

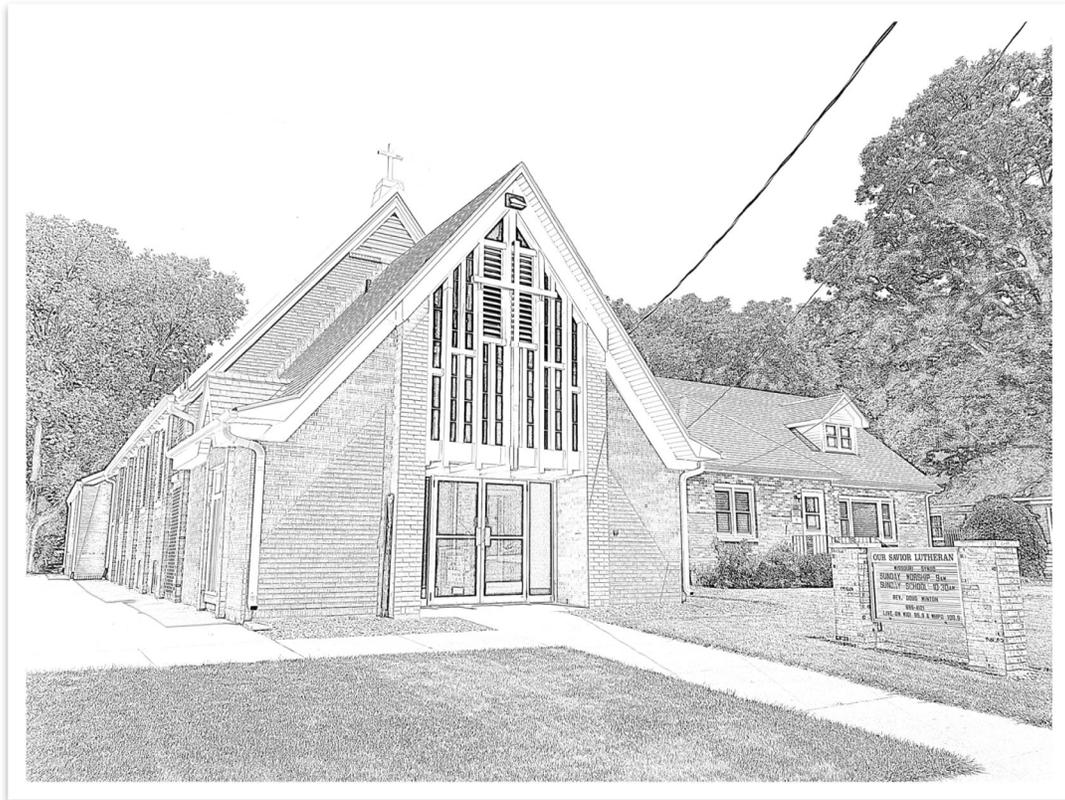
# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

# Service of Prayer and Preaching

## Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

## “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

LSB 352



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter  
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## Opening Versicles

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.  
**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**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.

## Old Testament Canticle

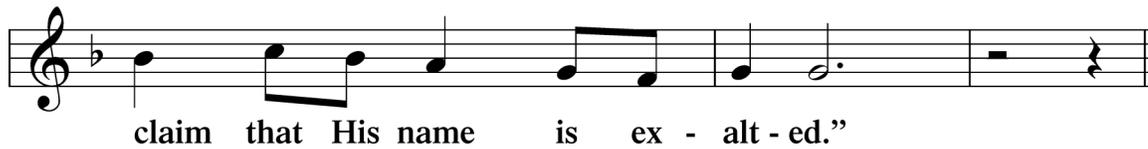
LSB 261

*Refrain*

**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*



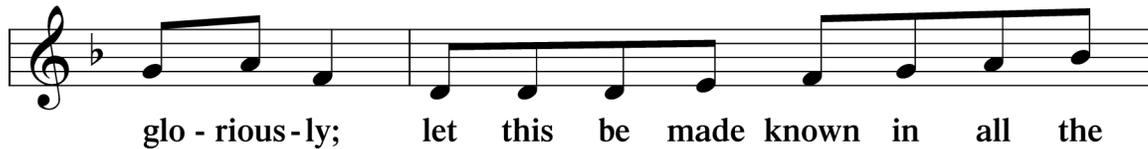
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



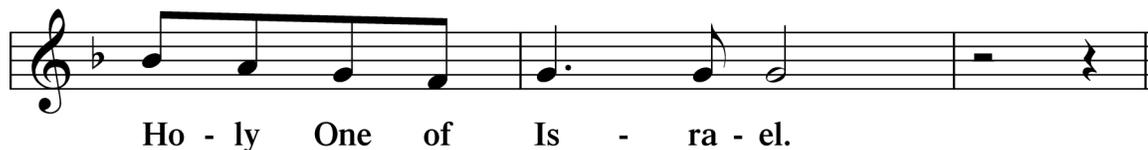
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*



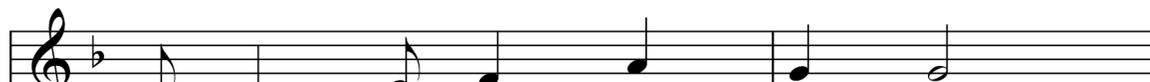
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from | heaven;\***  
**he sees all the chil- | dren of man;**

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he | looks out\*  
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts | of them all\***  
**and observes | all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great | army;\*  
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,\***  
**and by its great might it cannot | rescue.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***  
**and keep them alive in | famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*  
he is our help | and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**For our heart is | glad in him,\***  
**because we trust in his | holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,\*  
even as we | hope in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## First Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6*

**L** A reading from Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** A reading from Hebrews, the eleventh chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** A reading from the Gospel of Luke, the twelfth chapter.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Responory

LSB 263

**L** 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.

**L** 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.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

## Hymn of the Day

## “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

LSB 666



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: German, 1534, Nürnberg  
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## Ten Commandments

LSB 264

**C** You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

**☐ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Catechism Reading: The Eighth Commandment

LSB 321

*What is the Eighth Commandment?*

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

## Sermon

## “So Shall Your Offspring Be”

*Genesis 15:1-6*

## Sermon Hymn

## “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

*LSB 765*



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -  
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And  
5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a  
scan His work in vain; God is His own in -  
clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.  
ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.  
and will break In bless - ings on your head.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800, alt.  
Tune: The CL Psalmes of David, 1615, Edinburgh  
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## Offering and Prayer

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

**L** . . . one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

*LSB 266*

**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.

## New Testament Cantic

*LSB 266*

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Blessing

LSB 267

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am

**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 10:45am

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 10am

**Wednesday:** *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*

**Thursday:** Gilman Nursing Home Service, 10:45am

**Thursday:** Women's Bible Study, 6:30am

**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>8/10/25</b>	<b>8/17/25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Rich Rieches	Justin Schroeder
<b>Organist</b>	Benny Verswijver	Theta Lee
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Neil and Courtney Rieches
<b>Sound Board</b>	Patty Bruens	Kendra Morts
<b>Greeters</b>	Pastor and Renee Minton	Doug and Jennifer Morgeson
<b>Head Usher</b>	Justin Lavicka	Justin Lavicka
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK ON AUGUST 17TH!**

The Christian Board of Education is bursting with excitement to kick off a new year of Sunday School, and we've got some heavenly updates to share with you.

The K-4th class grouping now includes a dedicated craft time to encourage creativity and hands-on fun! Additionally, we will launch into a brand new curriculum that connects directly with Pastor's weekly sermon bringing our church services and classroom learning together. Grades

5th-8th will continue diving into confirmation lessons and friendship. Thank you to all of our returning and new Sunday School teachers for their commitment and dedication to our Sunday School program.

Parents and congregation members can now follow our Sunday School calendar through a new app! Want access? See Courtney, and she'll get you connected.

On behalf of the Board of Christian Education we're looking forward to a year full of learning, laughter, and love as we grow in faith together!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our study of "Golden Fruit" will continue on Thursday, August 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will study the Kindness of Abigail. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 Join us!

**A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS GIVING BOX:** A Dollar for Missions was started with the 2022 Central Illinois District Convention. As a congregation, we didn't really participate. At this year's CID Convention it was voted to continue. This program will focus on 3 areas: New church starts, Expansion of Mission, and Present CID Missions. Over the past 3 years this program has helped several of our present missions - Deaf, Prison, Hispanic, and Campus - with needs that have arisen. We have a plastic donations box set up for these donations. If you weren't at the Quarterly Voters' Meeting, please learn more on the District website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html> and watch the informational video.

**A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS:** The current DFM project is replacement of insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. Some of this fiberglass insulation has fallen and the area needing work is hard to reach, so the job will be expensive. The DFM project is for \$10,000. For more details, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

**CONTINUE TO PRAY** for our college students as they return to class in the upcoming weeks.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PRAIRIEVIEW LUTHERAN HOMES** will be holding their annual Fall Festival on September 5th and 6th. They promise loads of entertainment, food, craft vendors, activities for everyone and the infamous Quilt auction. As a bonus - the Danforth Fire Department will be hosting bounce houses, food trucks, Touch-a-Truck, car show and a street dance on Saturday night. I will see you there!!!

**THE FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR TIME** - Our Savior will be volunteering at a booth once again this year, more information will be forthcoming. Also they are in need of silent auction items. They are asking for gift baskets, gift cards, home made items, and baked goods that will be included in the silent auction. If you have any questions, please see Kendra. Thank you in advance for your time and making Prairieview's Fall Festival a success once again this year!

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** “Our Lord Jesus Christ assures us that the Heavenly Father makes His love for our kind evident in sunshine and rainfall (Matthew 5:45) along with sparrows and lilies (Matthew 6:25-33). So, we may expect to learn about the sanctity of every human life not only from His Word but also from His world.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Connie Langellier                      Today  
Evelyn Morts                              Tuesday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

Randall and Gloria Schleef                      Saturday (56 years)

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
John Lee  
Nancy Tobeck  
Joey, radio listener  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Troy Schaumburg, friend of Connie Langellier  
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Mary Kamin, recovering from fall  
Noah Gibbs, son of Pastor Gibbs, recovering from surgery

### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes  
Delmer Henrichs  
Dorothy Knake  
Joann Sloan  
Brenda St. Peter

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** St. John in Champaign and Jeff Caithamer her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Calvary in Watseka and Aaron Uphoff her pastor.

**Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA

Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.



# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of August 3, 2025*