

"For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV





FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

September 6th, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting ten

Gather

Prelude

"I'd rather have Jesus"

arr. Don Wyrzten

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"Oh, Worship the King"

ELW 842

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de-fend-er, the An-cient of Days,
 es-tab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the plain,
 your mer-cies, how ten-der, how firm to the end,
 the hum-bler cre-a-tion, though fee-ble their lays,
 pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise,
 and round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
 and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak-er, de-fend-er, re-deem-er, and friend.
 with true ad-o-ra-tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.
 Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

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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.

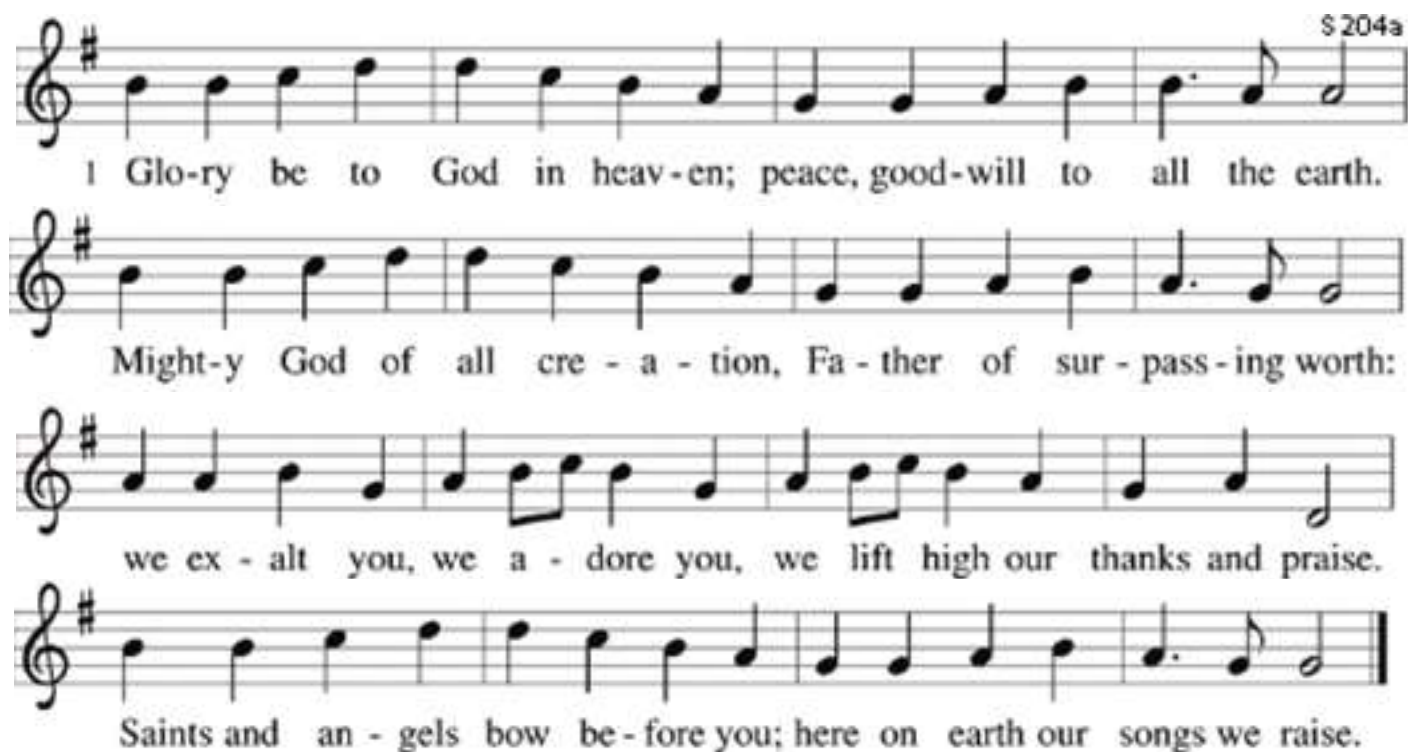
Kyrie



§ 203

1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.
 We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise



§ 204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord God,

C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?"

¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **5:1-6, 9-12** (read responsively)

P: ¹Give ear to my words, O Lord;

C: Give heed to my sighing.

P: ²Listen to my cry for help, my king and my God,

C: For I plead to you.

P: ³In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;

C: Early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

P: ⁴For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,

C: And evil cannot dwell with you.

P: ⁵Braggarts cannot stand in your sight;

C: You hate all those who work wickedness.

P: ⁶You destroy those who speak lies;

C: The blood thirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you abhor.

P: ⁹For there is no truth in their mouth; there is destruction in their heart;

C: Their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongue.

P: ¹⁰Declare them guilty, O God; let them fall, because of their schemes.

C: Because of their many transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

P: ¹¹But all who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy forever.

C: You will shelter them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

P: ¹²For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous;

C: You will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the

armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



§ 205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior; o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn of the Day

"Bind Us Together"

WOV 748

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F C⁷ F B^b/C *Refrain*

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

*Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 of The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"Like a River Glorious"

arr. Chris Rice

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

§ 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"What Feast of Love"

ELW 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, o.s.a., b. 1989
 Music: English ballad, 16th cent.
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

ELW 543

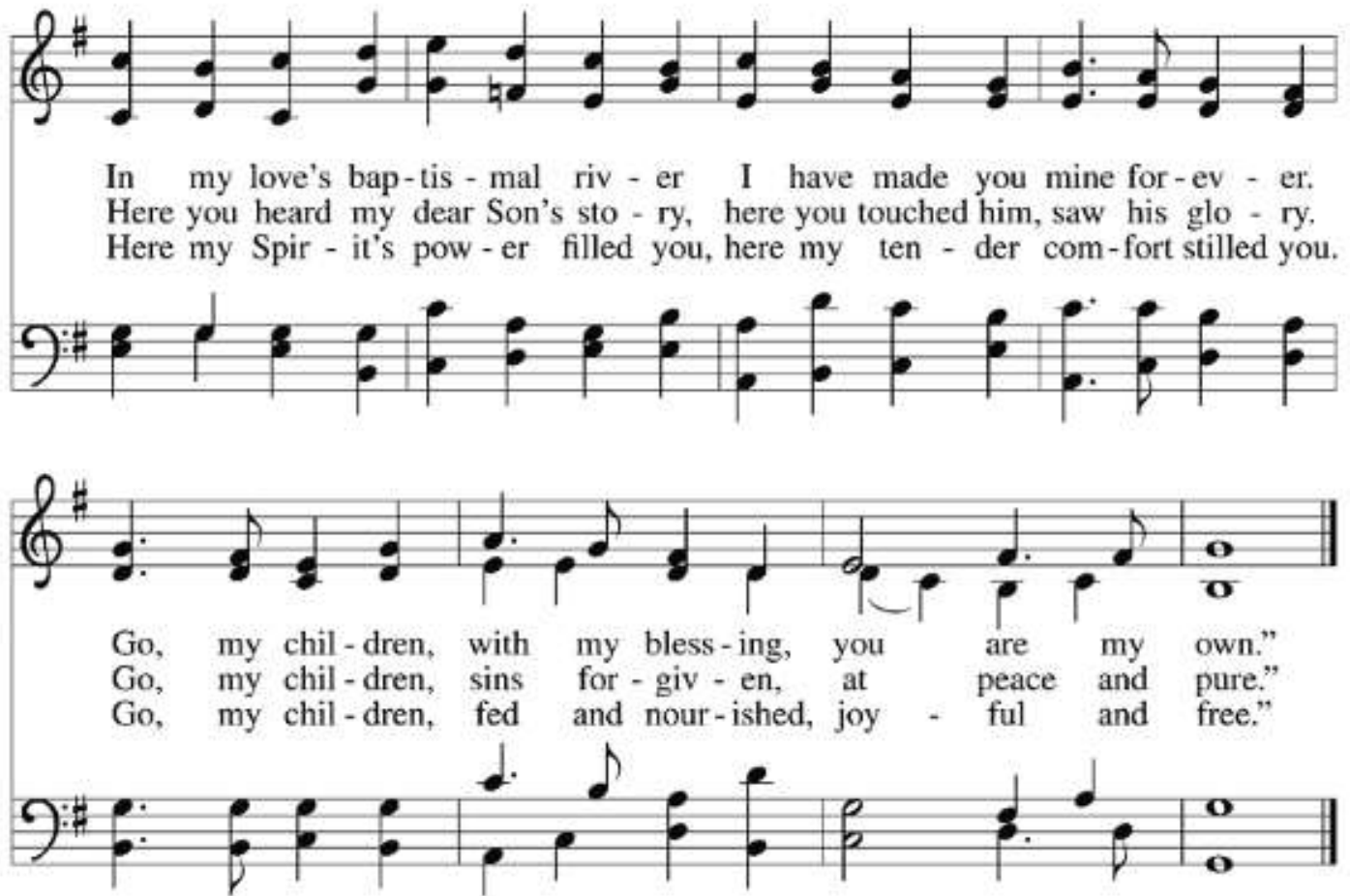
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on a whole note. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-ev-er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry, here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here my ten-der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Minuet in G"

arr. Lori Line

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Mary Ellen Chinander

Chancel flowers

Randy and LaDonna Blackorbay

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Quincy Meyers

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young

Sue Arens after back surgery

Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

Grief classes and bible study: Join us for our death grief and dying class. This class meets at 11AM on Sundays after worship. We will be embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making.

Memorial Garden Engraved Paver Ordering: New orders are being taken for engraved pavers for the FOG memorial garden through Sunday September 13th. The cost is \$60. The pavers will be dedicated on Sunday November 1st, All Saints' Day. All other information is on the order forms in the narthex.

Rally Day: September 13th marks our return to much of our programming! Sunday School kicks off (signup online) and we will do the blessing of the backpacks.

Blood Drive: Just a reminder that the semi-annual Blood drive will take place on Monday, September 28th from 1pm-7pm

Reconciling in Christ Committee will be meeting on September 13th at 11 am to talk about our next steps in the program

Church wide fall cleanup scheduled: Saturday, September 19, 9:00 to noon. Plan on cleaning all windows inside and out, weather permitting, sanctuary (especially chancel floor and pews), and the nursery. The carpets will be cleaned Friday, September 25th, thanks to the generosity of the garage sale committee. The outside cleanup, including seeding and fertilizing the front lawn, Saturday, October 2. We have special events planned for October and a sparkling clean and inviting church will be a great welcoming. Bring a bucket and rubber gloves, all other supplies will be available. Y'all come and thanks for your help.

Galatians/Philippians Bible Study: The Apostle Paul planted many churches during his missionary journeys, and through the years helped to encourage and guide them through his letters. These churches had different issues and had different characters. Join me as we study the Books of Galatians and Philippians. The church at Galatia was one of those difficult churches that the Apostle dealt with in firm and even strident tones—in other words they were kind of a pain to work with. But the church at Philippi was one of Paul's easiest to deal with and he rejoiced in their ministry. In ten weeks, beginning Tuesday, September 15 th we'll study these Biblical books and learn Paul's teachings and practical issues in dealing with these early Christians. Morning study goes from 9:30 – 11 am and the evening class from 7-8 pm. Please join us—no cost—just please bring your Bibles. See you then.

Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 am. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, a Bible study and service to the congregation and the community. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. If a ride is needed, please contact the church office by Wednesday morning September 9. Hope to see you then!

Nursery Reminder: Beginning in September, please remember the following nursery guidelines, approved by the Children, Youth, and Family Committee:

- The nursery is available for children **through 2nd grade**.
- The nursery will only be open when **designated nursery staff are present and supervising**. This includes regular services, weddings, funerals, and other church events.
- **Parents, guardians, and volunteers may not staff or supervise** the nursery.
- Please follow all established **nursery safety policies and procedures**.

These guidelines help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for the children in our care. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Ms. Claudia and Ms. Madison

Choir Reherasals will start September 9th at 7 pm. All are welcome!



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The First meeting for Kingdom Quest will be **Sunday September 27th at 11 am** in the youth room. Contact Andrew Peterson (drew13pete@yahoo.com) for more information.