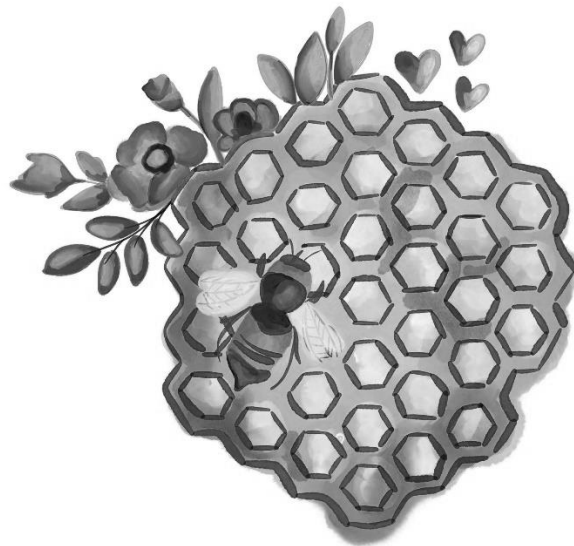


TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025



**I will sing of
the Lord's great
love forever.**

PSALM 89:1

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

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

THEME: BE 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)

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

*(As derived from the Lutheran Service Book Matins
beginning on page 219)*

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

AS WE GATHER

Of the four uses of the word *summer* in the hymns of *Lutheran Service Book*, perhaps the most memorable is its usage as the first word of the second stanza of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” Text writer Thomas Chisholm lists the seasons of the year as “summer and winter and springtime and harvest” as annual witnesses to and reminders of the faithfulness, mercy, and love of God. Written in 1923 by Chisholm, who was serving as pastor of a Methodist church in Kansas at the time, the hymn gained worldwide acclaim after being introduced to audiences first in Great Britain in 1954 and subsequently in the United States by singer George Beverly Shea, who was associated with the Billy Graham crusades. The hymn reflects the words of the psalmist as he exclaims to the Lord, “With my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations” (Psalm 89:1). In summer and in all seasons of the year, it is our joy to sing of the blessings we know as God’s faithful people in Christ Jesus.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME



The TOLLING OF THE BELLS

(The tolling of the bells is an ancient custom that according to some is said to call upon the name of the Lord and alert the community to our call to worship. As the bells toll, we reverently prepare our hearts and minds to receive the blessings God has promised in His Word and Sacraments.)

T MATINS T

(Please stand)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

REFRAIN Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

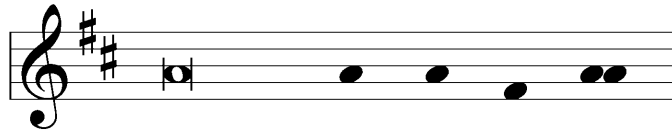
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

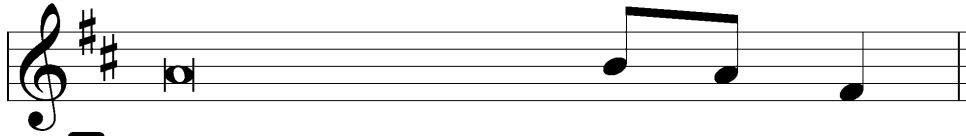
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T CALL TO WORSHIP T

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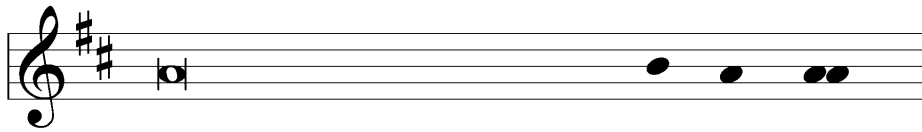


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

[Psalm 51:15]



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

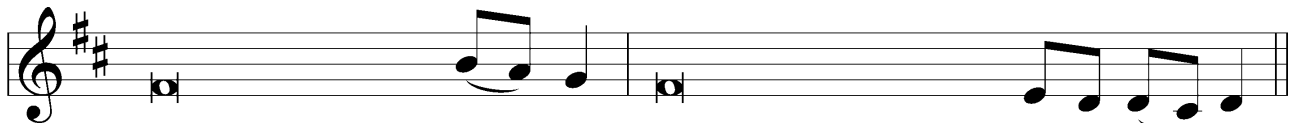


C make haste to help me, O Lord.

[Psalm 70:1]



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



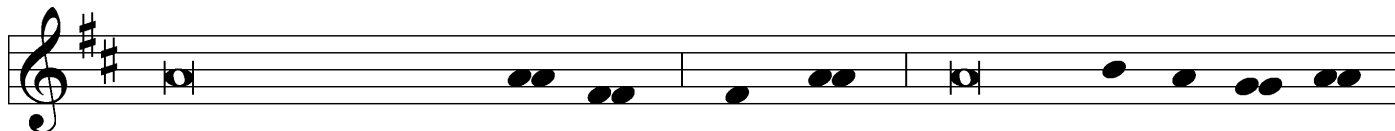
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

T PSALMODY T

LSB 220



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

VENITE

LSB 220

(Music found in hymnal)

C O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

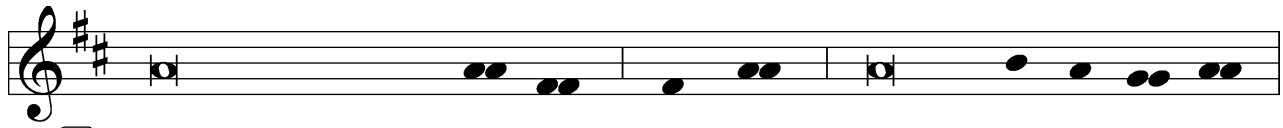
For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.



The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

T Readings T

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

(Righteous people who compromise their principles disappoint us. Hope remains not in the possibility of renewing their righteousness by trying harder next time but rather in God's righteousness, which is credited to all who trust in the Lord's mercy. This righteousness is passive (i.e., it is credited us apart from anything done on our part, solely through Christ's work on the cross). This passive righteousness frees, strengthens, and moves us to pursue what can be called "active" righteousness by keeping the Law to thank the Lord for His mercy.)

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.

³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;

⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.



L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1–17

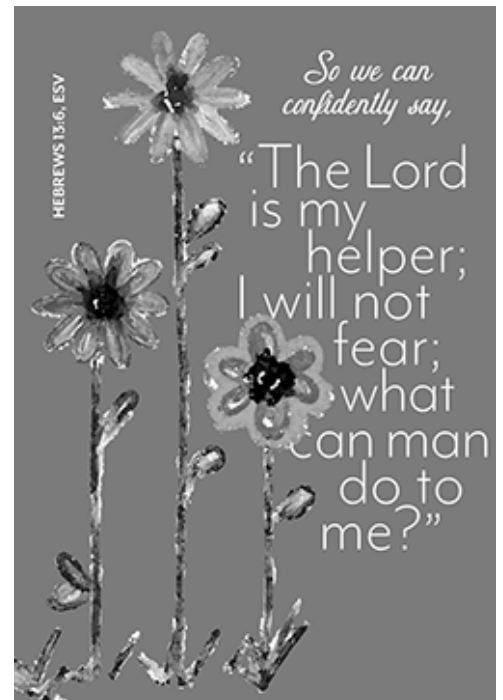
(Instead of sacrificing bulls and goats, we should offer up true speech about God to praise Him and do good works to serve our neighbor. These sacrifices please God when they come from hearts trusting in Christ. To obtain pure hearts, Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross.)

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

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

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

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

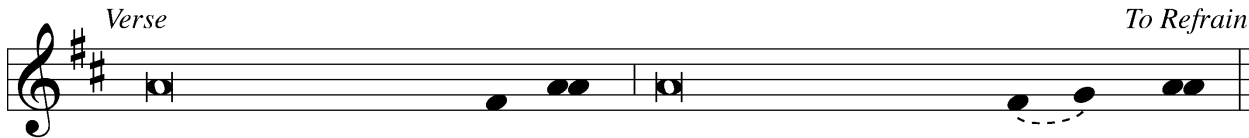


P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

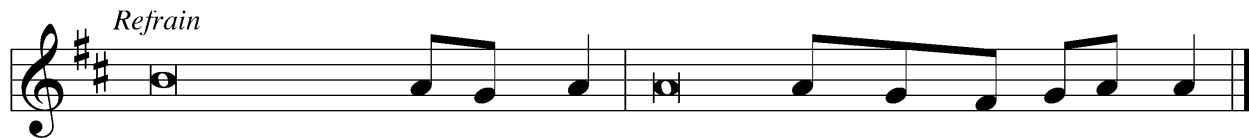
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.** *[Hebrews 1:1-2a]*

RESPONSORY*[Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28]**LSB 221*

- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



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

*(Be seated)***OFFICE HYMN**

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842 sts. 1–3

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| <p>1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth
 among us
 Hallows all our human race,
 You our Head, who, throned in
 glory,
 For Your own will ever plead:
 Fill us with Your love and pity,
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.</p> | <p>2. As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
 Freely have Your gifts been granted;
 Freely may Your servants give.
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
 Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of Your bounty
 Held in solemn trust will be.</p> <p>3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
 King of love and Prince of Peace;
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,
 Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling,
 By Your silent hours of pain,
 Quench our fevered thirst of
 pleasure,
 Stem our selfish greed of gain.</p> |
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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

T Canticle T

(The term “canticle” refers to a hymn-like passage from Scripture other than the Book of Psalms. By the fourth century, nonbiblical canticles began to appear—including the Te Deum. The Te Deum was used as a morning canticle as part of monastic communities. Because of the widespread acceptance of Benedict’s rule throughout Europe, the Te Deum was firmly established as a morning hymn of praise. It was often the hymn of choice at special events, such as the election of a pope, the consecration of a bishop, or the coronation of a king. In Martin Luther’s 1538 treatise, The Three Symbols or Creeds of the Christian Faith, he included the Te Deum with the Apostles’ and Athanasian Creeds.)

TE DEUM *(Please stand)*

LSB 223

(Music found in hymnal)

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow’rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

(Be seated)

OFFERING

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OFFERING HYMN Love in Christ Is Strong and Living *LSB 706*

1. Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.
2. Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.
3. Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

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KYRIE

[Mark 10:47]

LSB 227



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

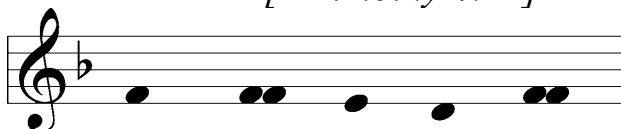
[Matthew 6:9-13]

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

[2 Timothy 4:22]

LSB 227



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P God, our Savior, wants all people to come to know the truth. Let us pray for ourselves and for the church everywhere, that we may persevere in grace, and for all people, that we may share with them the joy we have in the unity of Christ.

For the church, the gathering of God's people; for the clergy of the church that the Holy Spirit confirm then in their apostolic mission; for all Christians, that persevering in grace, we may proclaim the kingdom of heaven in our lives, let us pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all public servants, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for industrial workers, that their productivity provide blessing for all; for favorable weather, that we may give thanks for a good harvest, let us pray:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the homeless and the hungry; for the physically and mentally ill and the aged and infirm, that we cherish Christ in them and surround them with our care, [*especially... Gloria Cvelbar, Matt Doctor (family of Diane Barton), Hildegard Hoffman (sister of Margarete Cannon), Linda Kelly, Chris Sabin, the Family of Rueben Schmidt (son of Rev. Toby & Rachel Schmidt and family of Mary Woodruff)*] and that each of us would be graced with holy humility that we may find our joy in humble service in Jesus' name in every situation, let us pray:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of our missionaries, missionary teachers, medical personnel, and all Christian aid workers, that their work be unhindered and be a continuing source of blessings in Jesus' name, let us pray:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

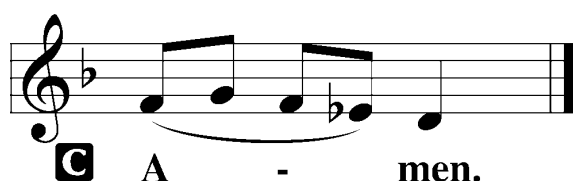
P With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ still inspires us, and also for this holy assembly here and now, that sealed with the promised Spirit, we may witness to the fullness of God's love, let us pray:

C **Be merciful, Lord God, and hear our prayers; grant Your Holy Spirit to plead for us and guide Your church into all truth and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

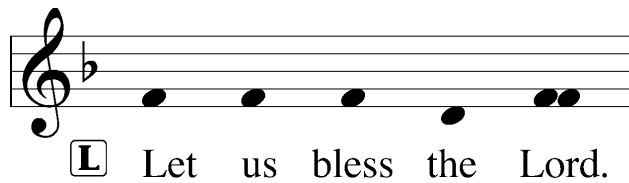
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P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS

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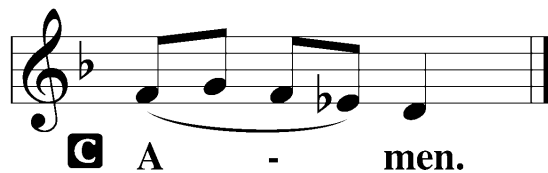
[Psalm 103:1]



BENEDICTION

[2 Corinthians 13:14]

LSB 228



REFRAIN Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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SILENT PRAYER, PARTING 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.

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August 31, 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
Dan Specht in loving memory of daughter, Kristy Specht.

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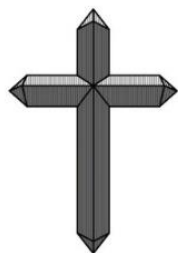
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Bob Bartelson	Recovery & healing
Bea Butler	Recovery & healing
Betty Lou Cordes	Recovery & healing
Dylan Clark	Strength & courage
Cheryl Domingo	Recovery & healing
Donna Gendreau	Sister Sue Heim; Recovery & healing
Hildagard Hoffman	Sister of Margarete Cannon; healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Linda Kelly	Healing & recovery
Chris Sabin	Continued recovery & healing
The family of Rueben Schmidt	Son of Rev. Toby Schmidt; peace & understanding
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	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace

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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.**

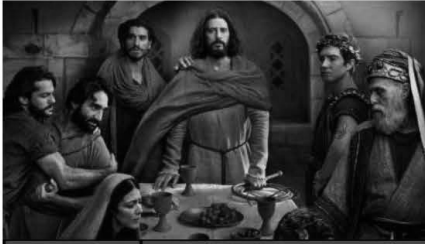
If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

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

Week Of: 08/24/2025		
On-Site Attendance 43 / 77	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 5,333
	Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

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)
	Bible Class: The Chosen Season 5 @ 10:00am (FMC)
Sun-Sept 7	Youth Sunday School Resumes @ 9:00am (FMC)
Tues-Sept 9	Youth Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)
Wed-Sept 10	Board of Elder's Meeting @ 3:30pm (OFH)



The Chosen

Season 5

Thursdays - 10:00am

Date	Topic
Aug 28	Episode 1 - Entry <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.
Sept 4	Episode 2 - House of Cards <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.
Sept 11	Episode 3 - Woes <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.
Sept 18	Episode 4 - The Same Coin <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.
Sept 25	Episode 5 - Because of Me <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.
Oct 2	Episode 6 - Reunions <i>(60 min)</i> 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 <i>(1hr 2min)</i> 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 <i>(1hr 6 min)</i> Pilate summons Atticus to read him the riot act. The Sanhedrin boils over. The Last Supper ends.

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 for work items via text, voicemail, or email.

You can always text her to just say hello!

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.

The church office is seeking a new PEW HELPER beginning in OCTOBER!

What this role does is check the Sanctuary Pews once a week and fill the needed supplies. You will go pew to pew to ensure we have the proper needs for the next weeks' worship services. Things like pens, pew cards, visitor envelopes, hymnals, Kleenex, etc. The best part is - this opportunity can be catered to YOU! With this volunteer opportunity you can choose to work alone or with others if you could arrange for assistants to help out. This job only takes about 60-90 minutes (when done alone) and it's only needed once a week! Even during Advent and Lenten Mid-Week Services! This is a great way to serve the church with very little time required! If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this opening.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Angie Brown** for her faithful service as our pew helper over the past few years. Angie, your dedication, time, and talents have been a true blessing to our congregation. Your quiet acts of service have not gone unnoticed, and we are so grateful for all you've done. **Thank you!**