

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 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

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 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)

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

In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi’s difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

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.)



† Confession and Absolution †

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old

LSB 846 sts. 1–2

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.

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

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB 184*
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 111:1–8

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
C **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.
C **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.
C **He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

P The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;
C **they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

HYMN

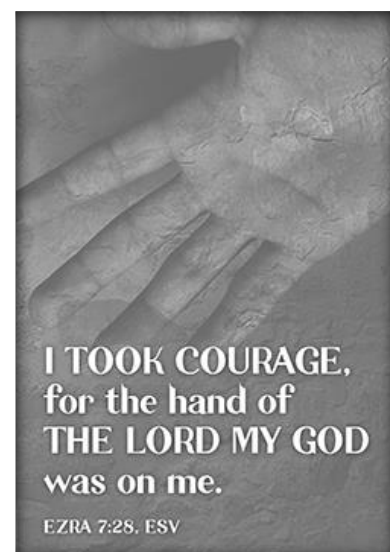
Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old

LSB 846 st. 3

3. O be our great deliv’rer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom’s healing pow’r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise You evermore.

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(Please be seated)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 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.

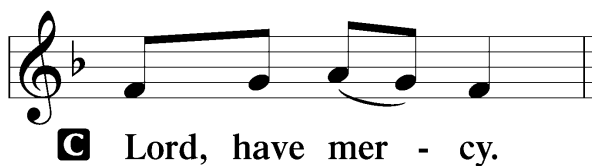
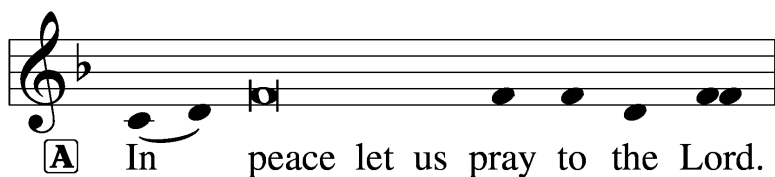
C **Amen.**

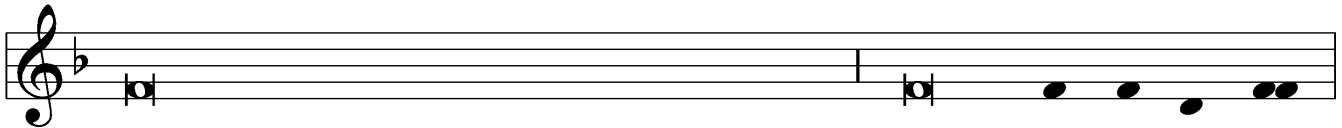
ⴒ Service of the Word ⴒ

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

LSB 152





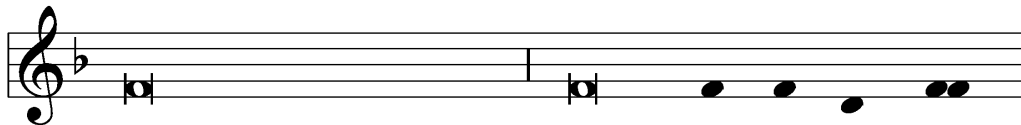
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



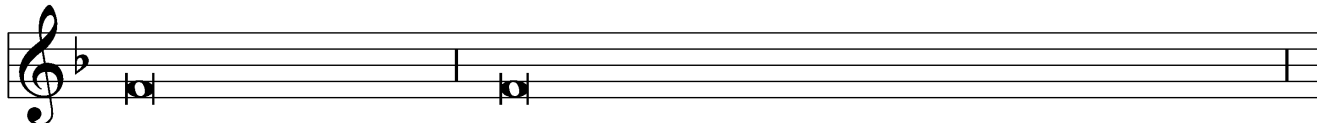
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



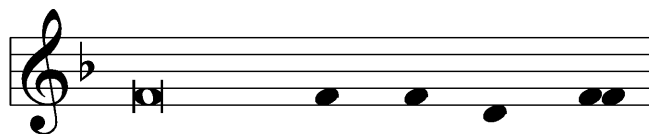
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



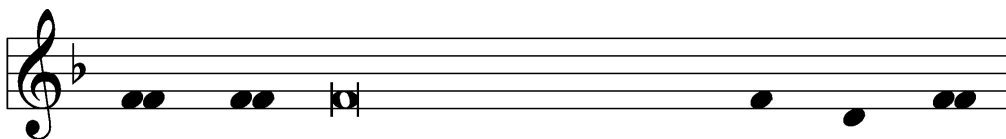
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



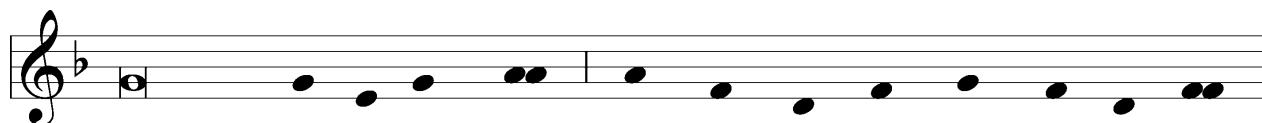
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



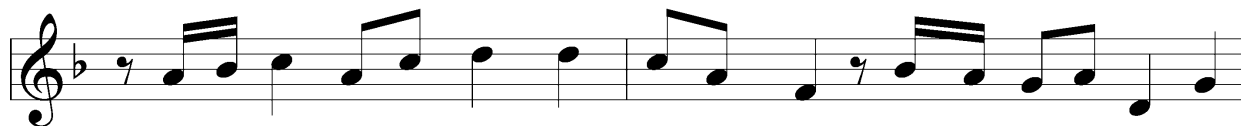
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



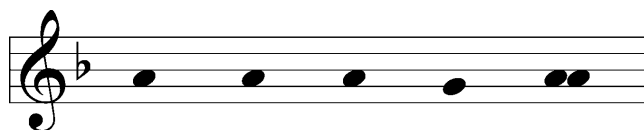
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1–19a

(Ruth refuses to stay in Moab when Naomi determines to go back to Bethlehem, even though her sister-in-law stays in Moab. Ruth boldly confesses her faith in the Lord and her commitment to her family. What an incredible example of godly priorities: the Lord and family come first!)

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.



¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1–13

(Using several comparisons (solider, athlete, and farmer), Paul calls Timothy to find other faithful men who are able to share in the pastoral office. Christians—including pastors—need one another, bearing one another's burdens. Paul describes his love for others with the words "I endure everything for the sake of the elect." These words also describe Christ's love for all people. He bore all things for us, so we would not be crushed beneath our overwhelming load of sin and death.)

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

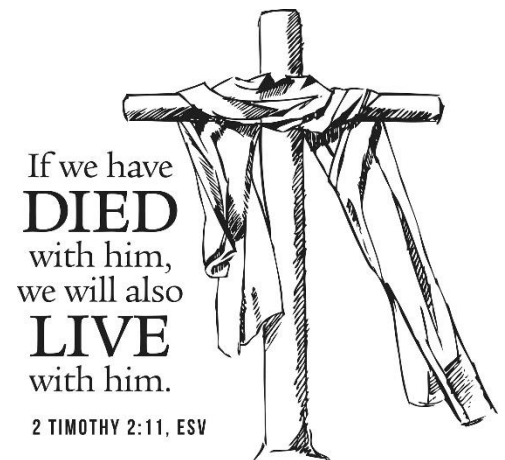
if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



(Please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

LSB 156



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

Luke 17:11–19



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

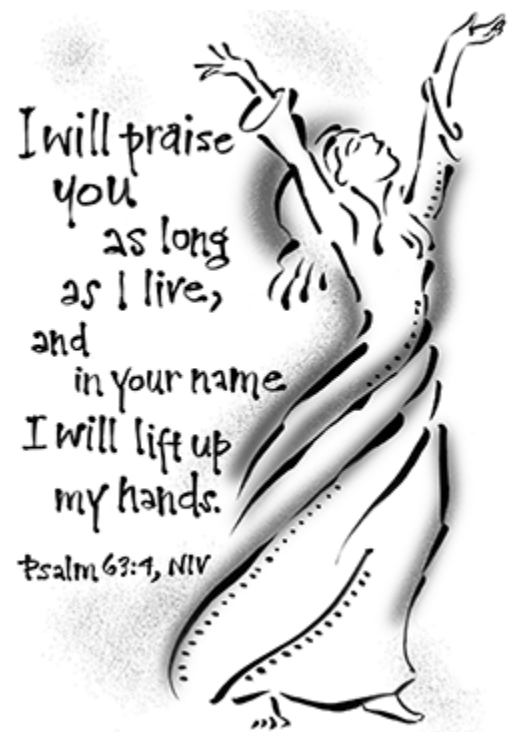
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SERMON HYMN

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855 sts. 1–2, 7, 3–4

1. For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.
7. For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
We praise You, God of Israel,
And pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others
In love and loyalty.
3. O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
Our lives may sing Your praise.



4. All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit,
Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias
And strive to do Your will.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

OFFERING

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For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card.

OFFERING HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”
(Sung to Onward, Christian Soldiers - LSB 662)

1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!
2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” He us command
To proclaim His Gospel now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!



3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

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THE LEAGUE PRAYER (10:30am)

ALL: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's undying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have: and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF LWML OFFICERS OF LCC

LSB 265

PRAYERS

R In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

R 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.**

R For the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in our congregation and throughout the world, that its members may continue to find their rest in Christ our Savior and be attended by the Spirit of God as they invite others to share in that rest, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

R 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.**

- R For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all,
let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- R For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- R 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.**
- R For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for
all those in prison, and for those who requested prayers: [*especially...Carol Burgess,
Donna Gendreau (sister of Sue Heim), David Gruntman, Sue Heim, Tracy LaCourse,
Mary Beth Wendland (friend of LCC)*]
let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- R For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- R 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Lord’s Prayer”

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.**



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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**SILENT PRAYER & CLOSING
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POSTLUDE



*We are a **STEPHEN MINISTER** church!*

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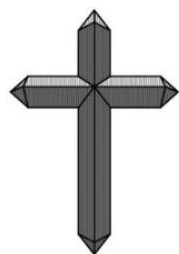
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Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
David Aiken in memory of Corinda Aiken & Marilyn Gordon.
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Robert Trapp in remembrance of Margaret Trapp.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

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7:30AM & 10:30AM

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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: *

Carol Burgess	Recovery & healing
Bea Butler	Recovery & healing
Betty Lou Cordes	Recovery & healing
Dylan Clark	Strength & courage
Donna Gendreau	Sister Sue Heim; Recovery & healing
David Gruntman	Recovery & healing
Sue Heim	Recovery & healing
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Tracy LaCourse	Recovery & healing
Chris Sabin	Continued recovery & healing
Mary Beth Wendland	friend of LCC; peace & God's Will

**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
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
Garth Leach	Brother of Donna Leach; 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
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
Arthy Turtotte	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Jim & Ellen Vance	Cousins of Mark Polzin; battling cancer

Connie Warner
Michael Woodruff

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

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 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: 10/02/2025			
On-Site Attendance		Weekly Contributions	
41 / 85		Income:	\$ 5,950
		Expense:	\$ 11,170

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Tues-Oct 14 Youth Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm (Pastor's Study)
Thurs-Oct 16 Altar Communion Set Up @ 9:00am (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
Bible Class: The Chosen Season 5 @ 10:00am (FMC)
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal @ 4:30pm (Sanctuary)
Sun-Oct 19 **Youth Sunday School @ 9:00am (FMC)**
Tues-Oct 21 Church Council Meeting @ 6:00pm (OFH)
Sun-Oct 26 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Youth Sunday School @ 9:00am (FMC)

For the most accurate and up to date calendar events taking place at LCC – please visit our church website and click on the Church Calendar link on the left of the page.

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Dearest LCC Family,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the patience and support you've shown me during my time away from my role as Parish Administrator. I am truly grateful for the space you granted me to step back, breathe, and care for myself.

Though this month was originally intended to be a time of rest and disconnection, it became something deeper — a time of rebuilding and healing. At the beginning of the month, I experienced the painful loss of my second job that I deeply enjoyed for the past 4 years, and the weight of that loss was heavier than I could have ever expected. It shook parts of me I hadn't realized were vulnerable, and unknowingly I actually needed this time to grieve, to reflect, and to begin to mend from this loss.

Your patience and understanding allowed me to do just that. And while the healing from this loss will take time, I return now with a greater sense of clarity, humility, and gratitude. I've been reminded in a very real way that God does His most transformative work in our brokenness — and that community is one of His greatest gifts in the healing process.

I'm trusting in God's continued work in my life, and I'm so thankful to be back on this journey with my LCC family.

In Christian Love, Jennifer

Pasta Luncheon is coming soon! – All Are Welcome!



Date: November 9th



Time: Right after Sunday late service



Location: FMC

Prepare to join us for a warm, delicious spaghetti meal and even warmer fellowship!

There'll be plenty of pasta and sauce supplied by the fellowship committee, all the good company is provided by YOU!

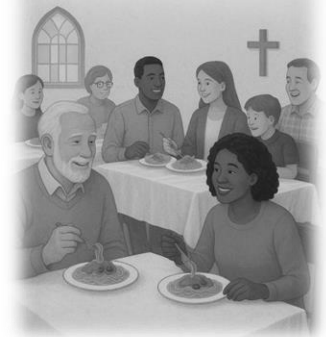
If you would like to bring an item in to add to the available food – please reach out to Pat Siegmann 941-408-3539.

Everyone's invited — even bring a friend!

Let's share food, faith, and community together.

Look for the signs ups to be coming out soon!

Coming PASTA LUNCHEON



LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY IS COMING SOON!

In the Letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul reveals the crushing weight of God's Law, condemning us in our sin. When it appears that nothing can tip the scales in our favor, Paul points to Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Christ bore the weight of our sins and paid the price for our salvation. The class will begin November 6th at 10:00am in the FMC. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex as Pastor Menk will be ordering materials soon!