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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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 Three

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

"What is the World to Me"

LSB 730



Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645-1732; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629-1701

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Psalm 113

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¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants | of the Lord,*
praise the name | of the Lord!

²Blessèd be the name | of the Lord*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!

⁴The Lord is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!

⁵Who is like the | Lord our God,*
who is seated | on high,

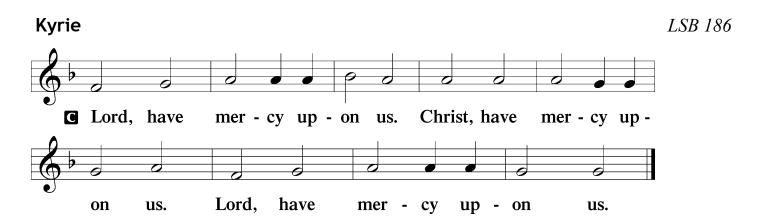
⁵who looks | far down*
on the heavens | and the earth?

³He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
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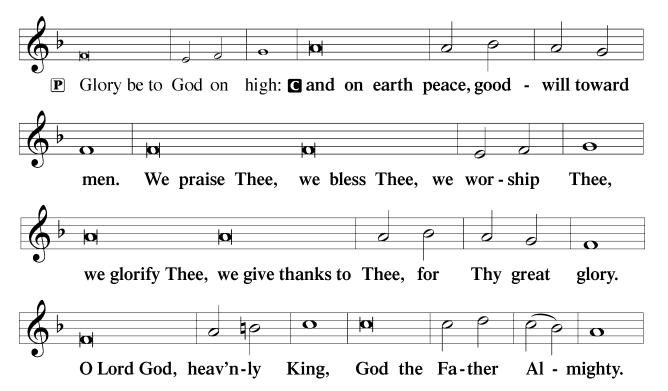
8to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.

⁹He gives the barren wom- | an a home,* making her the joyous mother of children. | Praise the LORD!

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



Gloria In Excelsis LSB 187







P The Lord be with you.





P Heavenly Father ... one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

- "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

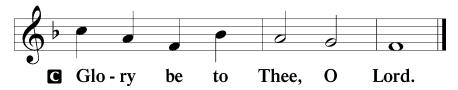
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-15

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



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when

I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Sermon Hymn

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

LSB 350



Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

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Offertory LSB 192

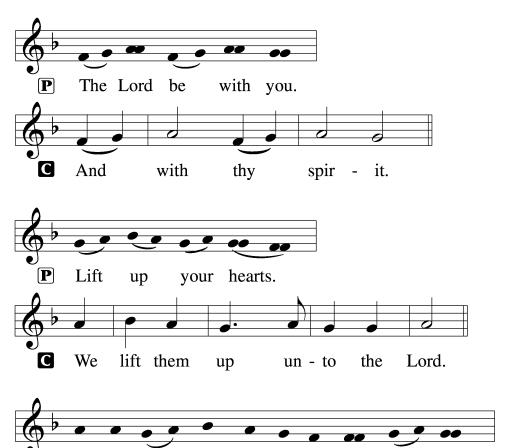


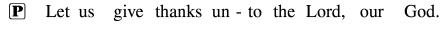
Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Preface LSB 194







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





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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;

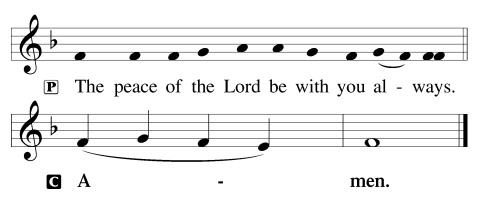
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

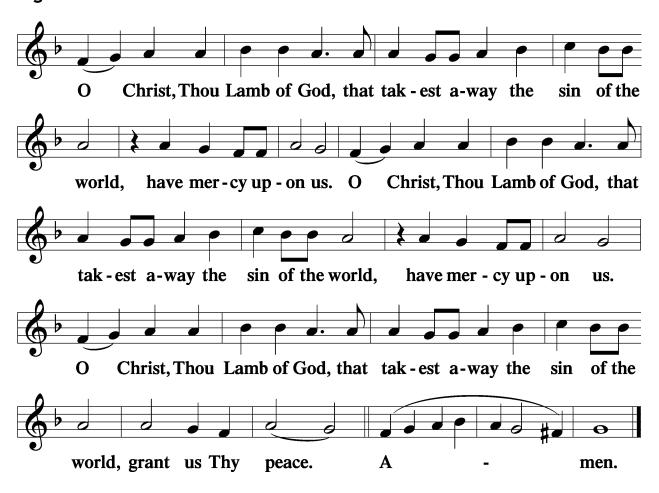


The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



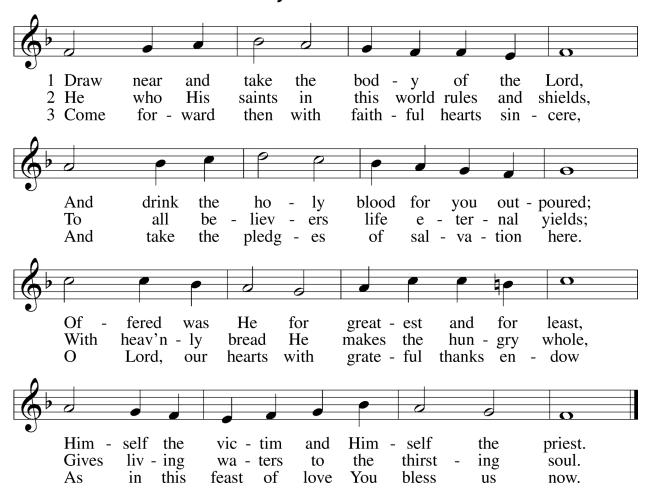
Prayer Before Communing

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

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

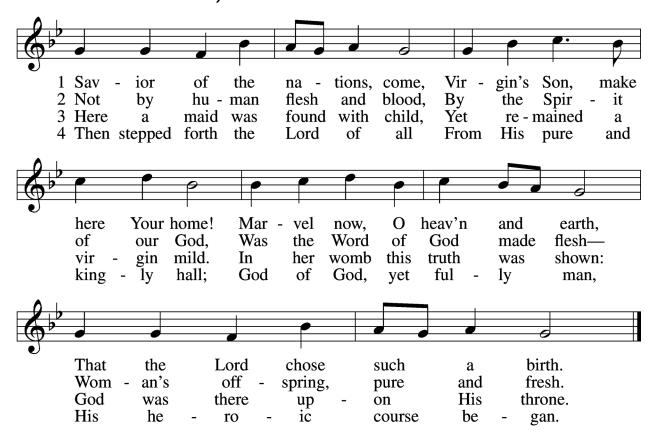
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Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course. Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- △8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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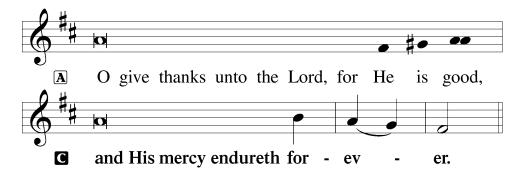
Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

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.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



Thanksgiving LSB 200



A Let us pray.



Salutation and Benedicamus

Thanks

C

LSB 201



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Benediction LSB 202

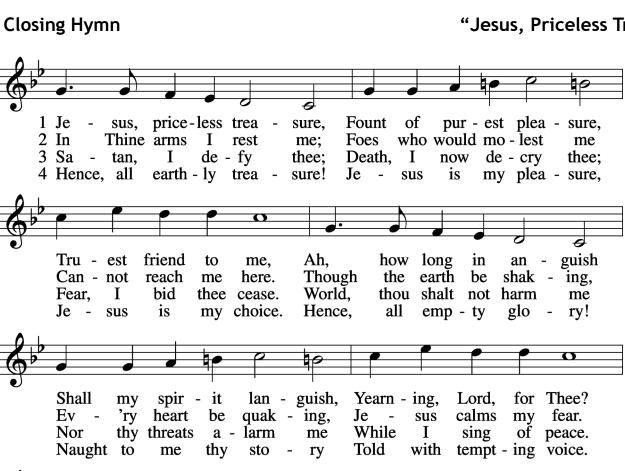
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

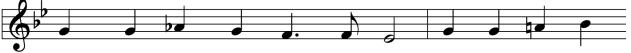




"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

LSB 743





Thou mine, O Lamb di - vine! will suf fer art Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and God's great pow'r Guards 'ry hour; Earth and all ev its Pain loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from or my



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- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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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

Wednesday: Chapel at St. Paul, Woodworth, 8am

Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am

Wednesday: Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline, 10am

Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm

Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/21/25	9/28/25
Elder	Jim Winder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Benny and Sarah Verswijver	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Patty Bruens
Greeters	Jean Lauterbach	Gene and Marilyn Reeves
Acolyte	Sophia Billingsley	Hailey Schwartz
Head Usher	Neil Rieches	Neil Rieches
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

Announcements

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION continues today following service. The Sunday School Children will learn about The Centurion's Servant. The Adult Bible Class will continue the study of Luther's Large Catechism with the 3rd Commandment. This is a great opportunity to learn (or refresh your memory) what we believe as Lutherans.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who took time to send prayers and get well wishes to me during my recent surgery. Your kindness has helped make the recovery process easier. Yours in Christ, Dennis Selk

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL is Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm. We will have a Baked Potato Bar and desserts. Talk to Renee if you can bring a topping for the potatoes or a dessert. We will also have some Bible Trivia. If you haven't attended yet, plan now to join us!

PASTOR WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE Thursday for the Circuit Visitor's Meeting in Springfield, IL. He will be available on his cell.

CAMP CILCA EVENT: The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is Saturday, October 4 at 11:30am at Camp CILCA. Run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at cilca.org/grit-run or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "Good things take time. Your smiles, your encouraging words, your time and talents donated for pro-life work done in Christ are sure to be effective, even if you can't immediately see the effects." *Marie MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Laurie Lingley Tuesday Thursday Charlene Rieches

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Frank and Karry Hines Today (29 years) Todd and Gina Brassard Tuesday (37 years) Wednesday (9 years) Lucas and Monica Wright

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:

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: Peace in Thomasboro and Michael Stoerger her pastor.

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

