The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2025





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Thank You!

+ WELCOME - AS WE GATHER +

+ PREPARATION +

686 COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



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Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt.

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

+ INVOCATION +

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** 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 74:18-19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

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Lord.

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name.

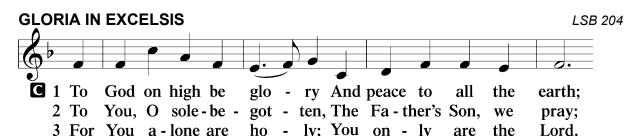
Have regard for the covenant; arise, O God, defend your cause.

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.

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!





ho - ly: You on - ly



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 Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

PSALM

Psalm 121; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- ⁸The LORD will keep

your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be soberminded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

(Stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



P Alleluia. I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1–8

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

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

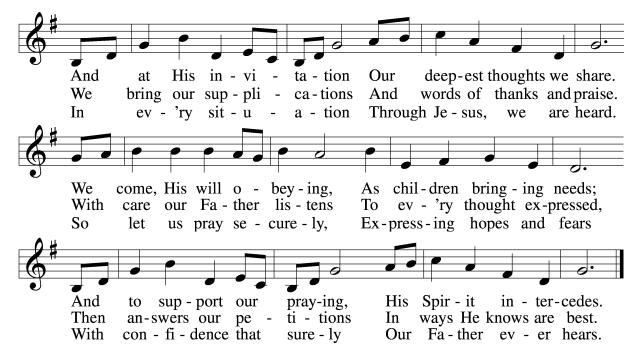
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Prayer and the Judge"

772 IN HOLY CONVERSATION





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Tune: Swedish

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SERMON: "Always PRAY | Never Lose HOPE"

(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.

... in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

Members simply text the word **CHECK** to **785-828-4482** then click & submit online to **Check In** for attendance during the day. Or please complete the "**Let's Connect"** Card in the pews with your

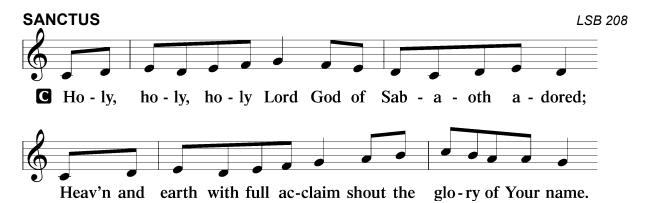
Name(s), email, and phone and hand to the ushers as they are returning from the altar. **VISITORS**, please hold your card to give to Pastor at the door and receive a 'Thank You' Gift.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

(Stand)

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e 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:





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

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

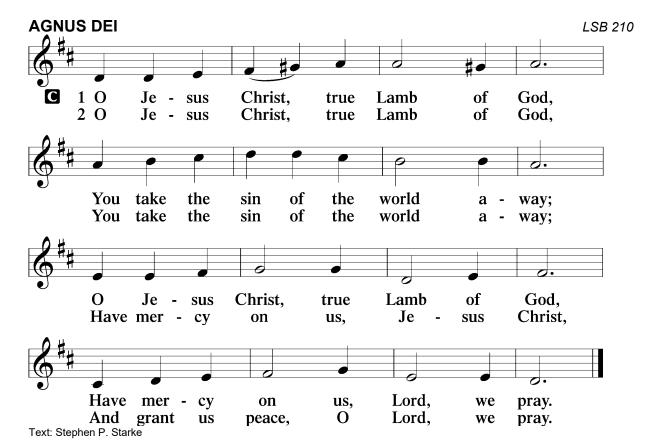
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

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)

A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

Christ's Supper is a blessing to the individual and group at His table. In eating the bread and drinking the wine, our Lord gives into our mouths the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a physical gift of Jesus' love and real presence in, with, and under the bread and the wine. The person is receiving the assurance that his/her sins are forgiven and is strengthened in the hope of eternal life with Christ. As in his or her baptism, the person is joined with Christ.

In this communion we are also joined with other Christians who share our beliefs. At the Lord's Table we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and by a community of people who profess the faith with the same understanding that is ours.

We ask that you speak to an elder or pastor before partaking of the Lord's Supper if there is a question about our practice. Ask an usher to direct you.

If you are not sure if your understanding of scripture matches that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, you are welcome to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Signify as such by crossing your arms in front of you.

WHILE COMMUNING

- If you have difficulty walking to the altar, alert the ushers. The pastor and assistants will come to your pew to serve you.
- All are invited to receive the gifts. Please follow the directions of the Ushers/Elders to come forward.
- If kneeling is a challenge for you, please feel free to stand at the rail.
- If you are receiving communion, please slightly cup your hands to receive the host (Gluten-Free host is available in the center cup on the paten if desired lift your hand to reach for the host from the center cup). Otherwise, please cross your forearms in front of your chest to receive a blessing.
- An optional Non-Alcoholic choice (lighter-color/rose) is available in the center of the tray of individual cups.
- If you are receiving from the common cup, please cross your hands to indicate so to the lay assistant with the individual cups. Once the assistant passes, please place your hand out to receive the common cup and help guide it to your mouth.

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

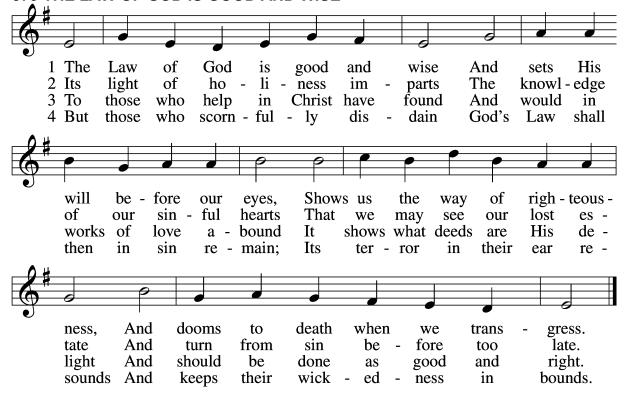
THE DISMISSAL

- P 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 +

579 THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE



- The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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869 WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK



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Tune: Peter Frank, 1616-75

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779 COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE



- 1 Come, my soul, with ev 'ry care, Je sus loves to an swer prayer;
- 2 Thou art com-ing to a King, Large pe ti tions with thee bring;
- 3 With my bur-den I be-gin: Lord, re-move this load of sin;
- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im part, Take pos ses sion of my heart;

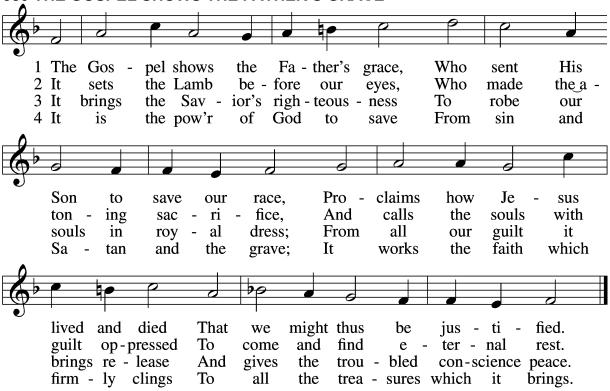


He Him - self bid thee pray, There-fore will has not turn a - way. His grace pow'r are such None can ev - er For and ask too much. Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set Let my con-science free from guilt. There Thy blood-bought right main-tain And with-out ri - val reign. a

- While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer; As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
- 6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew. Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817 Text and tune: Public domain

580 THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER'S GRACE



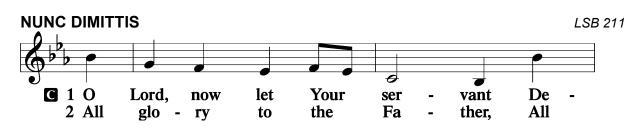
5 It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad; The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

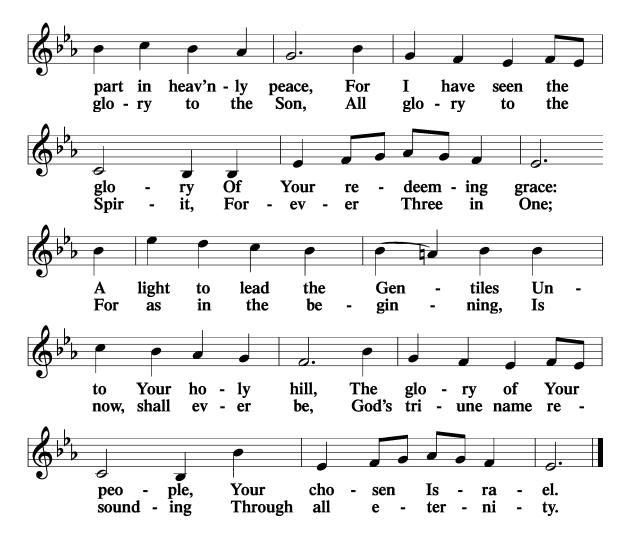
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(Stand)



6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.



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.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

BENEDICTION

- 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.
- Amen.

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Him.

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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, 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, Ruby Zorn, Harvey Sanders, George Phoenix.

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

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.

CLAIM Your BOOKS! In the Resource Center you will find many books laid out on the table (and under the table) that have been dedicated in the past. Please claim any that you might want to keep. Whatever is left after next Sunday will be sent elsewhere.

MITTEN TREE is waiting for donations! Clothes Pins are available to clip gifts you provide to the trees – these donations will be given out through Help House next month.

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)...

- 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.

Each week, 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, Wednesday Oct. 22nd, 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!



Ladies Retreat: TREASURED – Nov. 1st, 11 am – 3 pm...see our website at https://ZionVassar.org/events/retreat/ to register or for more info.

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)!

KANSAS DISTRICT REFORMATION Offering Next Sunday ...

See Insert for details. Please bring the Special Offering if sending from ZION.

SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Serving In Worship Today

Greeters	Joetta Asbury, LaVonne Rindt
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Chase Silver
Reader	Dwight Becker
Ushers	Clint Silver, Caleb Anschutz Shane Anschutz, Clint Sturdy
Elder	Dwight Becker
Lay Assistants	Braeden Murphy, Loren Eissler

Serving Next Week

Greeters	Marvin Zorn
Organist	Tanya Fraker
Acolyte	Emerson Monthey
Reader	Candi Sturdy
Ushers	Jeff Heidenreich. Loren Eissler
	Lynn Silver, Marvin Zorn
Elder	Dwight Becker

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance Last Sunday 56

Offering Last Sunday: \$1505 (Needed weekly = \$3193)

Building Fund Last Sunday: \$200 Grace Fund Last Sunday: \$40

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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