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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

Welcome Visitors!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

Divine Service Setting One

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

"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

LSB 661



- 1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king ly crown to gain.
- 2 The mar-tyr first, whose ea gle eye Could pierce be-yond the grave,
- 3 A glo-rious band, the cho-sen few, On whom the Spir it came,
- 4 A no ble ar my, men and boys, The ma tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train? Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save. Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame. A - round the Sav - ior's throne re-joice, In robes of light ar-rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um-phant o - ver pain, Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor-tal pain, They met the ty-rant's bran-dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane; They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol-lows in His train. He prayed for those who did the wrong—Who fol-lows in his train? They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol-lows in their train? O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol-low in their train!

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Invocation LSB 151

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,* and on his law he meditates | day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

⁴The wicked | are not so,*

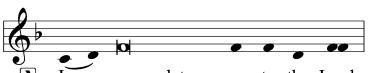
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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.

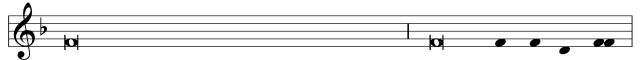
Kyrie LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

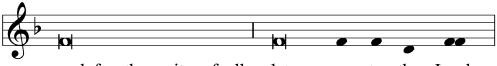


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





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.



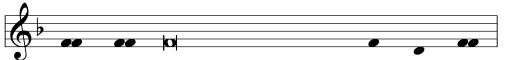


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise





C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

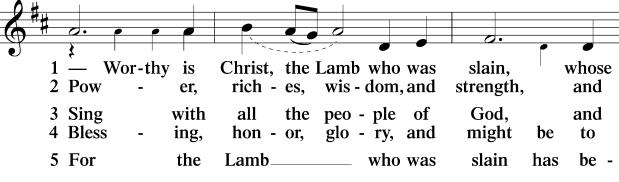


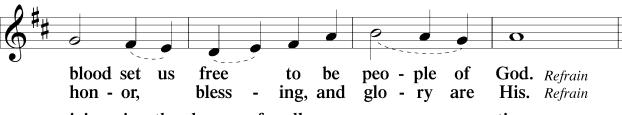
This is the Feast

LSB 155



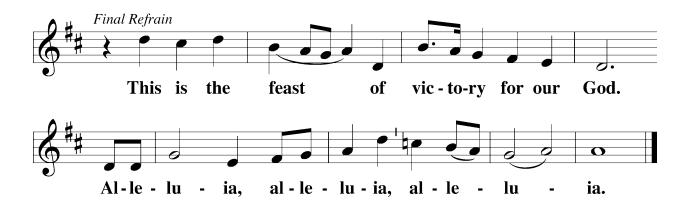




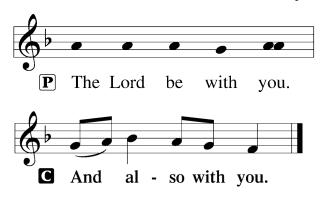


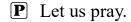
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Stanza 4 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Refrain

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Final Refrain



Salutation and Collect of the Day







Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

Epistle Reading Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

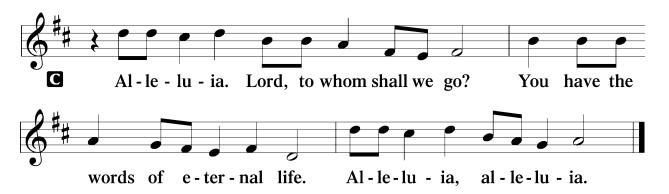
⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 157



Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-35

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



²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Hymn

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB~851



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Sermon

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

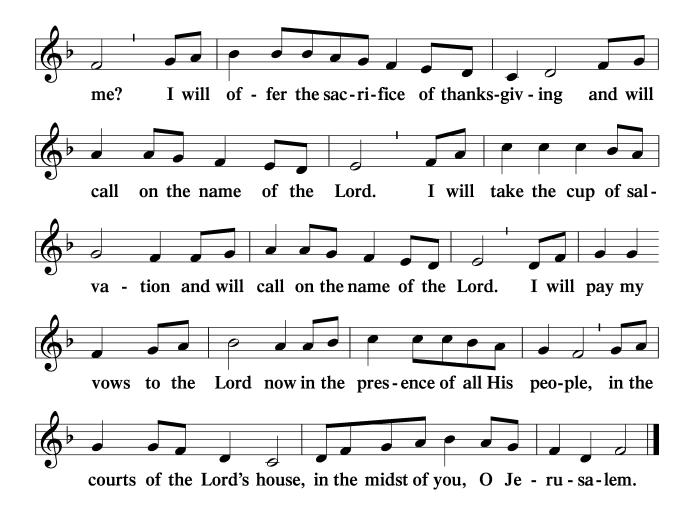
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

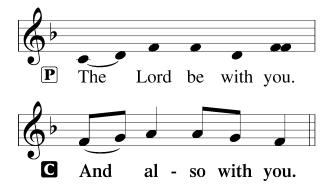
- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy

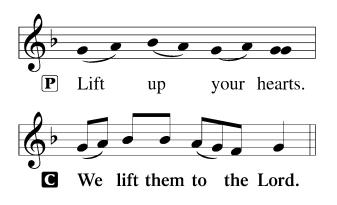
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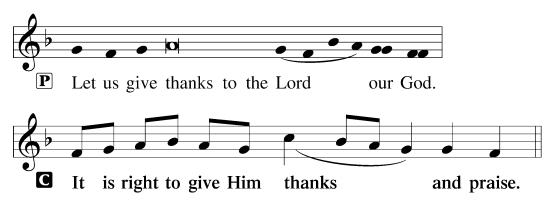
Offertory LSB 159



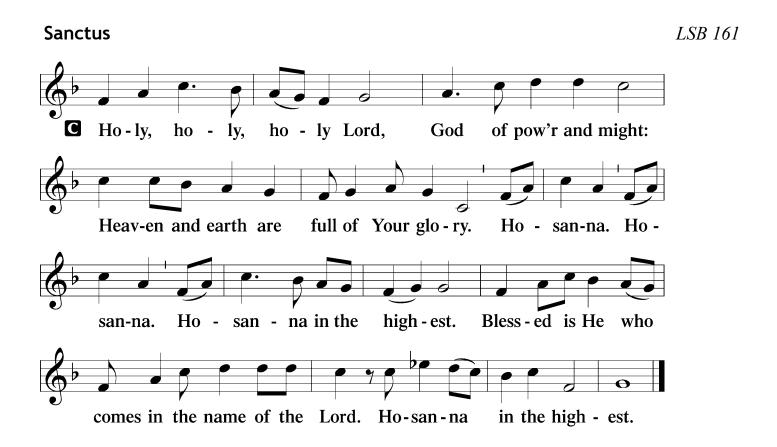
Preface LSB 160







P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

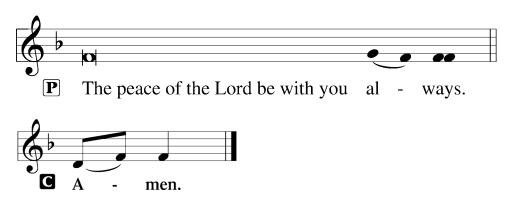
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

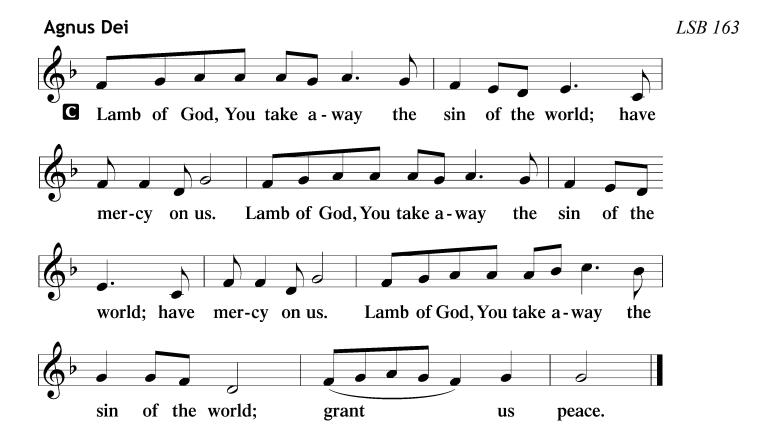
Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini LSB 163





Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

"O God, My Faithful God"

LSB 696



5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen

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"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783



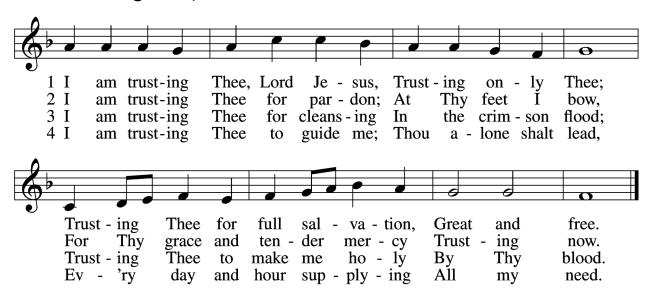
- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;Thine can never fail.Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee foreverAnd for all.

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Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thank the Lord LSB 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

- **A** Let us pray.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

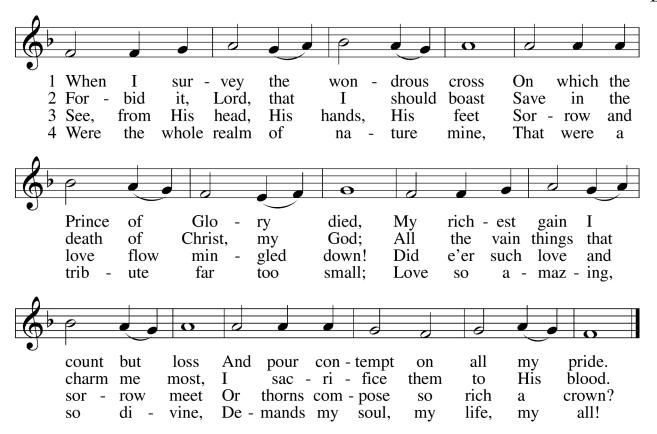
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am

Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am

Monday: Comforters, 1pm Tuesday: LWML Fall Rally, 8am

Tuesday: Elders, 7pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am; Bulletin Deadline, 10am

Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm

Thursday: Gilman Nursing Home Service, 10:45am

Saturday: Men's Breakfast, 8am
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/7/25	9/14/25
Elder	Rich Rieches	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Darren and Jamie Bakken	Rich and Charlene Rieches
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Kendra Morts
Greeters	Bob and Chris Rieches	Rich and Charlene Rieches
Acolyte	Avery Schroeder	Jaylin Lavicka
Head Usher	Marv Wright	Marv Wright
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: We will continue our study of *A Simple Way to Pray* on September 13 at 8am. Phil R will be our host. Luther wrote this little booklet for his barber. Hans simply wanted to know how to pray when he couldn't think of proper sounding words. Luther leads us through the Commandments, Creed and Lord's Prayer as tools to derive simple prayers that will help build a good prayer life.

OSLC YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th grade students are welcome to join us for our first youth group meeting of the year. It will be at the Lavicka's home 1142 N 2050 E Rd on Sunday, September 14 from 5-7pm. Our youth group is providing hot dogs and other church youth groups are providing sides. We hope you can join us for a night of fun, fellowship and food! Please let Jan or Brenna know if you can attend by Monday, September 8th.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS: We now have a box to collect money for A Dollar for Missions. The current DFM project is to replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. Immanuel's Student Center in Macomb was dedicated in 1969, but some of the equipment in the kitchen of the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then. DFM funds would be used to replace the original kitchen equipment. Amount to be funded is \$11,000. For more information on A Dollar for Missions, see https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html

BACKPACK BLESSINGS: Thank you for your continued support of this outreach! In 2018 a group of volunteers began Backpack Blessings, a weekend supplemental food program for families in need. Any family who qualifies for free or reduced lunch is able to participate in the program. Each week our volunteers shop and fill bags of easy to prepare breakfasts, lunches and snacks to help get our kids through the weekend with nutritional support. Each year we fill an average of 30 bags a week during the school year. Donations can be made in the name of **Backpack Blessings.** If you have any questions, please see Brenna Schroeder.

DO YOU SHOP AT BERKOTS IN WATSEKA? They offer a monthly donation/round up program at the checkout which supports various organizations. During the month of September, Berkots and your roundup donation will support Breakthrough T1D - formally JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Your donation will help support research, education, events, and programs for those living with Type 1 Diabetes. Thank you for your support of this organization and others offered through Berkots.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Bertha Parsons Monday
Olivia Harms Tuesday
Cindy Raddatz Wednesday
Caleb Schroeder Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Peter Brown, cousin of Dean Lingley
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
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
Dennis Selk, recovering from surgery
Brenda St. Peter, recovering from fall
Barb Teig, hospitalized
Debbie Johnson, niece of Linda Buhrmester, car accident

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

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Immanuel in Fisher and Jeffrey McPike her pastor

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton their vacancy pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO. Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

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.

