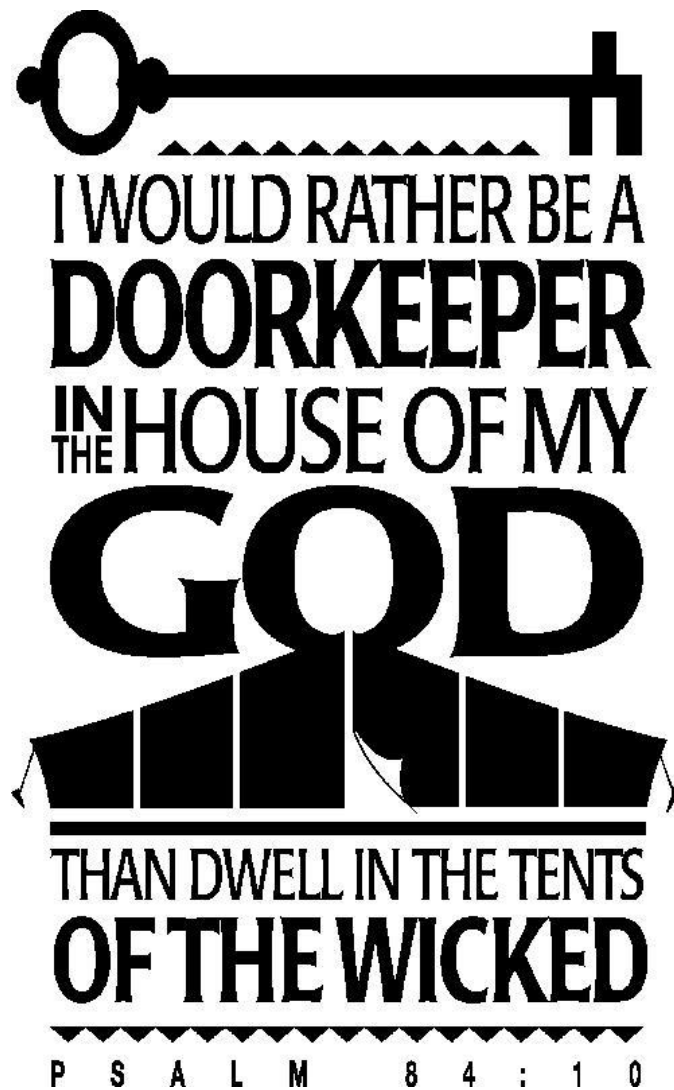


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

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

THEME: HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:
⁴⁸ 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)

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

(Based on Lutheran Service Book page 260)

A NOTE ABOUT SAFETY: We desire to remain a warm and friendly congregation while providing a safe and secure place to worship. To that end, we have a few tips for your participation with us today.

- If you see something, say something. If you happen to notice something out of the ordinary, please mention it to our safety team (yellow badges) or elder (golden badges).
- In a safety emergency, please keep calm and do not leave the secured building unless instructed by a safety team member or elder.

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

AS WE GATHER

To be the “favorite child” in a family is often a source of competition and sometimes a source for comedy. Years ago, a pair of sibling entertainers, the Smothers Brothers, made their family relationship a staple of their onstage humor when Tom, the older brother, would remind Dickie, the younger, “Mom always did like you best.” As we gather with God’s people at worship week by week, we can be certain that our gracious God values all of us and is pleased to see us grow in grace year by year. The psalmist wrote that “the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor” (Psalm 84:11). In the same Psalm 84 is the verse where the psalmist exclaims to God, “For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere” (v. 10). There is nothing better than for God’s favorite people, which we are, to be gathered in a most favorite place—which this is! It doesn’t get any better than that!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

The TOLLING OF THE BELLS



OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

LSB 791 sts. 1–3, 5

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise
forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name
always,
For it is seemly so to do.
5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth
adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

Psalm 118:24

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Psalm 113:3

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

Psalm 84:10

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

Psalm 25:4

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

John 17:17

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Psalm 113:3

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

C **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal confession of sins)

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**

P Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CATECHISM REVIEW

P Today we review the Sixth commandment.

P You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

- P What is marriage?
- C **Marriage was created by God as the lifelong union of a man and a woman for their mutual help and joy and for the procreation and nurturing of children. A man and a woman enter into marriage by the public promise to live faithfully together until death.**
Mark 10:6–9 But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.
- P What is adultery?
- C **Adultery is the unfaithfulness of a spouse who engages in or desires sexual intercourse with someone to whom he or she is not married.**
- P Does this commandment apply only to husbands and wives?
- C **No. The principle of sexual purity in this commandment applies to all human beings, whether married or not, and to all kinds of sexual desire and activity.**
Matthew 5:27–28 You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- P How do we fear and love God in keeping the Sixth Commandment?
- C **We fear and love God by living as men and women who respect God’s purposes for marriage. We do so by treating our bodies as holy—set apart for the purposes for which God created us as male and female—and not as objects that serve our selfish desires;**
1 Thessalonians 4:3–5 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God.
- Note:** Human beings often violate God’s purposes for them as male and female by engaging in sexual sins. This includes consensual sins such as fornication, pornography, and homosexual behavior. It also includes coercive sexual sins such as rape, incest, sexual child abuse, and other sexual assaults (which also violate the Fifth Commandment).

P speaking and acting to one another as male and female in ways that build up rather than tear down (such as crude talk, derogatory comments about appearances, or immodest dress); reserving sexual intercourse for marriage rather than before or outside of marriage;

Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

C **refraining from lustful desire or activity of any kind, whether heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or otherwise; and treasuring our husband or wife as a gift of God and loving him or her sacrificially.**

Ephesians 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P Why are we (single or married) to respect the fact that God established marriage and created us as male and female?

C **Marriage is to be respected by all so that individuals may flourish, in modesty and self-control; husbands and wives may flourish; families, societies, and creation as a whole may flourish through the procreation and the raising of children.**

2 Peter 1:5–6 Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18–23

(With hot rebuke, Isaiah closes his prophecy. Though he has emphasized God's grace and restoration in the preceding chapters, he ends with the fires of punishment because his hearers will not repent. This day, with repentant cry, lift your voice to the Maker of heaven and earth. He who has every right to condemn also has every desire to forgive you and raise you to new life as He demonstrated toward you in His Son, the Savior from sin and hell.)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
²³From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.”



L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4–29

(God sees you as holy through Christ’s sacrifice and disciplines you to struggle against sin. The unpleasant discipline shows that the Lord loves you as a true child. Put your faith into practice by encouraging others and by doing works of service. The Lord is ever serving you, granting repentance, taking away your sins, and equipping you for a godly life.)

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

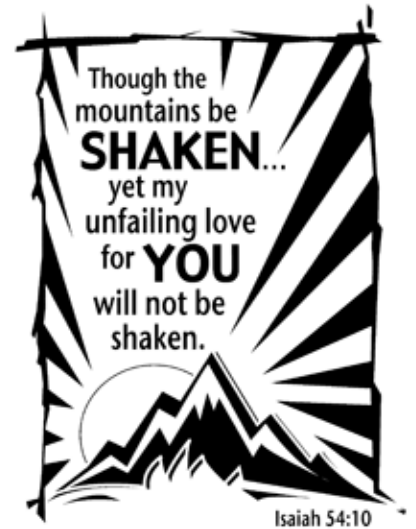
⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.



L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

(Children, and parents of little ones, are invited forward to the chancel area.)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22–30

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that

place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the T Son and to the Holy Spirit.




C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

SERMON HYMN

You Are the Way; Through You Alone

LSB 526

1. You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.
2. You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

JESUS
THE WAY, 
 **THE TRUTH,**
THE LIFE. 

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OFFERING HYMN

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

LSB 844 sts. 1–4



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.



And in each per - son may I see
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

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PRAYER

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us especially for [*names...Scott (friend of Chuck Anderson & Barb Powell), Bob Bartelson, Cheryl Domingo, Linda Kelly, the family of Joyce Schankin, Dave Weaver*]. . .

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

LSB 958

Refrain

Our Fa - ther who art in
heav - en, Thy name be hal-lowed,
Thy name be hal-lowed, Heav - en - ly Fa - ther.

1 May Thy king - dom come to us, O
2 Give us this day, O Lord, our dai - ly
3 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

Lord; May Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord; As in
bread; Lord, for-give our tres - pass - es, we pray, As
Lord, Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, Lord, But de -

Refrain
heav - en so on earth may Thy ho - ly will be done, O Lord.
we for-give all those who tres - pass a - gainst us, Lord.
liv - er us from e - vil, Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vil.

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MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851 sts. 1–3

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?



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SILENT PRAYER & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



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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Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman

Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

August 24, 2025

Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

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
Carolyn Strelau in memory of husband, Richard and daughter, Jenn.

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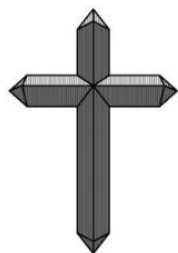
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

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Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Bob Bartelson	Recovery & healing
Bea Butler	Recovery & healing
Betty Lou Cordes	Recovery & healing
Dylan Clark	Strength & courage
Cheryl Domingo	Recovery & healing
Donna Gendreau	Sister Sue Heim; Recovery & healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Linda Kelly	Healing & recovery
Carol Meyer	Friend of LCC; strength, God's Care
Jan Reichert	Friend of LCC; pending surgery
Chris Sabin	Continued recovery & healing
Samuel Vazquez & children	Son Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; healing & guidance
Dave Weaver	Strength & healing

**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
Scott	Friend of Chuck Anderson & Barb Powell; 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	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer

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

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

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

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 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 Bragg

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

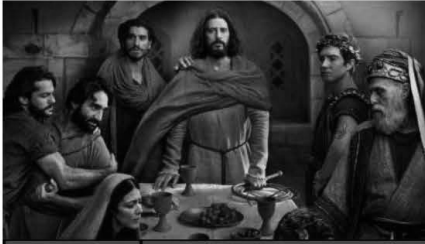
If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT & WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025

Week Of: 08/10/2025		
On-Site Attendance	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 5,468
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Tues-Aug 26 LCC Youth Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)
Wed-Aug 27 Memorial Service: Schankin @ 10:00am (Sanctuary)
Thurs-Aug 28 Bible Study: The Chosen-Season 5 @ 10:00am (FMC)
Mon-Sept 1 Sarasota Circuit Meeting – Beautiful Savior, Sarasota
Tues-Sept 2 Youth Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)
Thurs-Sept 4 Altar Communion Set Up @ 9:00am (Sacristy/Sanctuary)



The Chosen

Season 5

Thursdays - 10:00am

Date	Topic
Aug 28	Episode 1 - Entry (1hr 2 min) 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.
Sept 4	Episode 2 - House of Cards (52 min) 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.
Sept 11	Episode 3 - Woes (59 min) 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.
Sept 18	Episode 4 - The Same Coin (55 min) 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.
Sept 25	Episode 5 - Because of Me (1hr 13 min) The decision to arrest Jesus leads to a fiery debate. Roman soldiers track down a troublemaking crowd. Shmuel finds help from an unexpected source.
Oct 2	Episode 6 - Reunions (60 min) As Jesus' followers gather for the Passover meal, His enemies assemble for a man hunt. Judas holds a secret meeting.
Oct 9	Episode 7 - The Upper Room Part 1 (1hr 2min) Jesus arrives at the Last Supper. The disciples fear for their safety as Jesus' enemies close ranks around them.
Oct 16	Episode 8 - The Upper Room Part II (1hr 6 min) 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.

THE LCC YOUTH GROUP will be participating in the Charlotte County
Carboard Boat Races on Saturday, August 30th at 10:00am at the
Indian Mound Park in Englewood – 210 Winson Ave., Englewood, FL 34223.

Any LCC members or friends are welcome to come out and
cheer on our LCC Youth!



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sunday,
September 7th during our Christian Education Hour @
9:00am in the FMC! Parents and Grandparents, please make

note of this on your calendars! If anyone has interest in volunteering as a
Sunday School Teacher or an Assistant, please reach out to Abby Duwe or
Marita Noe for more information!

SEPTEMBER WILL BE LCC PRAYER SHAWL MONTH!

Prayer shawls are symbolic of God's grace, peace, inclusive and
unconditional love. Touching a prayer shawl gives comfort and the
assurance that God is near. It is a reminder that we are NEVER alone.
the Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a display in the church narthex all
through the month of September. The small pocket/purse prayer
shawls are also now available in both the church narthex and the FMC
on the glass prayer shawl display case.

Prayer shawls are always available upon request by contacting Joyce
Spier or the church office.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR EXTENDED VACATION

Please be advised that Jennifer, our Parish Administrator, will be on a leave of
absence for the entire month of September. During this time, she will not be
available via text, voicemail, or email.

If you have any urgent matters that need attention, please reach out to her before
September 1st. She will resume her office duties on Monday, October 6th.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

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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 Jukan (deceased) of Montana, Kylie J. Jukan 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.