

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

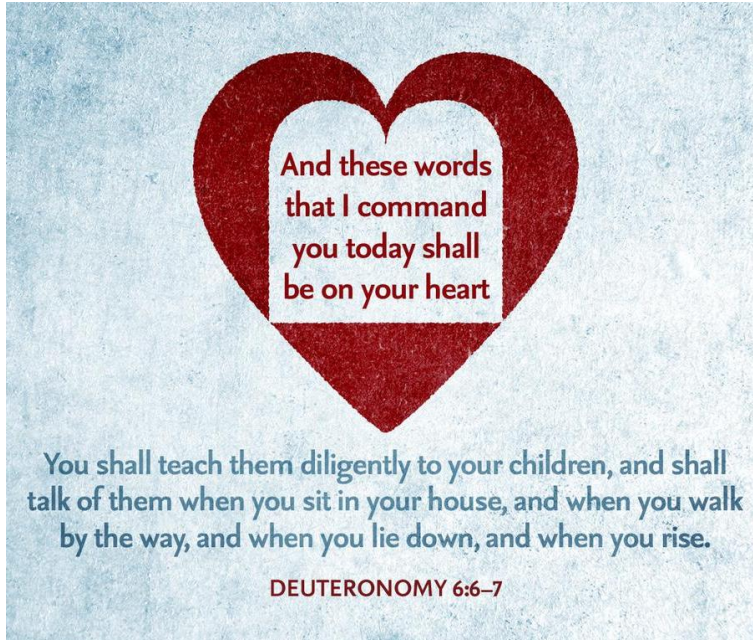
Missouri Synod

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost Christian Education Sunday

August 10, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30am – livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)



AS WE GATHER

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the LORD came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek his kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

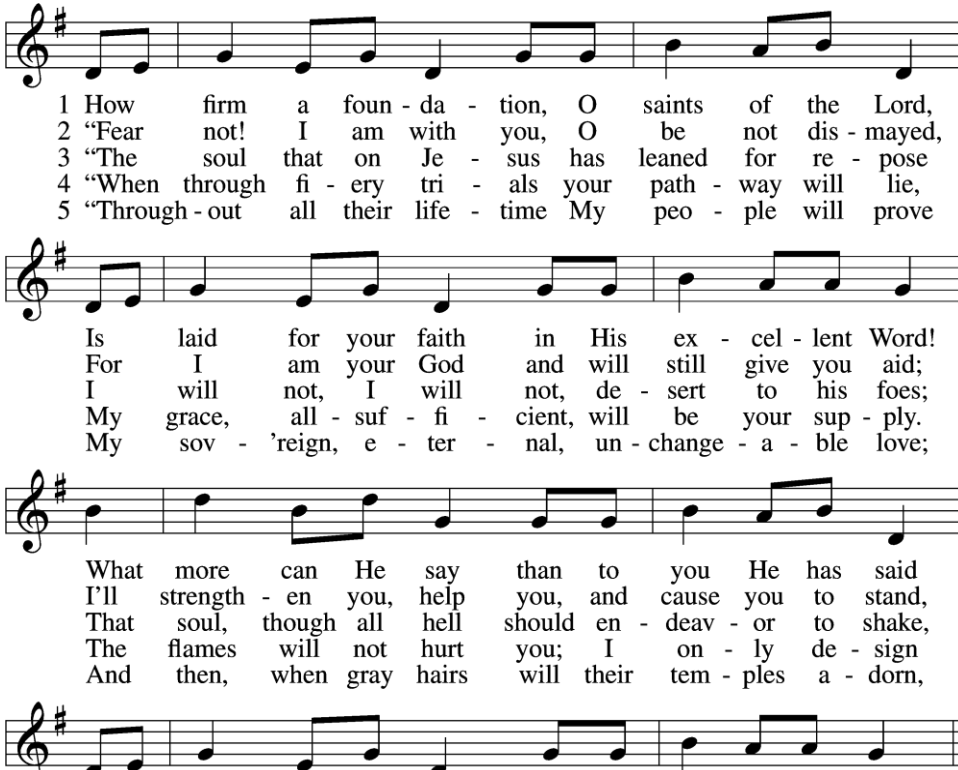
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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe* (arr. Brian Henkelmann)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 728 – How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.

✠ ✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7

P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

C **He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

P He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

C **His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

C **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.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



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



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



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 15:1-6 – God makes a special promise to Abraham.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, 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, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!

C Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE – Hebrews 11:1-16 – The examples of faith exhibited by some of God’s people.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered

him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, 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, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL – **Luke 12:22-34** – Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 666 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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SERMON – *Teaching the Faith* – Hebrews 11:1-6

8:00 am – APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – NICENE CREED

C 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.

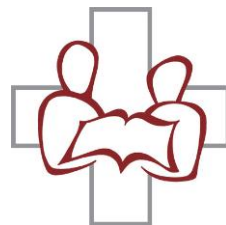
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MILESTONES & COMMISSIONINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.



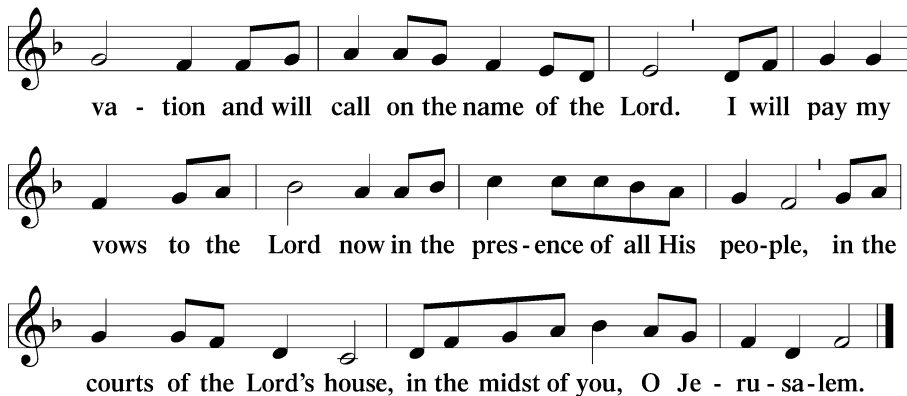
OFFERING – *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (arr. Allan Mahnke)

OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

A **faith milestone** is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important, and God is here, too."

Marking a milestone is a biblically-based spiritual practice in both home and congregation, that helps all generations recognize God's presence in all of life.



8:00 am continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (page 10)
and concludes with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (pages 14-15).

✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠ beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 161



For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with Pastor Edwards.



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

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

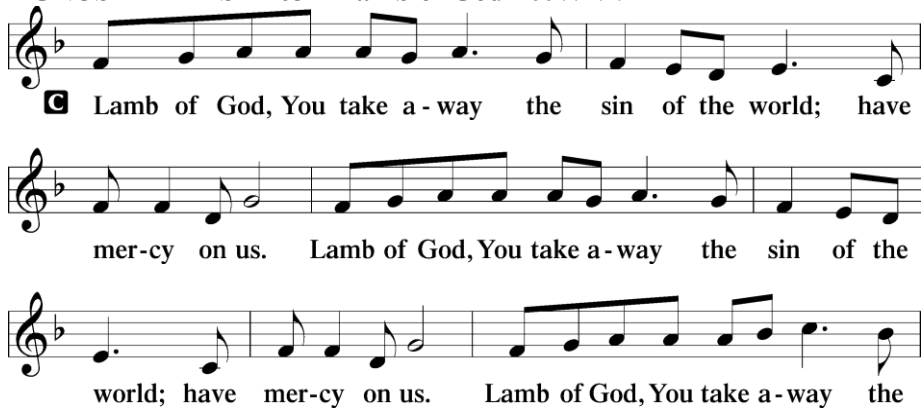
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

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

AGNUS DEI – LSB 163 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



C 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



DISTRIBUTION

LSB 622 – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are

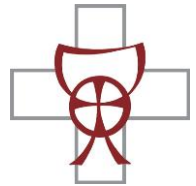


You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

Distribution Notes:

If you need
gluten-free wafers,
 please let one of the
 pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape
 juice, containing *a*
trace amount of
wine, is available in
 the center of the tray.



5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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LSB 809 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



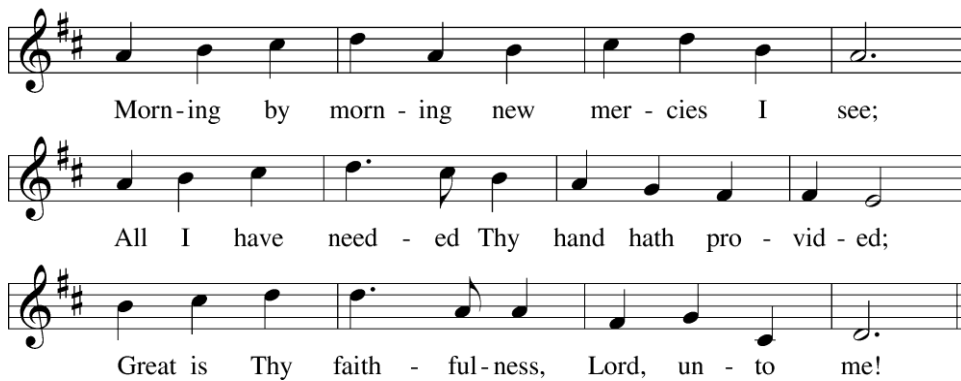
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



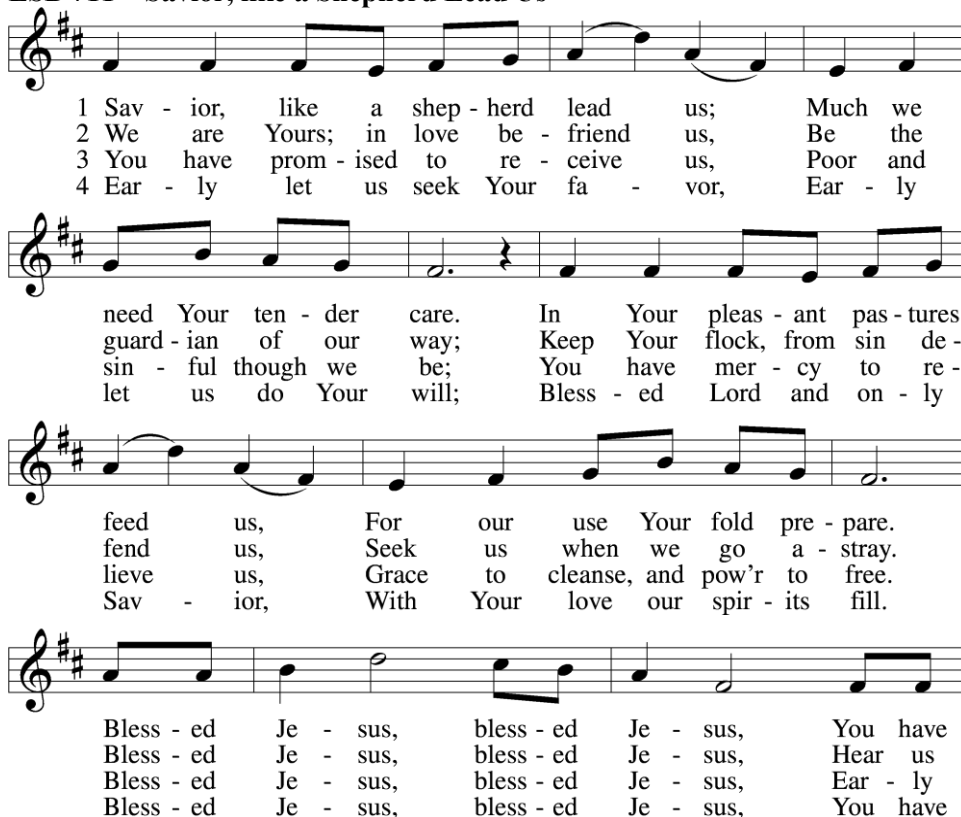
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;
 All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;
 Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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LSB 711 – Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be-friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear-ly let us seek Your fa-vor, Ear-ly

need Your ten-der care. In Your pleas-ant pas-tures
 guard-ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de-
 sin-ful though we be; You have mer-cy to re-
 let us do Your will; Bless-ed Lord and on-ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre-pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a-stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav-ior, With Your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, You have
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Hear us
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, Ear-ly
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, You have

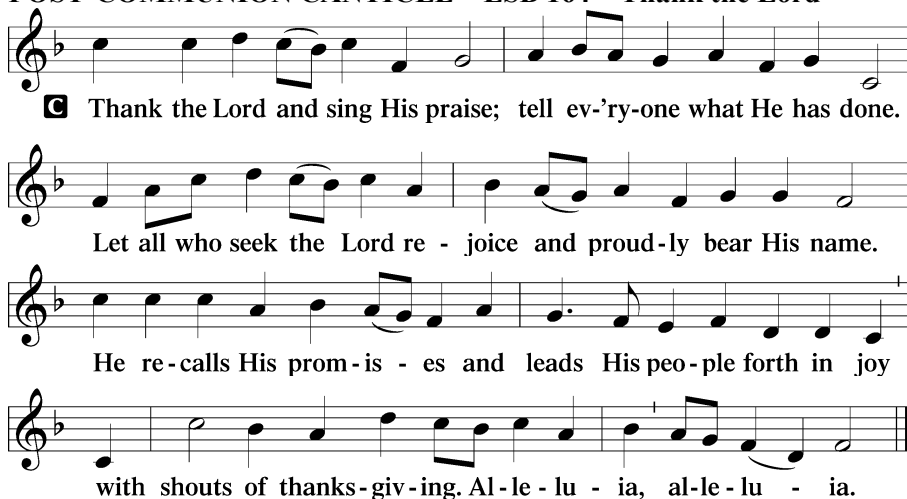


bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



C 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 733 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *How Firm a Foundation* (arr. David W. Music)



TODAY

11 :30am 3rd graders & parents meet with Pastor (Grand Hall; bring your new Bible)

Monday, August 11

5:30pm School Board

6:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team

Tuesday, August 12

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)

9:30pm Men's Softball (Twin Lakes, Field 2)



Today's flowers
 are given to the
 glory of God in
 thanksgiving for
 our **teachers and
 staff and all who
 point us to Christ.**



WEDNESDAY, August 13

10:00 am Fall Midweek Bible study begins

SATURDAY, August 16

9:30am-Noon Congregational Summit - ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual gathering, looking at the ongoing mission and ministry of our congregation. This year's Summit will include:



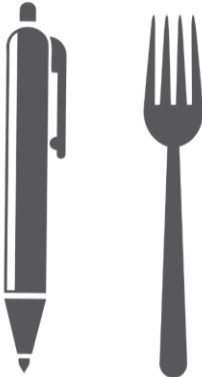
- Devotion & Prayer
- Review of Recent Events, including options moving forward
- Review of *Clarity* Goals
- Sanctuary Facility Assessment Committee report
- Ministry Team reports
- LCMS Foundation presentation
- *more*

5:00pm *A Night in New Orleans* Thank You Dinner (registration closed)



Thursday, August 21

11:30am JOY Group to Cedar Creek Eatery



LUNCH & LEARN

September 10
September 17
October 22
October 29
November 5

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY, September 12-13

Junior High Rally (Camp Lakeview)

SUNDAY, October 5

10:30am Commissioning/Installation of Dr. Gabriel as Director of Parish Music

11:30am Church Picnic



SUNDAY, October 12 ULu Golf Scramble



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