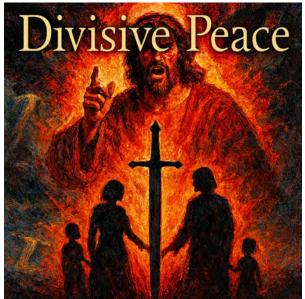
# The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025





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# + WELCOME – AS WE GATHER + + PREPARATION +





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(Stand) (The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

 ${f P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  ${f +}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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

- **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.
- P 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.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### INTROIT

Psalm 55:1, 12-14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Give ear to my prayer, O God,

and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

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.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

KYRIE LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** 

LSB 154



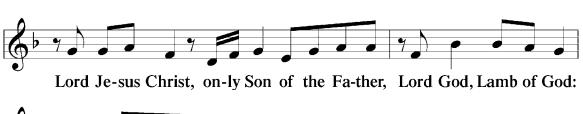
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - there



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.





You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

  Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ.

  United with Him in Holy Bantism, give us grace to receive with

United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
<sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

22But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a

dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

**EPISTLE**Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

(Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:49–56

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

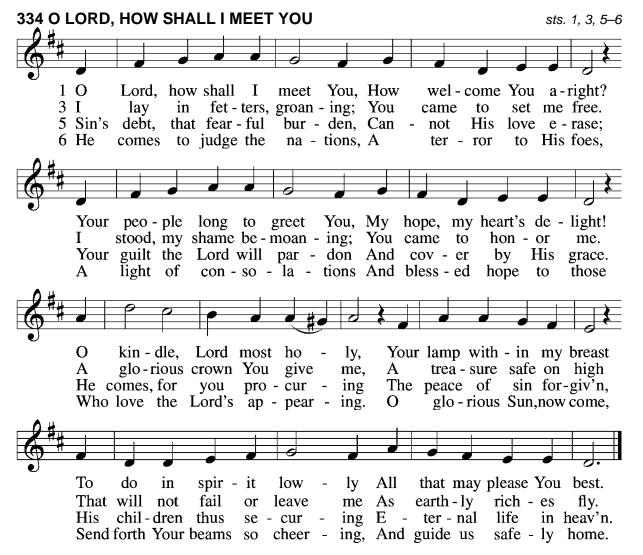
<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Invites"

(Sit)



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### SERMON: "Divisive Peace"

(Stand)

#### **NICENE CREED**

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

Each petition ends with...

- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

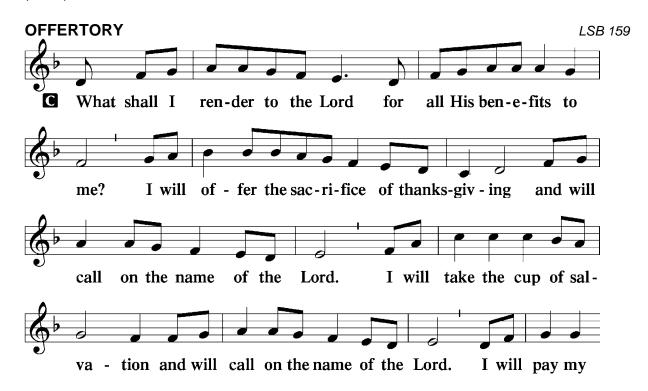
Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

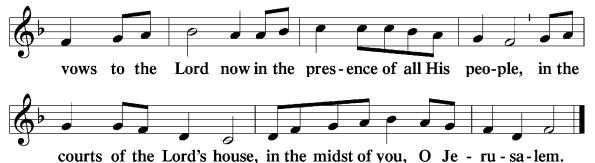
C Amen.

(Sit)

#### **OFFERING**

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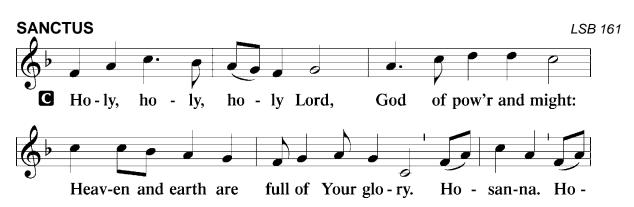


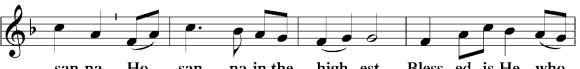


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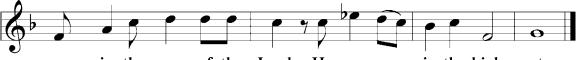
PREFACE LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You... evermore praising You and saying:





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.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven ... with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

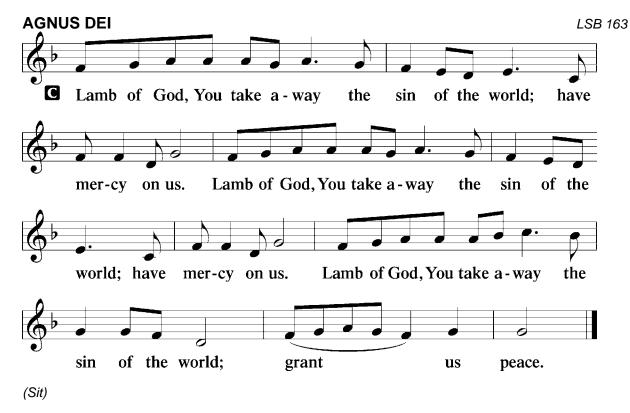
LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### 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.

(In dismissing the communicants, the following or something similar is said:)

#### THE DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- Amen.

#### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

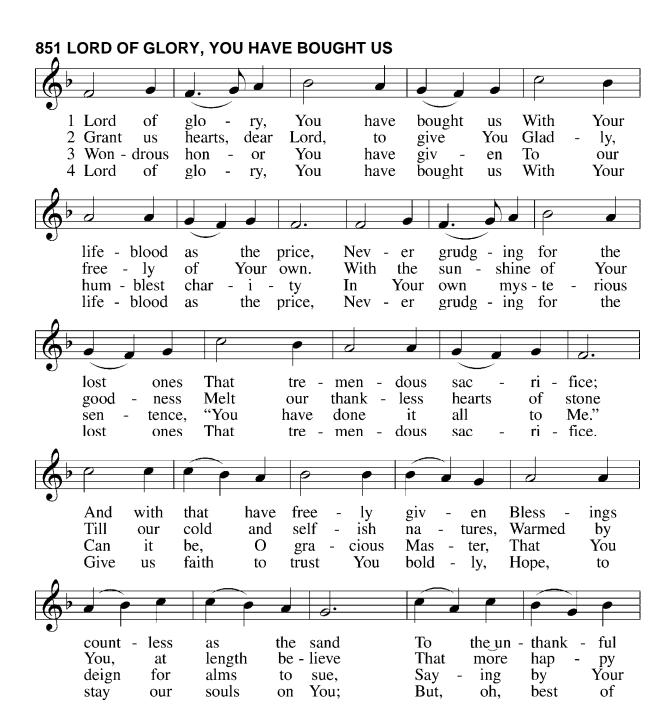
# 694 THEE WILL I LOVE, MY STRENGTH, MY TOWER



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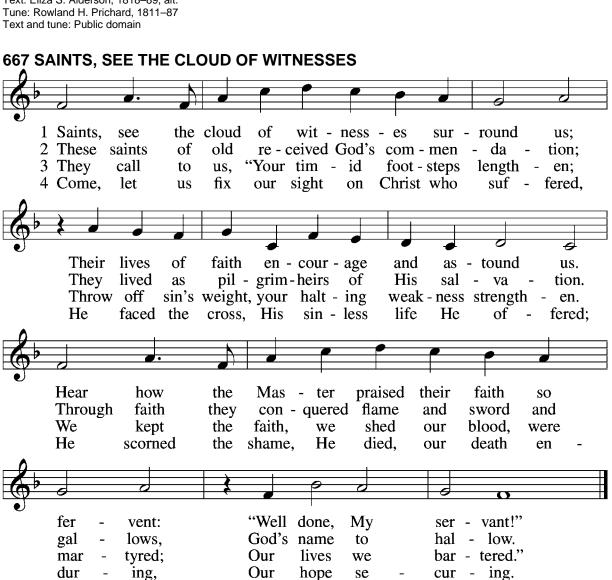
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5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,

On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;

Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—

With grace precede us.

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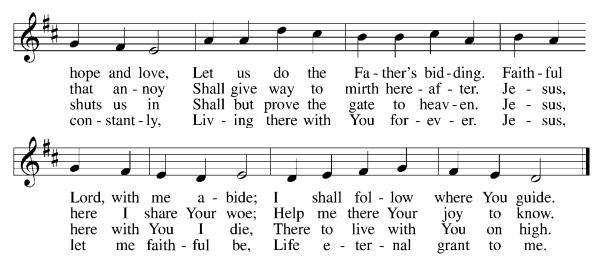
6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Post present future. You the same

Past, present, future—You, the same forever—

You fail us never!

#### 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS





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#### (Stand)



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu

ia.

#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

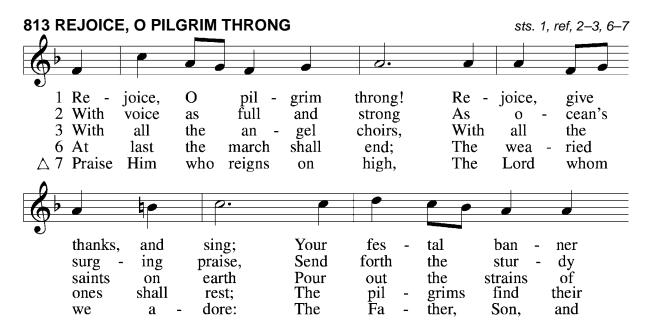
C Amen.

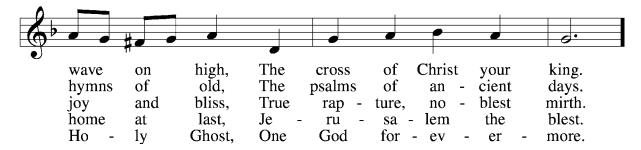
BENEDICTION LSB 166

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 + give you peace.







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#### MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

#### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

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# Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Previous Sunday 70

General Fund Previous Sunday: \$2930 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Previous Sunday: \$450

#### SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

# Serving In Worship Today

Greeters	Loren & Liz Eissler
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Chase Silver
Reader	Greg Schultz
Ushers	Jeff Heidenreich, Caleb Anschutz,
	Reed Silver, Shane Anschutz
Elder	Greg Schultz
Lay Assistants	Jim Bauck, Braeden Murphy

# Serving Next Week

Greeters	Larry & Toni Wendling
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Phillip Wendling
Reader	Clint Sturdy
Ushers	Caleb Anschutz, Shane Anschutz Clint Silver, Marvin Zorn
Elder	Greg Schultz

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

HEALING AND CARE: for those suffering from cancer: Stu Duncan, Jenny Peimann, Dan Henderson, Sheri Bravenec, Bonnie Von Lehe, Frank Wagner, Nancy Lahm, Barbara Feltner, Joetta Asbury, Tom Arb, Sharon Eilert (Eva's sister).

CONTINUED HEALING: Christopher Smith, Gabriella Schultz, Michael Nally, Charlie Timberlane, Logan Brady, Kathy Bigham, Jean Curtis, Carl Sluder, Raymond Zorn, Lyn Wren, David Wagner, Cecil McMullen, Ann Becker, Mark Feltner, Darrell Sturdy, Diane Schulze, Mac McDonald, Keith Scheid, Pete Scheid, Glenn Templeton, Betty Meyer, Bill McDonald, Harley Browning.

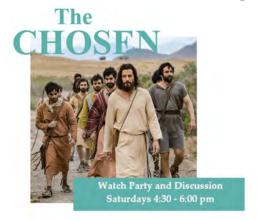
SHUT-INS: Don & Ann Becker, Virginia Elmore, Jim & Pat Croucher

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** to all who worship with us this morning, especially our guests. You are invited for coffee and snacks after our service. You are also invited to stay for Bible Study and Sunday School.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated this morning as we receive the Lord's Body and Blood. Fill out the "Let's Connect" card if participating. Please speak to the Pastor or an Elder if this is your first time to commune with us.

**HELP WANTED: Church Secretary.** Part-time, up to 8 flexible hrs./wk. (ex: could be 4 hrs. 2x/wk....). Job Description available in Church Office. If interested, please see one of the Elders. Job will be posted until filled.



The CHOSEN Study... Saturdays, Starting Sept. 13, 2025, 4:30-6 pm. We will be starting a study that involves "The CHOSEN" TV Series.

1. Gathering together at Zion in the Fellowship Hall to read some short scripture Texts that relate to the Episode, then 2. Watch the Episodes, and 3. Discussion from an LCMS perspective. Exchange ideas, share your reactions, etc.

INVITE someone!!!

# BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY, September 21,

2025: This is a Nationwide Campaign of Christian Churches inviting people to come Back to Church. We here at Zion were among the early adopters and are listed on the national map to be found by anyone who might be interested in finding a church to attend. What will we be doing on that Sunday, you ask? Quite simply... Church! You are special in the manner of being a warm, friendly, and welcoming church family – so just be that!

And, if you know someone who's been absent for awhile, INVITE them to come... Back to Church. *Because...* "Life is Better TOGETHER."



#### NOTE TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are very glad you are here! Our services may look and sound different (other worldly, perhaps), but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason and there is a certain rhythm involved. We gather to receive the gifts of salvation our Living Triune God comes to serve through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive the enlivening of our faith, forgiveness from our sins, and life eternal. Worship is the unwrapping of these gifts. The liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us. They remind us of the promise of salvation as a gift we have in our baptism, and they prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us in this Divine Service, and so our worship is centered around receiving these gifts of God through faith.

Pastor Jim Kirschenmann GV (314) 884-0828

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Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:30 am

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