



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

PIANO & ORGAN DUETS: NEAR THE CROSS;

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER; BE THOU MY VISION

EDNA BLOOM, PIANIST; CHRIS LUCKENBILL, ORGANIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEDICATION OF GOSPEL PANEL (8:30):

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

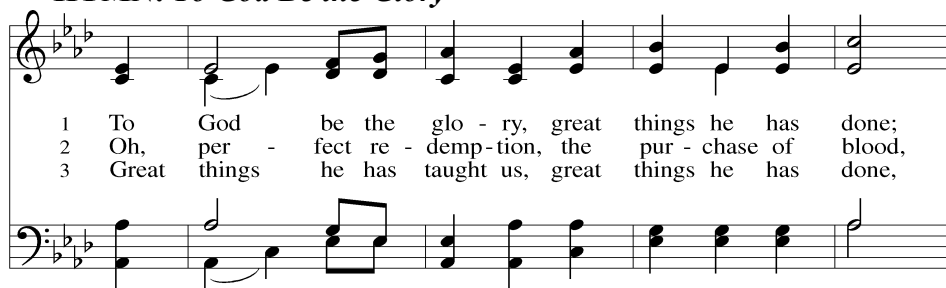
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

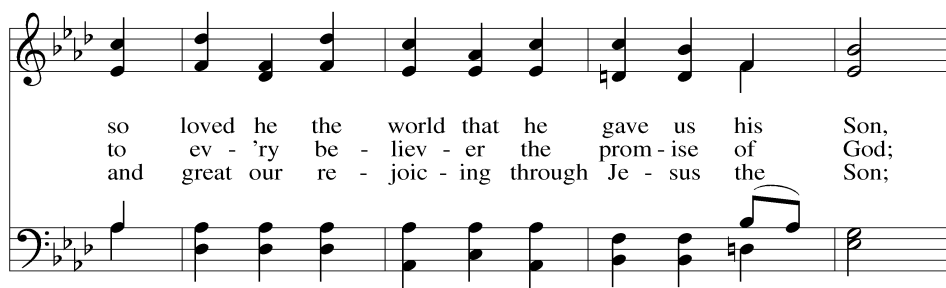
The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

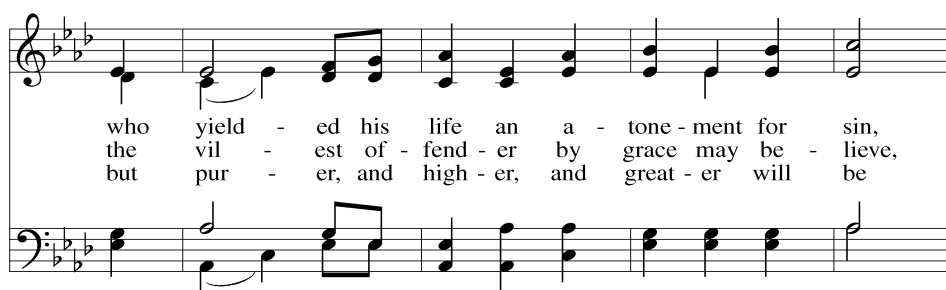
HYMN: To God Be the Glory



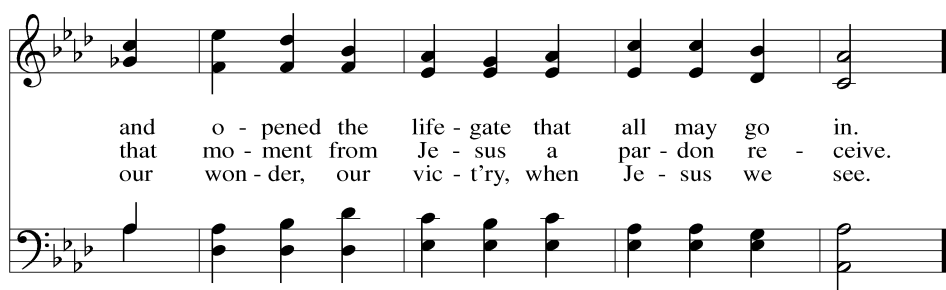
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re - joice!

Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

Bible p. 10

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

A: The First Lesson is from the 15th chapter of Genesis.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *ABIDE WITH ME*

EDNA BLOOM, PIANIST; CHRIS LUCKENBILL, ORGANIST

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Bible p. 977

Abraham's hope and trust in God's promise allowed him to face an unknown future and to receive God's promise by faith.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

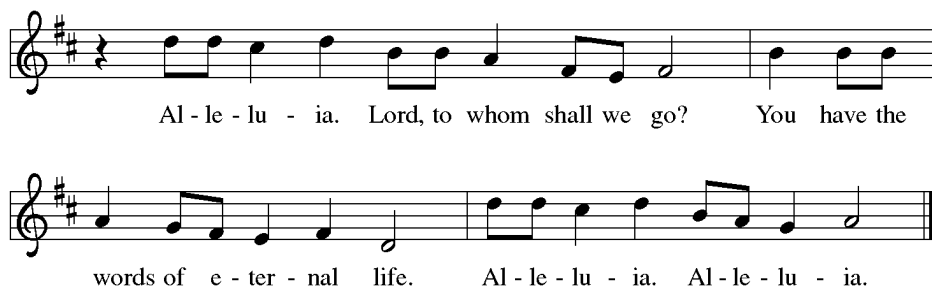
¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:32-40

Bible p. 847

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor Amy

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Sit

OFFERING:

We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION*

EDNA BLOOM, PIANIST; CHRIS LUCKENBILL, ORGANIST

Stand

OFFERTORY: *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

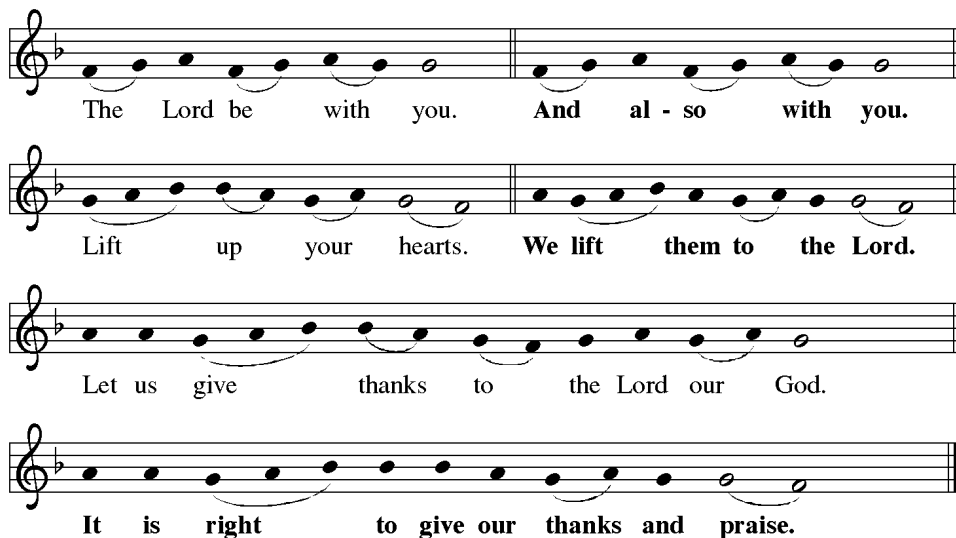
As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

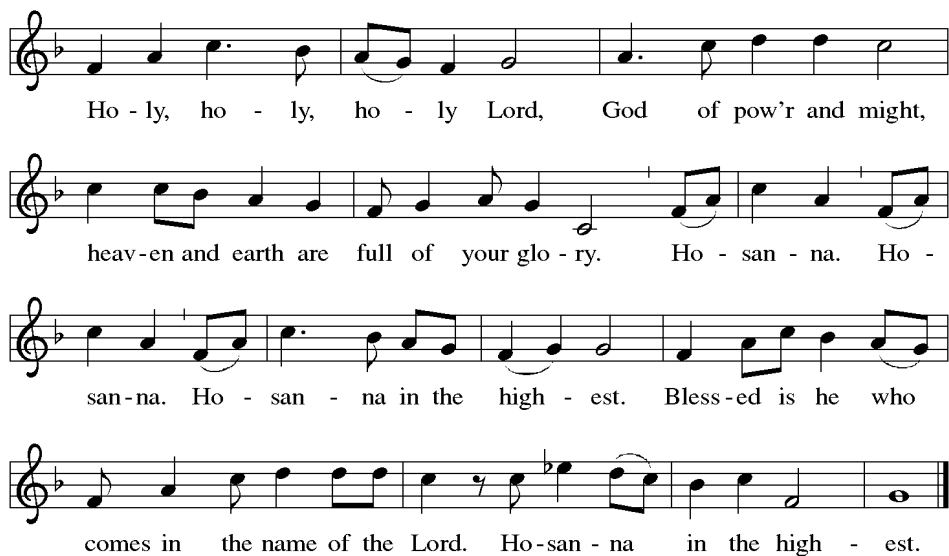
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame
death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened
to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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

LAMB OF GOD:



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.

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

SPECIAL MUSIC: *IT IS WELL*

EDNA BLOOM, PIANIST; CHRIS LUCKENBILL, ORGANIST

Stand

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☐ 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 with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING:

♪ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *AND CAN IT BE*

EDNA BLOOM, PIANIST; CHRIS LUCKENBILL, ORGANIST

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Summer Sunday School

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thursday-7:00-DuBois Community Band Concert @ City Park

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Aug 17-Blessing of Backpacks at all services!

5:00-Church Picnic

Mon-Aug 18-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Aug 19-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

7:00-Traditional Choir Practice

Wed-Aug 20-NALC Mission District Pastors' Retreat, Hooversville, PA

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Jacob Keller & Albert Bish by Art & Amy.

Today at the 8:30 worship service we dedicate the fifth Gospel Panel, “Sermon on the Mount,” made by our own Mark Vivian and presented in honor of Norma Brubaker and in memory of Forrest Brubaker by Debbie & Lily Brubaker.

Final Summer Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our New Organ is scheduled to arrive this week! Enjoy the special music from **Edna Bloom** and **Chris Luckenbill** at our traditional services today to send off our old faithful organ. *Thank you Edna and Chris for making it a glorious send off.*

Blessing of Backpacks next Sunday, August 17 at all services for preschool through 5th grade students!

NEXT SUNDAY, August 17 join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on for the annual **Church Picnic!** Dinner is at 5:00. Please sign up as you are able—sign up sheets with all the details are on the bulletin board. Planning is underway for an awesome afternoon. We need lots of hands to help with shopping, setup, games, and in the kitchen!

Mark your calendars now . . . Dedication of our new organ will take place on **Sunday, September 14** at **3 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to this glorious and festive afternoon of music. Reception to follow. Plan to attend!

New Organ Donations. . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

Pentecost Season Devotions “Reading through Genesis, Part One: Genesis 1-11, God and the Whole World!” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Bus Trip to see *Noah* at Sight & Sound . . . Wednesday November 12. Morning departure from DuBois with lunch at the Shady Maple smorgasbord restaurant. The show is at 3 p.m. The cost includes transportation, lunch and show ticket is *estimated* to be \$160 per person, depending on the number of people that sign up. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Friends are welcome. **SIGN UP TODAY.**

Mission of the Month: NALC Disaster Response. The recent flooding in Texas caused massive devastation and loss of life. NALC Disaster Response provides resources for responding rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur; to enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. To make a monetary donation to this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write “*Disaster Response*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for August are CEREAL and/or CANNED MILK.

New Church Office Hours:
Mondays – Closed
Tuesday & Thursday – 9 to 4
Wednesday & Friday – 9 to 2

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Next Sunday’s Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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USHERS: 8:30-Rick & Karen Fye
11:00-Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer
LECTORS: 8:30-Lily Brubaker
11:00-Tom Schott
ACOLYTES: 8:30-Aubree Keller
11:00-Tristin Fontaine
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:30-Art Keller, Debbie Brubaker
11:00-Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ August 10, 2025

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Paul Bojalad ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelneth ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Colton Shields ~ Brad Spaid ~ Steven Tubbs ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Phil Bosnick ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodgy ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelneth ~ Leah Gelneth ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Moline ~ John Moore ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Debbie Newell ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Oppen ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Nick Scull ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Laura Wasovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:

Logan Bush ~ Pat Luckenbill ~ Anna Toney ~ Nancy Trumbull ~ Eric Wolf ~ Family of Michelle Pifer