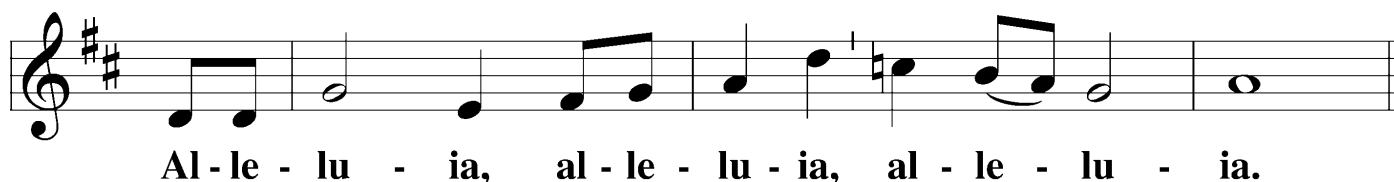
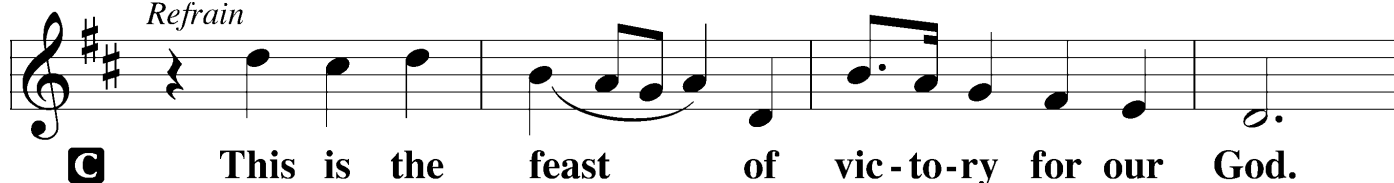
# T Service of the Word T

HYMN OF PRAISE This Is The Feast

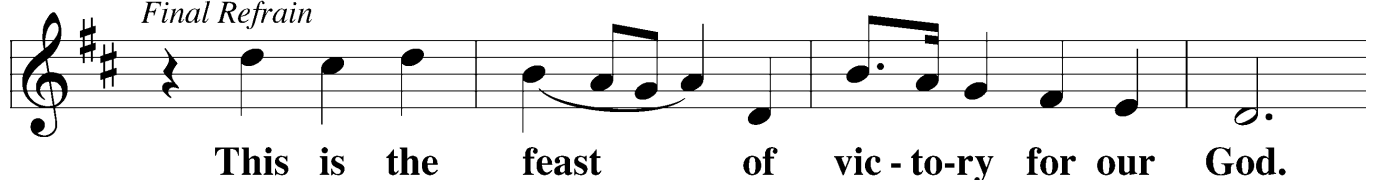
Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

LSB 155

*Refrain*



*Final Refrain*



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

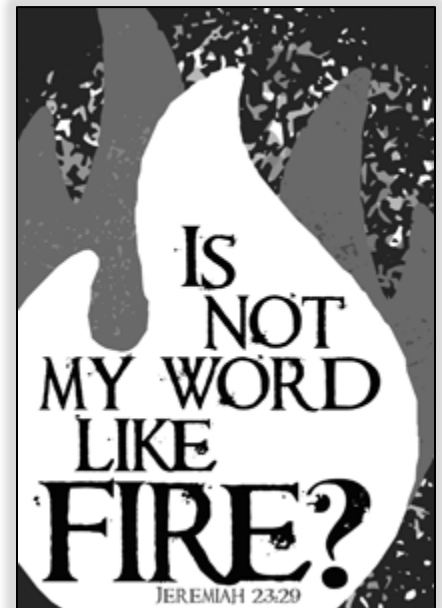
<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.  
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.



<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.



<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68*

*LSB 156*



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 12:13–21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

*Luke 12:49–53*



<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”





P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Be seated)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

If God Himself Be for Me

*LSB 724 sts. 1–3*

*(Sung to The Day of Resurrection - LSB 478)*

1. If God Himself be for me,  
I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me  
My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master,  
Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster  
Can drive me from His love?
2. I build on this foundation,  
That Jesus and His blood  
Alone are my salvation,  
My true, eternal good.  
Without Him all that pleases  
Is valueless on earth;  
The gifts I have from Jesus  
Alone have priceless worth.
3. Christ Jesus is my splendor,  
My sun, my light, alone;  
Were He not my defender  
Before God's judgment throne,  
I never should find favor  
And mercy in His sight,  
But be destroyed forever  
As darkness by the light.



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*(Please stand)*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray. We pray for the church, that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. And, remembering those who in each generation have faithfully spoken the Word of the Lord, we pray for His servants who today bring us the eternal message from our God through the faithful preaching of Law and Gospel in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. And we pray for the gift of peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- P We pray for our land and for all people who are involved in the growing, processing, and distribution of food. Grant that there be a blessing of seasonal summer weather so that we may rejoice in the harvests that are now beginning and will continue through the coming months. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Help us to never take them for granted that we may encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day, including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, and the chronically ill and shut-in, [*especially . . . Lucy & Janette (sisters in law of Isabel Vazquez), Bea Butler, Betty Lou Cordes, Donna Gendreau (sister of Sue Heim), the family of Florence Keck Morrow (cousin of Mark Keck), Chris Sabin, Dennis Simplot (brother in law of Pam Specht)*]. Help us to bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those sisters and brothers in the faith no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to follow the leading of Jesus, our Great Shepherd, throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.
- C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*For those worshipping online, please visit [www.lccross.org](http://www.lccross.org) to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>*



*For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card. They can be placed in the offering plate during the collection.*

## OFFERING HYMN

If God Himself Be for Me

LSB 724 sts. 4, 8, 10

*(Sung to The Day of Resurrection - LSB 478)*

4. He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.  
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;  
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
8. No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;  
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.
10. My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.  
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

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## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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.**



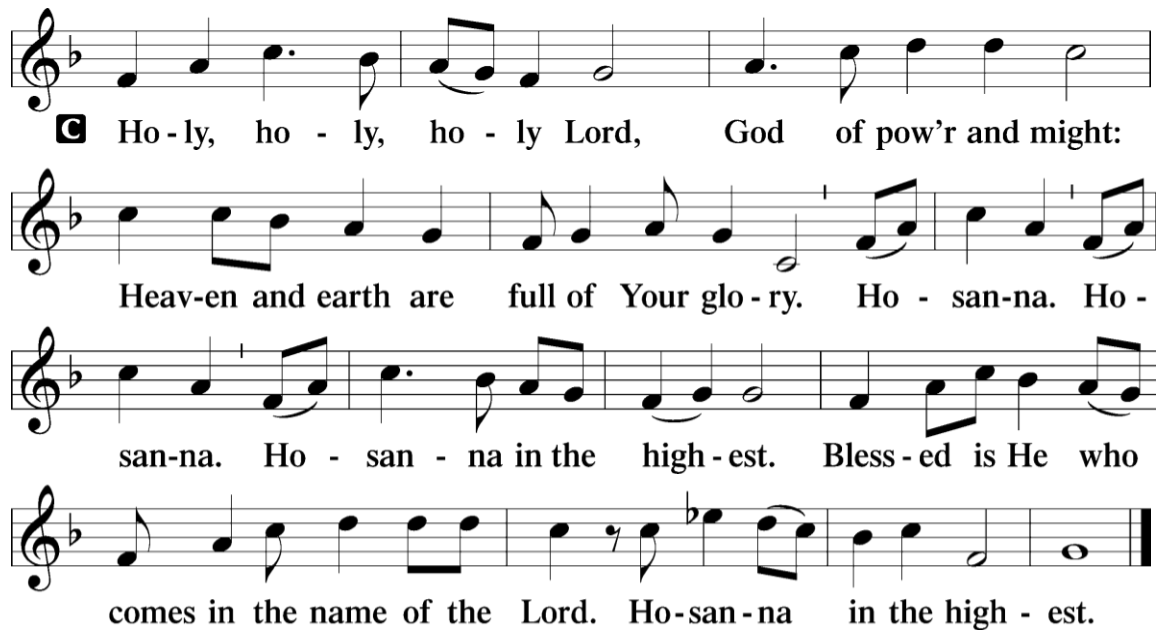
## PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## SANCTUS

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

*(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)*

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 T 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 My T blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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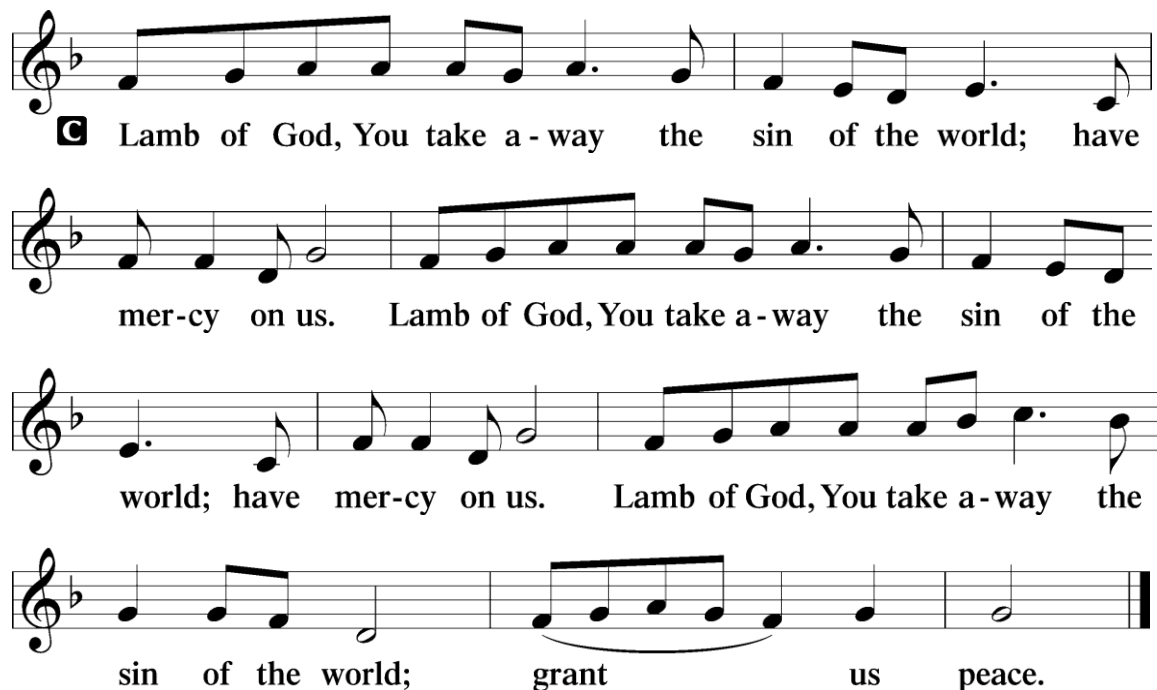
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI

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## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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1. “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,  
“All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.
  
2. “I am the light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.
  
3. “My heart abounds in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express,  
With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
To God I yield, on Him I call.
  
4. “I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
  
5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

*(continued)*



For  
**THE WAYS  
OF THE  
LORD**  
*are right, and the just  
shall walk in them.*

HOSEA 14:9, KJV

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
In holy faith Your Church unite;  
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue  
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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*(Please stand)*

## THANK THE LORD

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830 sts. 1–3



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.

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## SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE



Join Us - Coffee and Bible Class

You have been a blessing to us! Please use this time to “check-in” with your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Coffee and donuts are being served for fellowship at 9:00am in the Fellowship & Ministry Center along with our Adult Bible Class and Youth Sunday School. Please stop by and enjoy.



*We are a STEPHEN MINISTER church!*

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk

Organist: Stephen Kopp III ~ Liturgist: Jerry Kecken

Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk ~ Trumpet: Luke Stolarczyk

Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering

Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman

Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

August 17, 2025

*Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ*

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The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by  
Chuck Anderson & Barb Powell for family & friends.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by  
Buddy Burlew & Jennifer Strefling in celebration of her parents,  
Bert & Marcia Strefling's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (08/30).

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### **WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Bell Tollers

Elders on Duty

Communion Assistants

Usher/Greeters

Altar Servers

Safety Team

Streaming Team

Wayn Nelson, Bill Trueman

Richard Fasnacht, Mark Keck, Fred Spier

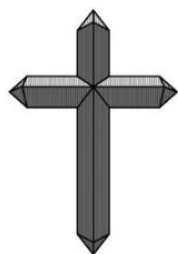
Tim Boisseau, Wayn Nelson, Fred Spier

Gary Fleming, Kay Helgersen

Cathy McCabe, Pam Specht, Joyce Spier

David Aiken, Mark Keck

Gloria Cvelbar, Kay Helgersen, Marita Noe, Wayn Nelson



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:**

7:30AM & 10:30AM

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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Parish Administrator      Jennifer Strefling:      941-627-6060

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In case of Emergency you may reach      Pastor Stolarczyk:      Cell: 941-979-7490

Pastor Menk:      Cell: 941-327-9453

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### **Homebound Care:**

Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka, Ken & Mary Werring

### **Strength, Healing, Guidance: \***

Dylan recovery	Grandson of Pastor & Mary Menk; healing &
John & Roxanne	Friends of LCC; guidance & strength
Lucy & Janette	Sisters in law Isabel Vazquez; Thanksgiving
Chuck Anderson	Healing & recovery
Bea Butler	Recovery & healing
Betty Lou Cordes	Recovery & healing
Dylan Clark	Strength & courage
Donna Gendreau	Sister Sue Heim; Recovery & healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Carol Meyer	Friend of LCC; strength, God's Care
The family of Florence Keck Morrow	Cousin Mark Keck; peace & understanding
Jan Reichert	Friend of LCC; pending surgery
Chris Sabin	Continued recovery & healing
Samuel Vazquez & children	Son Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; healing & guidance

*\*Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

### **Battling Cancer:**

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Kevin	Friend of Rene & Sue Richard; cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; battling cancer
Rev. Ron & Carolyn Fletcher	Cousins of Mark Polzin; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Dennis Simplot	Brother in law Pam Specht; battling cancer
Tyra Strelesky	Neice of Bert & Marcia Strefling; battling cancer

Carmen Torres  
 Lori Truelove  
 Arthy Turtotte  
 Jim & Ellen Vance  
 Connie Warner  
 Michael Woodruff

Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer  
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace  
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer  
 Cousins of Mark Polzin; battling cancer  
 Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma  
 Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

### **Military:**

US Army SFC Paul Behling  
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.  
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins  
 USAF Sr. Airman  
     Shawn Golembieski  
 US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski  
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski  
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken  
 USAF SrA Riley Latarski  
 Marines Sgt. Jonathan Metz  
 US Army LT Anastasia Osborne-Black  
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker  
 USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell  
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff  
 Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; in MN  
 Son of David and Shelly Cope; in NM  
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait  
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL  
  
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA  
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound  
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; in CA  
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND  
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD  
 Granddaughter Pat Gilreath; in HI  
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan  
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA  
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

**Family Prayer:** We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

### **LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 08/10/2025		
On-Site Attendance  39 / 77	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 7,038
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:**

**Tues-Aug 19** Church Council Meeting @ 6:00pm (OFH)  
 ~ **No Youth Confirmation Class** ~  
**Aug 20-22** Pastor Stolarczyk away – Circuit Meeting (Orlando)  
**Tues-Aug 26** LCC Youth Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)  
**Wed-Aug 27** Memorial Service: Schankin @ 10:00am (Sanctuary)



# The Chosen

## Season 5

### Thursdays - 10:00am

Date	Topic
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Episode 1 - Entry</b> <i>(1hr 2 min)</i> Jesus rides into the holy city as king, but finds that the rulers have turned His Father's house from a place of prayer to a corrupt market.
<b>Sept 4</b>	<b>Episode 2 - House of Cards</b> <i>(52 min)</i> Why kill Jesus when Rome can do it for you? As the Jewish High Priest schemes to bring Him down, Jesus strikes first: turning the tables.
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Episode 3 - Woes</b> <i>(59 min)</i> Why kill Jesus when Rome can do it for you? As the Jewish High Priest schemes to bring Him down, Jesus strikes first: turning the tables.
<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Episode 4 - The Same Coin</b> <i>(55 min)</i> Afraid of public outcry—and further embarrassment—Caiaphas resolves to arrest Jesus quietly at night. Only one problem: no one knows how to find Him.
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Episode 5 - Because of Me</b> <i>(1hr 13 min)</i> The decision to arrest Jesus leads to a fiery debate. Roman soldiers track down a troublemaking crowd. Shmuel finds help from an unexpected source.
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Episode 6 - Reunions</b> <i>(60 min)</i> As Jesus' followers gather for the Passover meal, His enemies assemble for a man hunt. Judas holds a secret meeting.
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>Episode 7 - The Upper Room Part 1</b> <i>(1hr 2min)</i> Jesus arrives at the Last Supper. The disciples fear for their safety as Jesus' enemies close ranks around them.
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Episode 8 - The Upper Room Part II</b> <i>(1hr 6 min)</i> Pilate summons Atticus to read him the riot act. The Sanhedrin boils over. The Last Supper ends.



## **The Joyful Ringers Bell Choir will be in need of another ringer this fall.**

Prerequisite is that you can read music and count to 4!  
You will be taught the rest. Please contact Bill or Ronna Trueman or let Pastor Stolarczyk know you want to be a Joyful Ringer! Please give this your prayerful consideration.

### **KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE**



#### **What is a “canticle”?**

The word “canticle” (pronounced KAN-ti-kle) comes from the Latin word “cantus,” which means “song.” A canticle is a song based on a text from Holy Scripture. What could be better than to sing praises to God with the words He gives us?



#### **What’s the difference between a canticle and a hymn?**

Hymns and canticles both put God’s Word to music. You’ll know you are singing a hymn when all of the verses are sung to the same melody. You’ll know you are singing a canticle when the verses continue without repeating the melody. What glorious variety our Lord gives in the Divine Service!



**Parents:** The best way to differentiate between canticles and hymns is to look and listen. Usually the “songs” in a hymnal are appropriately designated as a hymn or a canticle. Help your children to compare the differences. You can see and hear the differences. Point out the differences and discuss the words. Take a look at the texts in the Bible that have inspired the canticle or hymn.



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# Memorial Service



**On Wednesday August 27, 2025 the family of Joyce Schankin invites you to join them in a memorial service for their beloved Joyce. The service will be at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.**

## **JOYCE SCHANKIN OBITUARY**

Published by Legacy Remembers on May 16, 2025.

Joyce K. (nee Kief) Schankin, passed away on April 3, 2025 in [Punta Gorda, Florida](#). She was born December 5, 1936 in Ludington, Michigan. Resident of Detroit and New Baltimore, Michigan as well as [Punta Gorda, Florida](#) since 1996.

Daughter of Louis Kief Jr. and Anna F.

Nicholson. Wife of 47 years to Raymond A. Schankin (deceased). Mother of four children: Cheryl A. Schankin (deceased) of Whitefish, Montana, Mark R. Schankin of Michigan, Roy R. Schankin of Port Charlotte, Florida and Sandra J. (Tim) Reynolds of Howell, Michigan.

Grandmother of Graham J. Beardsley of California, Jennifer (Brea) Bachman of Oregon, Melannie J. Bachman of South Carolina, Spencer Jugan (deceased) of Montana, Kylie J. Jugan of Montana, Tiffany (Adam) Lawson of Michigan and Bailey A. (Parker) Reynolds-Wooden of Michigan. Great-grandmother of James Beardsley and Adam Beardsley of California and Ella Lawson of Michigan.

Sister to Shirley Koester (deceased), Louis Kief (Bill Walls), Linda Kotarba (Cas), Robert Kief (deceased). Joyce was a dear friend to many.

Joyce was a member of Lutheran Church of the Cross and the Peace River Quilt Guild. She was a medical secretary for 30 years before moving to Florida. She loved sewing, quilting and painting, but most of all being a Grandma and Mother.

Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [Lutheran Church of the Cross](#), 2300 Luther Road, Port Charlotte, Florida.