The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025





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+ WELCOME - AS WE GATHER +

+ PREPARATION +



sts. 1, 13, 3-4



- 1 For all the faith-ful wom en Who served in days of old,
- 2 For Eu nice and for Lo is We sing our thanks and praise.
- 3 O God, for saints and ser vants, Those named and those un-known △ 4 All praise to God the Fa ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



giv - en; To To shall thanks be all, You their sto - **ry** they nur - tured And Young Tim - o - thy led him Your ways. in a - ges Your light whom through all the of glo - ry shone, Spir - it. Who binds Church in All the praise the Ho - lv one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis-dom gave. ev - 'ry house-hold True teach - ers Raise up in of Your Word glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent praver we We of - fer raise be - fore us. With saints who wit - ness With saints who went still.



You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro-claimed Your pow'r to To save. Whose lives will bear clear wit - ness To Christ, our ris - en Lord. Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise. That. faith - ful in lu - ias And strive to Your will. We sing glad Al - le do

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

+ INVOCATION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- **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 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments.

I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I praise you for your just and righteous decrees.

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly.

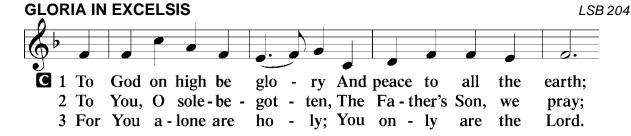
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy;





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law is paralyzed.

and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

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

GRADUAL Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

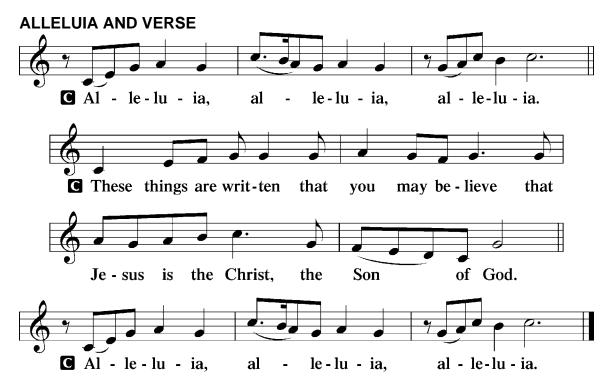
²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:1–10

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'?

⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

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

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Recharging Mustard Seed Sized Faith"



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SERMON: "Pay Attention To Yourselves"

(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.

• ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

(Sit)

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(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 208

- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son ...
We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

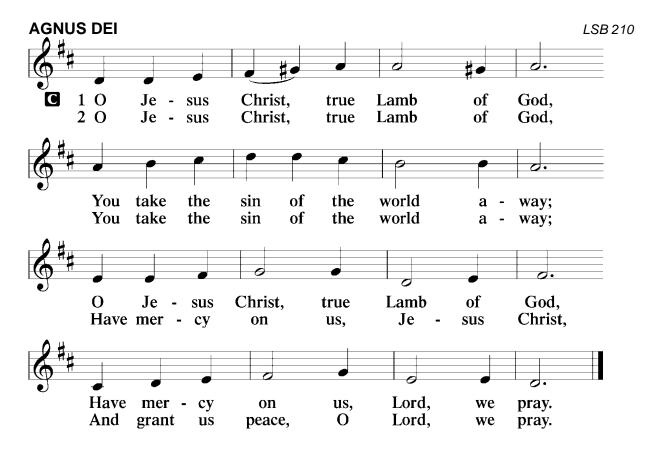
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



(Sit)

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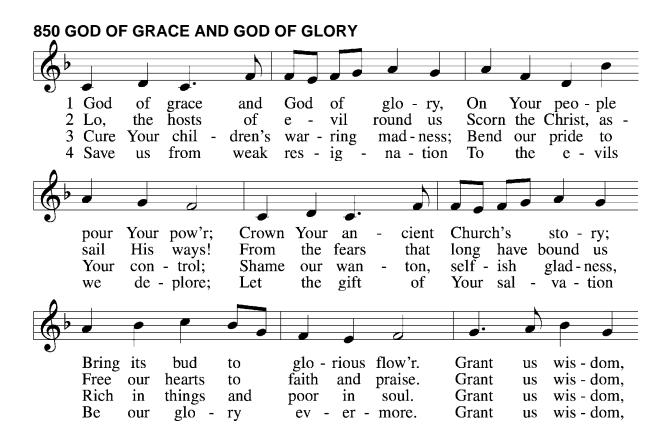
(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive)

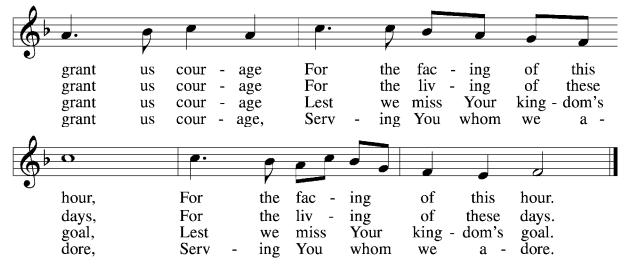
(In dismissing the communicants, the following or something similar is said:)

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

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

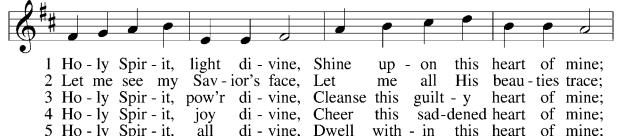




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496 HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE





Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day. Show those glo-rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee. From sin's bond-age set me free. Ιn Thy mer - cy pit - y me, set-tled peace, Let grow and still in-crease. Yield sa - cred, a it i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone. Cast down ev - 'rv

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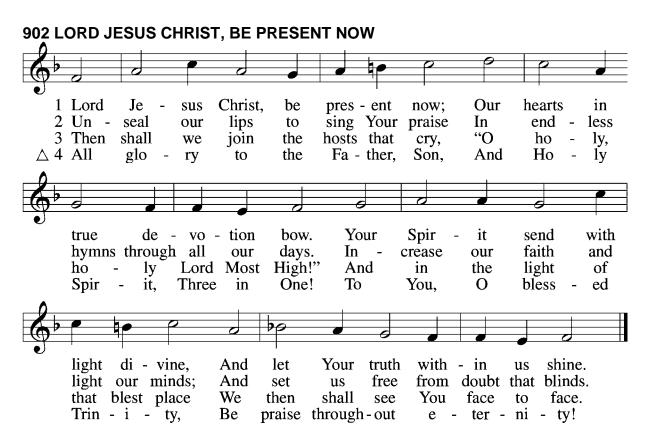
587 I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED my faith 1 I is found ed On Je - sus Christ, my know 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav ior, Sa - tan seeks by For 3 In faith, Lord, let You; Though per - se - cu - tion, me serve this my faith con - fess God and Lord; And ing, Un night and day To rob me of this trea And sure Should seek pain o - ver - whelm grief. and to me. Let sure Word. Our His moved I stand on rea son can not a - way. But, Lord, of bliss my hope take with You be stead - fast trust re - tain; And then me a at my de -God pro-found; fath om The truth of Who trusts in hu - man And led by Your good un - dis - mayed; side me. I shall be ture. Lord, take home to You. Your rich - es to par me Re - lies on shift - ing God's Word dom ground. wis is shall be un - a - fraid. bide with Spir it, Α -You said holds her it As all life true. In and suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly all -And sure: A firm - er 0 Sav - ior, faith be stow: Then Un - til Your heav'n I death, Lord, keep gain, me Where



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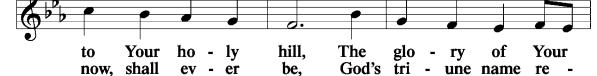
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(Stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211 0 Lord, Your **C** 1 0 now let ser vant De 2 All All glo the Fa ther, ry to part in heav'n - lv For the peace, have seen glo - ry the Son, All glo - ry to the to glo Of ry it, Your deem - ing grace: re For Špir **Three** One; er ev in







POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have ... and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

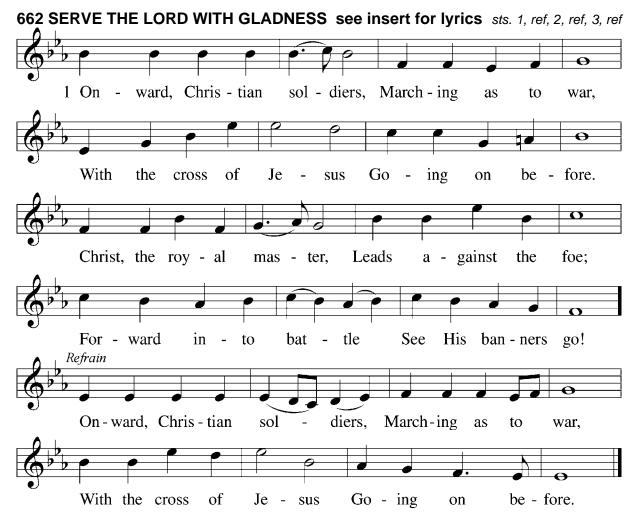
Amen.

BENEDICAMUS LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

C Amen.



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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 Eva Anschutz, Ruby Zorn, Harvey Sanders.

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

For the FAMILY and FRIENDS of... Richard Andrews as he has been called home in Christ.

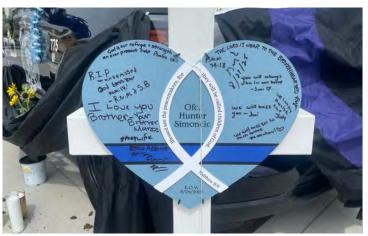
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS: Oct. 5 following service – plan for a short meeting to touch base and talk about how we can encourage our NXT Group. Any Adults who might be interested, please stay for a short meeting.

Hearts of Mercy & Compassion needs YOU to Volunteer for this ministry opportunity, averaging about 1-2 hours per month (volunteers can be from outside of ZION)...



- Sponsor (ensures HMC is supported) Pastor to begin
- HMC Ministry Coordinator (Primary point person)
- Cross Builders (identify and recruit capable woodworkers)
- HMC Assemblers (cricut, assemble, pkg, & ship HMC)
- Ministry Connectors (deliver HMC, photos, identify opportunities for HMC)

See Pastor Jim for questions. Indicate your interest - Sign Up at the table in the Fellowship Hall Today!



Join The CHOSEN Study! Saturdays, 4:30-6 pm.

Starting Sept. 13, 2025!

Each week from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, we'll gather to:

- + Read short Scripture passages connected to the episode.
- + Watch a full episode of "The CHOSEN."
- + Discuss the themes from an LCMS perspective.

Free - INVITE someone!!!

CHOIR PRACTICE, Oct. 22, 2025 @ 7 PM:

If you can carry a tune (and if you can't carry a tune in a bucket, encourage someone who can) You are invited to JOIN US for song and fellowship.

We're tuning up for the Advent & Christmas Season!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Dec. 3, 2025: Save the Date!!!

Again this year we will be going out among the neighbors and caroling and bringing cheer following the midweek meal on Wednesday evening. All are invited to join us... (whether you can sing or not)!

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

Greeters	Loren & Liz Eissler
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Jeff Heidenreich
Reader	Jim Bauck
Ushers	Lynn Silver, Caleb Anschutz
	Shane Anschutz, Marvin Zorn
Elder	Dwight Becker
Lay Assistants	Delmer Haufler, Dwight Becker

Serving Next Week

Greeters	Delmer & Jo Haufler
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Liz Eissler
Reader	Cheryl Mussatto
Ushers	Clint Silver, Jeff Heidenreich.
	Reed Silver, Donice Browning
Elder	Dwight Becker

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Last Sunday 71

Offering Last Sunday: \$3670 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$450

Grace Fund Last Sunday: \$0

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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