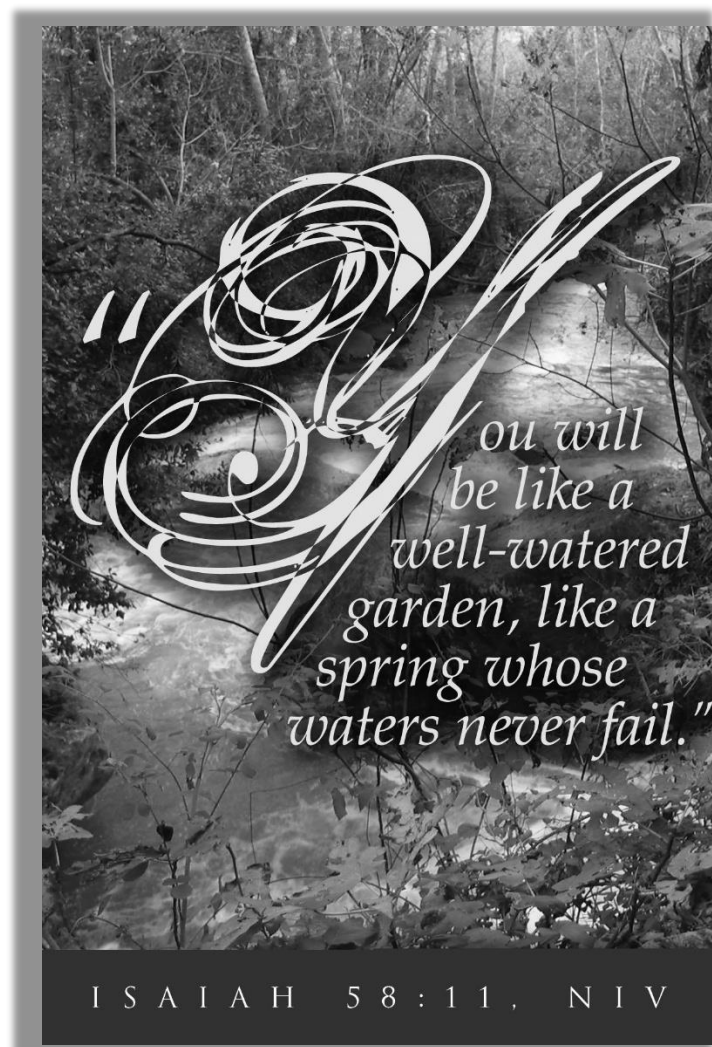


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 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)

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. After you place your tithes and gifts in the offering plate, please pass your Pew Card to the center aisle and the ushers will pick them up. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

AS WE GATHER

Today’s Old Testament Reading should be read last, for it is a call to rejoicing, at least for people of faith in Christ. The guaranteed future includes “peace . . . like a river” (Isaiah 66:12), a powerful and restful image. The Epistle, however, is full of marching orders for daily living and the warning, “let us not grow weary of doing good” (Galatians 6:9). Because He has won the final battle for us, our worship today may certainly focus on the peace that awaits us. It is an opportunity to “shout for joy to God, all the earth” (Psalm 66:1).

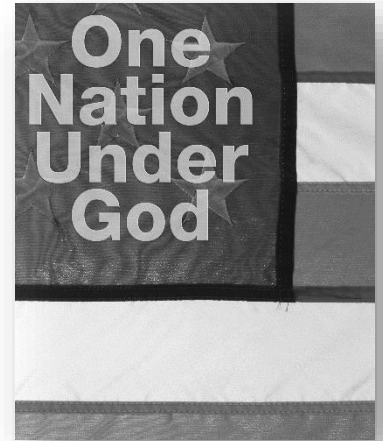
PRE-SERVICE PATRIOTIC SING-ALONG

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!



AMERICA

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride
From every mountain side
Let Freedom ring.

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might
Great God, our King.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous
fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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.)

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OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

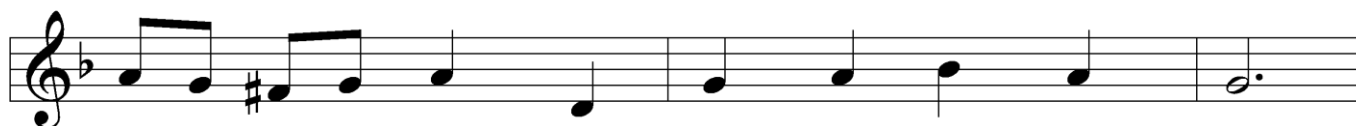
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1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *LSB pg. 184*

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 19:2, 4–6; antiphon: v. 1

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

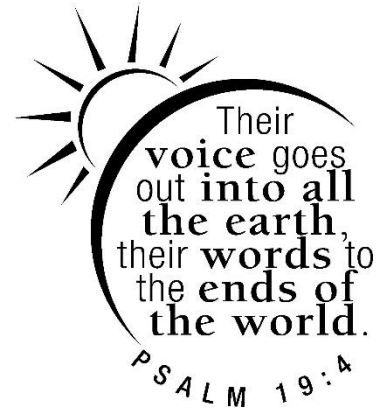
C **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

C **In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**



ALL: 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.

P The heavens declare the glory of God,

C **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

(Be seated)

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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.



[John 20:19-23]

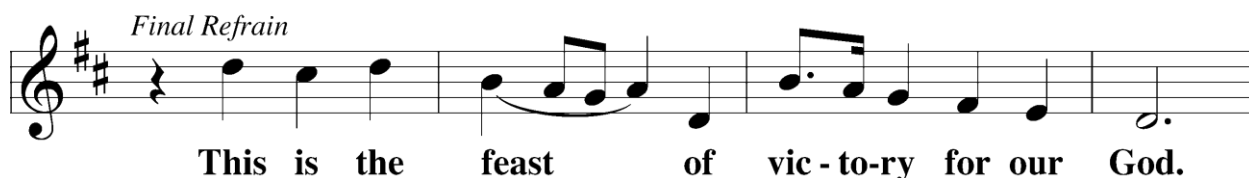
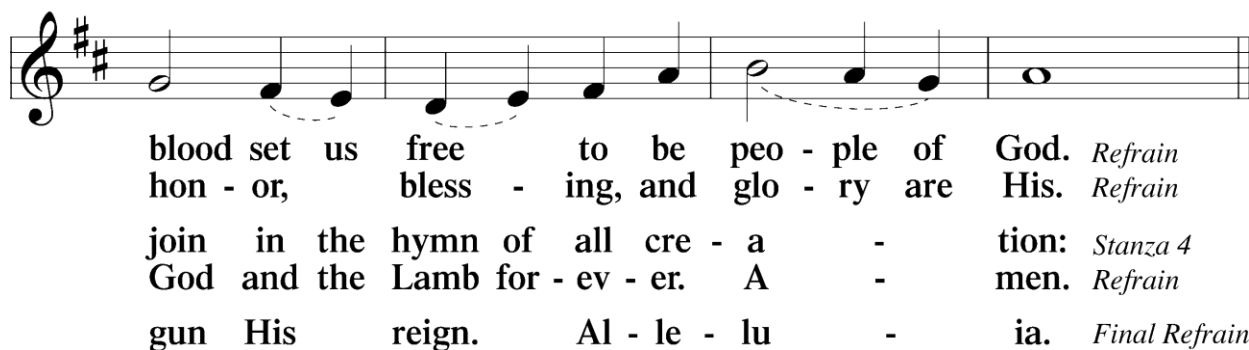
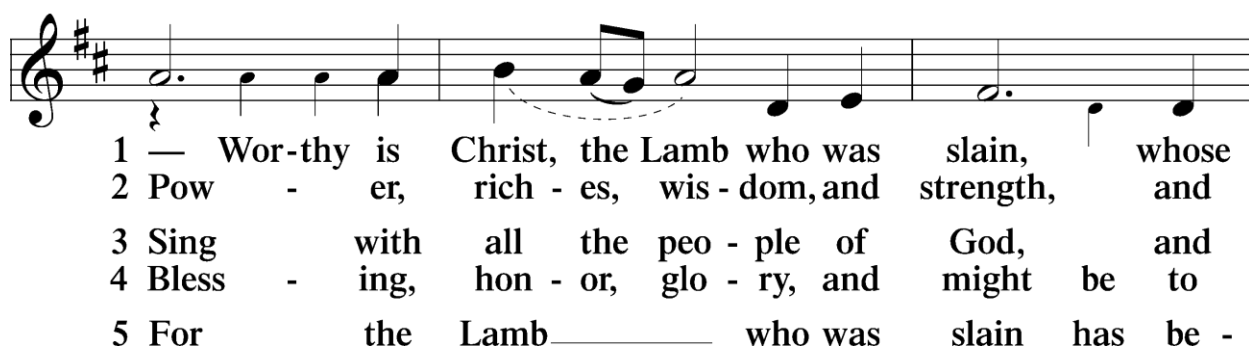
C **Amen.**

⌈ Service of the Word ⌋

HYMN OF PRAISE This Is The Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you.**

[2 Timothy 4:22]

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.

C **Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your church may be kept free from all harm and danger;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

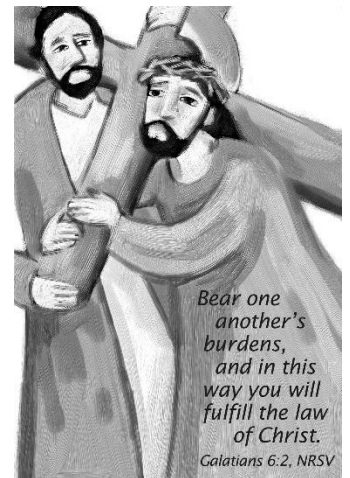
OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:10–14

(The Lord will bring about a new birth of joy and delight. We should not look elsewhere for lasting satisfaction and comfort. Motherly comfort and peace like a river will satisfy and delight all God's people. Just as a child's mother meets his or her needs, so our heavenly Father meets our needs of provision and pardon.)

¹⁰ “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” ¹² For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies. L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

(Members of God's family restore the erring, bear one another's burdens, support their teachers, and do good to all—especially to fellow Christians. An attitude of moral superiority closes the heart against the brother or sister in need (cf 1Jn 3:17). The Son of God "loved me and gave Himself for me" (2:20), that I may be free to serve Him and my neighbor in need.)

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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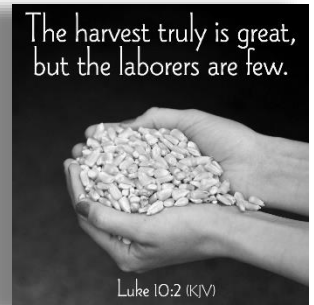
HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–20

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

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

(Having previously sent out the Twelve (9:1–6), Jesus expands the breadth of His Gospel outreach by sending out 72 more workers. Then and now, many people who hear of Jesus’ kingdom end up rejecting it. Much as we hate to admit it, we, too, have responded indifferently and, at times, have rejected God’s will for our lives. How heartening to know that Jesus continues to reach out with compassion through the Gospel ministry He has established.)



¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

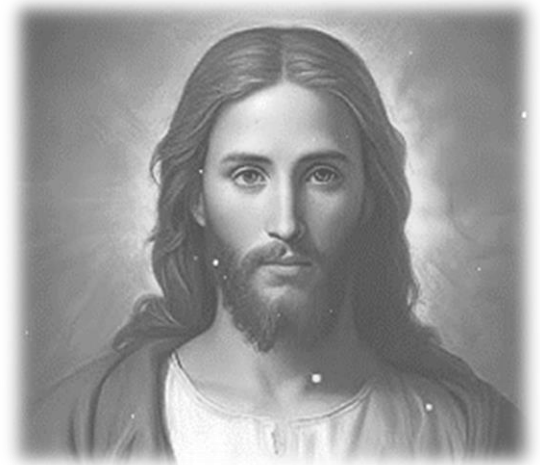
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SERMON HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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1. O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.
2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.
3. O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.



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SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

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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 *Isaiah 66:12–13; Psalm 66:6; Galatians 6:2, 10; Luke 10:9*

P Let us use today's Scripture passages as the basis for our prayers for ourselves and all people.

Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.

C Grant hopeful faith, Lord our God, to all who are not at peace this day. Give them strength to endure both national upheaval and internal stress as they await Your promised peace.

P As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.

C Grant comfort and solace to all who mourn. Strengthen them to rely on our Savior's victory over death and the grave.

P He turned the sea into dry land.

C Surround with caring individuals and relief agencies people who have lost home and income from flood and fire, storm and tempest. Open doors of opportunity that they may find the food, clothing, and shelter they need each day.

- P Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- C **Move people of faith to seek out the lonely and distressed, the poor and disenfranchised, O Holy Spirit. Awaken in Your servants the words they need to share and the action they need to take so that fellowship and joy may replace isolation and sorrow.**
- P Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- C **Lord Jesus, where Your church is divided, unite it in faith; where it is fearful, strengthen resolve; and where it has forgotten the Gospel, raise up leaders to speak Your word of reconciliation.**
- P Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
- C **Work through individuals and agencies to bring about the healing You have in mind for all who are sick, gracious God. Use the talents You have given them so that the people under their care may be restored in body, mind, and spirit, to praise Your gracious, holy name.**
- P Finally, O Lord, remember those who have requested our prayers this day, [especially . . . *Rick Bausch (son of Barbara Durst), Dave DeBraccio*].

We also pray for those who will celebrate birthdays (80+) [especially . . . *Joyce Darcy, Geri Diener, Joy Hougan*] and anniversaries [especially . . . *Don & Nancy Creola, Bill & Cheryl Heffernan, Patrick & Caitlyn Junius, Pastor Jerry & Mary Menk, Steve & Lori Nelson, Sandy Payne & Pat Vittetow, Arnie & Kathy Piering, Ron & Carol Scheff, Pastor Brian & Sarah Stolarczyk, Bill & Ronna Trueman, Joel & Mary Beth Ward, Ken & Mary Werring*]

As fits Your plans for them, visit and restore them in Your mercy. Grant these requests, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

- C **Amen.**

(Be seated)

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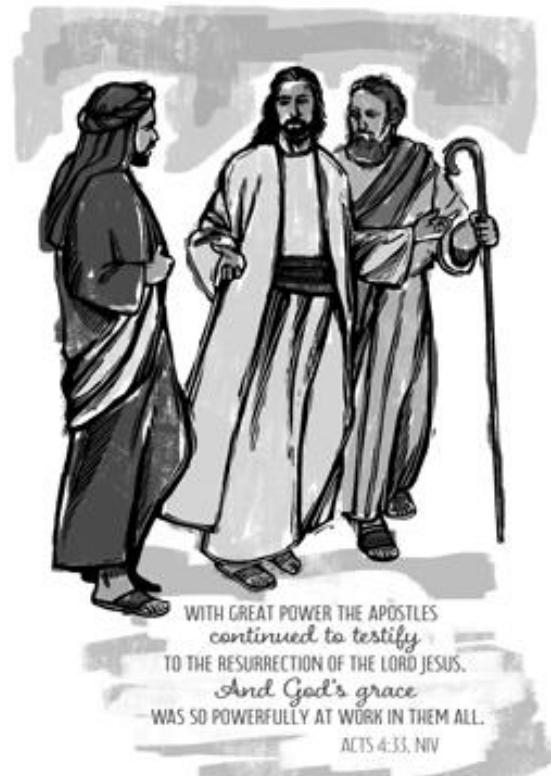
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OFFERING HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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4. O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.
5. O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.



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ⴒ Service of the Sacrament ⴒ

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)

P 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 ⴒ 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 My ⴒ blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Lord’s Prayer”

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Be seated)***DISTRIBUTION**

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth
my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught
me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
Refrain

REFRAIN It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my
soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though
trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my
helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my
soul. *Refrain*

3. He lives—oh, the bliss of this
glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no
more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O
my soul! *Refrain*
4. And, Lord, haste the day when our
faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.
Refrain

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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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(Please stand)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

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SILENT PRAYER & CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Numbers 6:24-25

Pastor: Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk ~ Winter Assistant Pastor: Rev. Jerry Menk
Organist: Stephen Kopp III ~ Liturgist: Mark Polzin
Flute Soloist: Raymond Stolarczyk ~ Trumpet: Luke Stolarczyk
Handbell Co-Directors: Bill & Ronna Trueman ~ Vocal Choir Director: Arnie Piering
Clarinet: Bill Trueman ~ Drums: Chris Wrightsman
Saxophone: Cheryl Domingo ~ Trombone: Arnie Piering

July 6, 2025

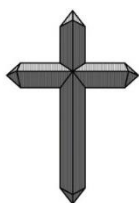
Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by
Suzanne Fadely in remembrance of Suzanne's parents ~
Robert Fadely, Karl S. Brown & Sonya McMullen.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by
Gloria Brown in celebration of her birthday (7/19).

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Cheryl Domingo, Luke Stolarczyk
Elders on Duty	David Aiken, Mark Keck, Fred Spier
Communion Assistant	Tim Boisseau, Wayn Nelson
Usher/Greeters	Nancy Carter, Dorothy Christman
Altar Servers	Cathy McCabe, Pam Specht
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Wayn Nelson, Marita Noe, Luke Stolarczyk



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IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, 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: *

Edward Baker	Brother of Linda Kelly; medical care & healing
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; cancer, placed on life support
Laura Cox	Prayers of Thanksgiving & continued healing
Dave DeBraccio	Leukemia, hospitalized
Lori Getzen	Daughter Bob & Marge Bartelson; healing &
recovery	
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Lynn Levitt	Friend of LCC; strength & healing
Joemari "Chico" Powell & family	Friends of LCC; peace, faith & understanding
Chris Sabin	Recovery & healing; pending surgery
Samuel Vazquez	Son of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; healing & strength
Phil Woodruff	Recovery & healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Kevin	Friend of Rene & Sue Richard; cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
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
Tom Druin	Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
Arthy Turtotte	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Connie Warner	Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
Michael Woodruff	Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

Military:

US Army SSG. 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; stationed FL
Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed 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; stationed 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: 06/29/2025		
On-Site Attendance 34 / 76	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 8,570
	Expense:	\$ 11,170



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PSALM 33:12



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Pastor Stolarczyk will be out of the office July 7 through July 25.

He will resume with worship services July 27th.

Thurs-Jul 17	9:00am	Altar Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Holy Moments Bible Study Begins (FMC)
Thurs-Jul 24	10:00am	Holy Moments Bible Study (FMC)
Thurs-July 31	9:00am	Altar Communion Set Up (Sacristy/Sanctuary)
	10:00am	Holy Moments Bible Study (FMC)

WEEKLY RE-OCCURRING CAMPUS EVENTS:

- ✠ **AA Meetings:** Meets weekly in the FMC @ 7:00pm
Monday (Women Only)
Tuesday & Wednesday (Open to all)
- ✠ **Christian Education & Fellowship:** Every Sunday in the FMC @ 9:00am
- ✠ **LCC Garden Committee:** Meets every Wednesday in the Prayer Park @ 9:30am
- ✠ **Raise Right Fundraising Team:** Meets every Sunday in the FMC
Operates at 8:30am & following the 10:30am services
- ✠ **SON-Seekers Bible Study:** Meets every Monday in the FMC @ 11:30am

Summer Bible Class Series:

**Starting
this
Month!**



Thursdays with
Jim McCabe
July 17* – July 31
10:00am in the FMC

*This class will stream
on YouTube.*

***PLEASE
NOTE THE
DATE
CHANGE!!**

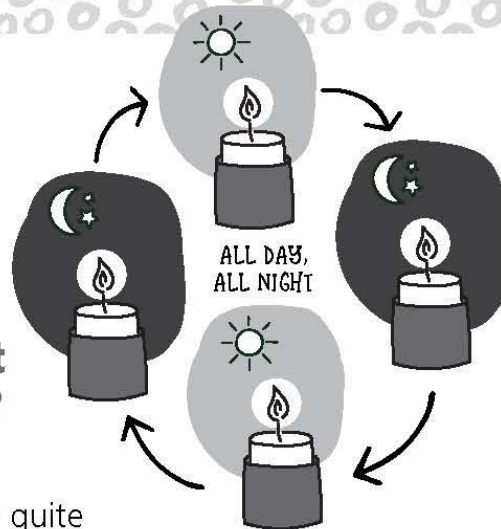
Sign-up for this
Bible Class in
the Narthex!



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the candle in the sanctuary that stays lit all the time?

I'll bet you can count all of the candles in the church. There are quite a few. If you decide to try, don't forget to count the one that stays lit all the time. That's right, that little light in there is a candle! This particular candle is called an "eternal flame." This candle burns all the time. **Look close from where you are sitting. When you find it, maybe you can see it glowing.**



Why do we have a candle that stays lit all the time?

When we see the eternal flame we are reminded that God is always present in our lives, and He promises to never leave us. God is especially present in His sanctuary where we hear His living Word and receive his wonderful Sacraments. If the candle burns out, we re-light it or put another one in its place. In other words, we do our best to keep it lit 24 hours-a-day.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your child's attention to the eternal flame hanging above the altar. Remind them that this candle stays lit all year. Allow them to walk up to the altar in order to get a better look. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy place.



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