



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**August 30,
2026**

**Fourteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

**8:30 am
Service of
Holy
Communion**

**10:00 am
Service of
the Word**

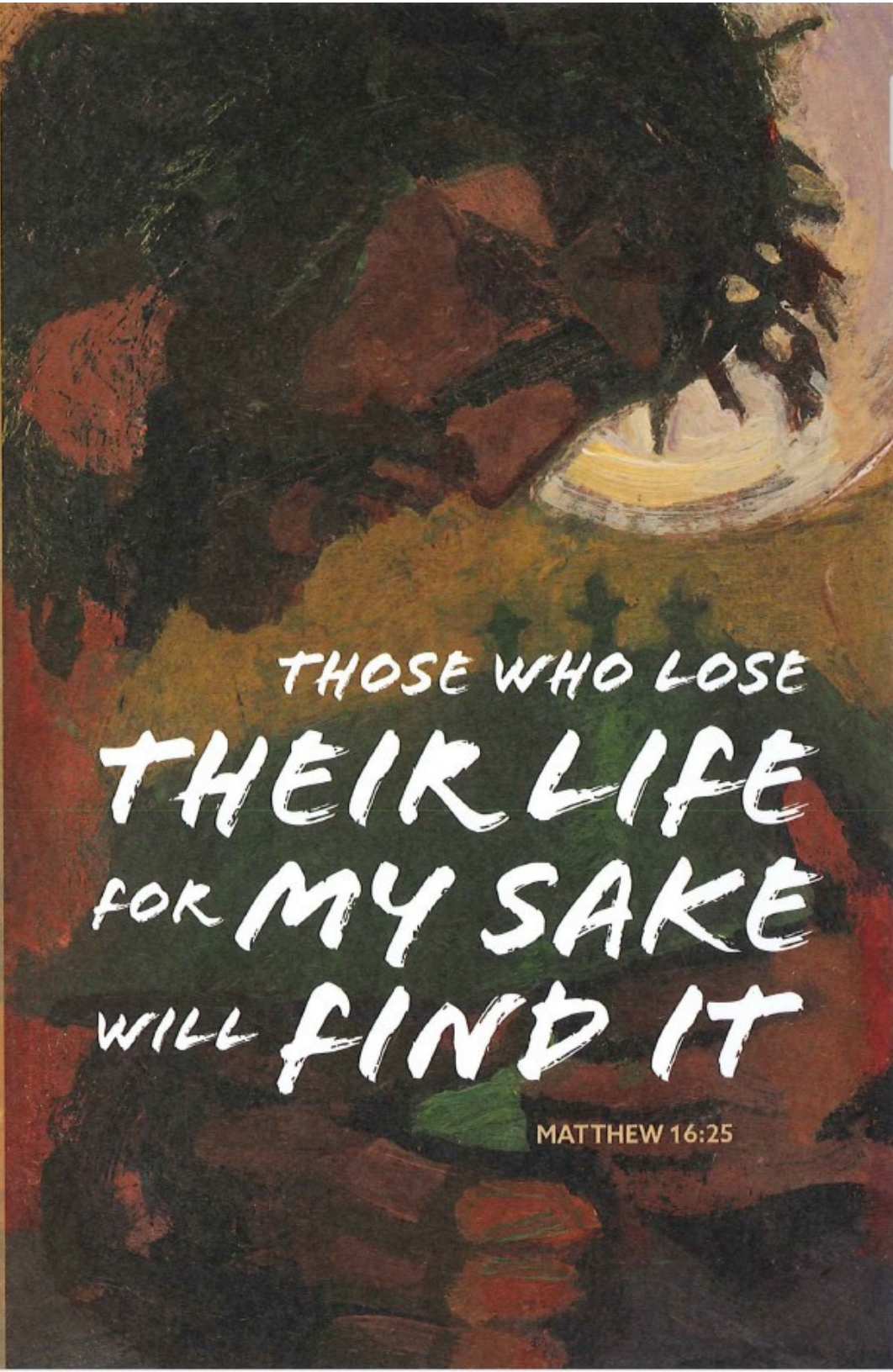
**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
Buresh**

**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori**

Puttkammer

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**



**THOSE WHO LOSE
THEIR LIFE
FOR MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT**

MATTHEW 16:25

Welcome

The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

A Repair for Brokenness

Our lives are marked by brokenness, including broken relationships, broken promises, and broken expectations. Left unattended, these fractures can quietly shape us, hardening into bitterness or resentment.



How do we live with such brokenness without losing heart? We return, again and again, to God's faithful presence. In Him, we find not only comfort but restoration. God does not ignore what is broken. He meets us in it, gently mending what we place in His hands and reshaping what feels beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What we cannot fix on our own, God is able to restore in His time and in His way.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor and spiritual writer, often spoke of this sacred return, the daily turning back to God where healing begins and hope is renewed. In His presence, our brokenness is not wasted. It becomes the very place where grace takes root and new life begins.

Faith in Action

A Christian is someone who makes it easier for others to believe in God — not through perfection, but through kindness, grace and love in everyday life. When people see Christ's compassion in us, they're drawn closer to Him.

GATHERING

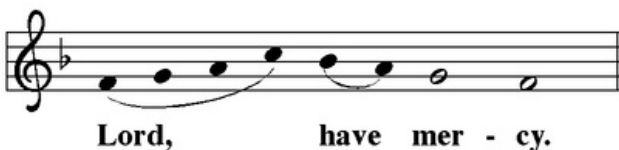
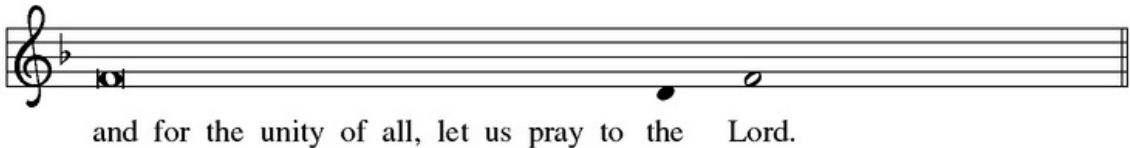
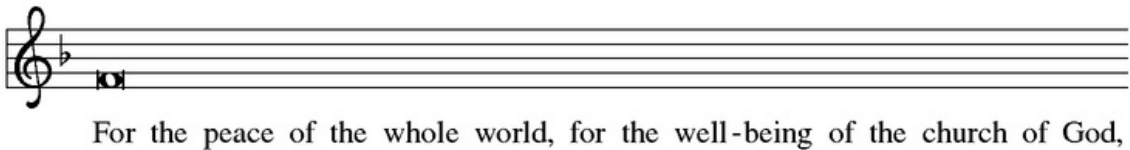
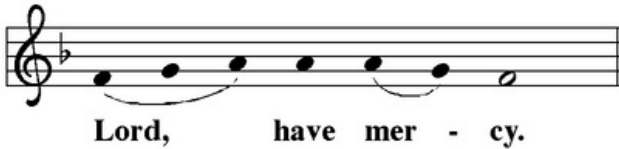
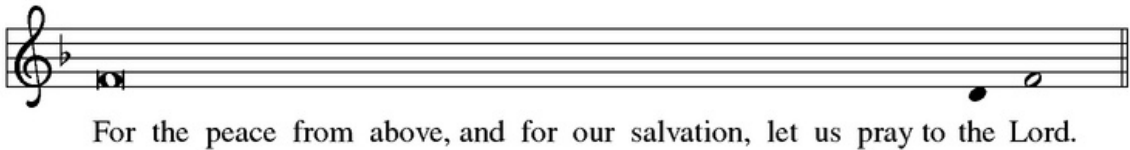
The Prelude: "*Adagio Cantabile*" *Beethoven*

+The Opening Hymn: "O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING" No. 880

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

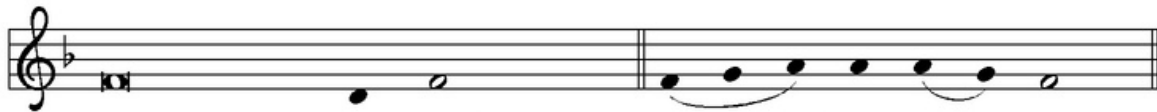
The Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

+ The Kyrie:





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

+ The Canticle of Praise:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



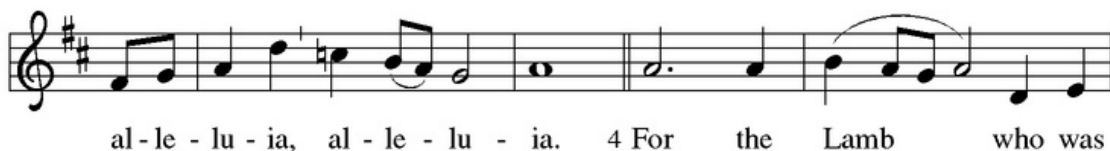
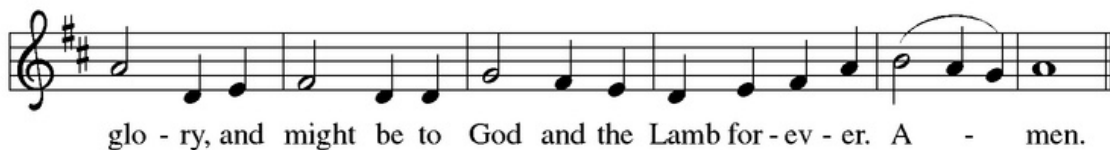
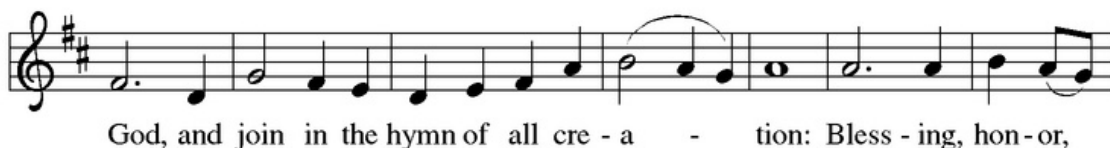
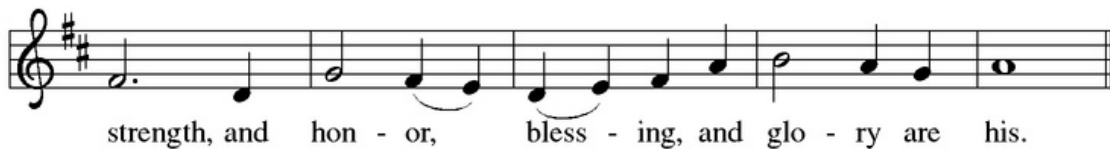
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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The Service of the Word - 10 am



Today we joyfully participate in celebrating a baptism. Join in the baptismal liturgy as it is found on page 227 in the front of your hymnal.

+ The Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

+ The Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Anthem: ***"The Swan" Saint-Saens***

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **"When Good Things Go Bad"**

+The Hymn of the Day: "WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT" No. 659

+ The Apostles' Creed (8:30 am only)

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.

+The Prayers

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church here, in Coronationville and in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

For the community of Good Shepherd gathered here to serve you, that we remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, groups, and meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ (8:30 am only)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

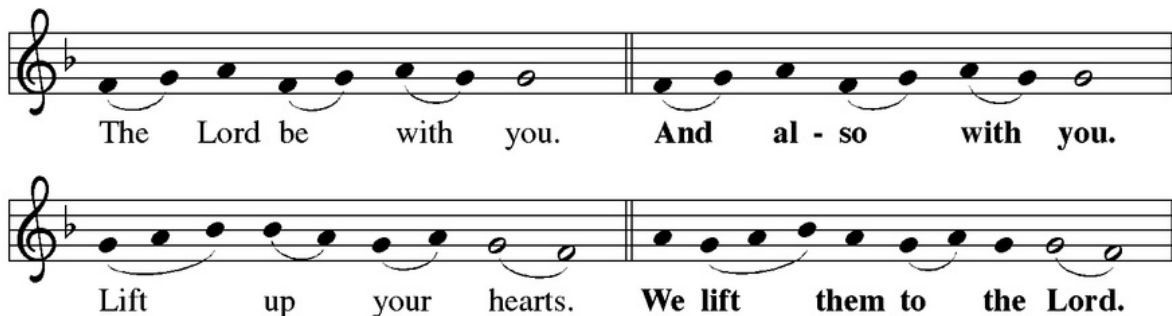
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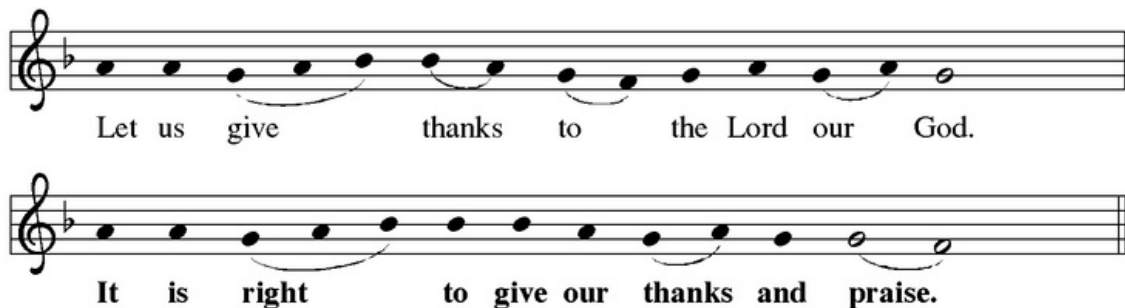
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Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

MEAL

+The Offering Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving



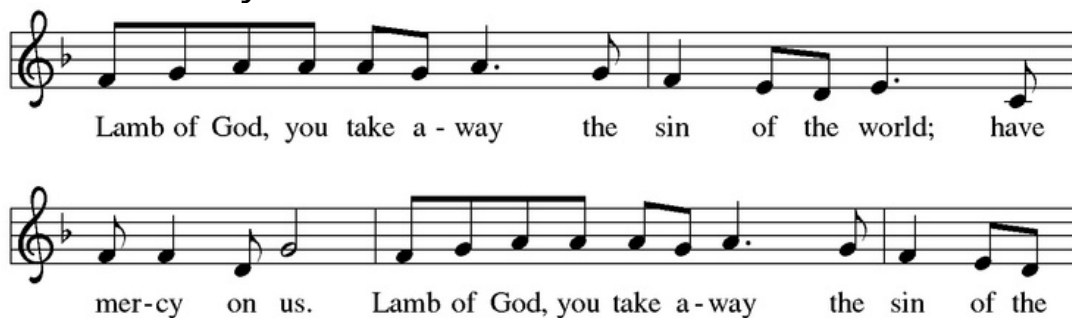


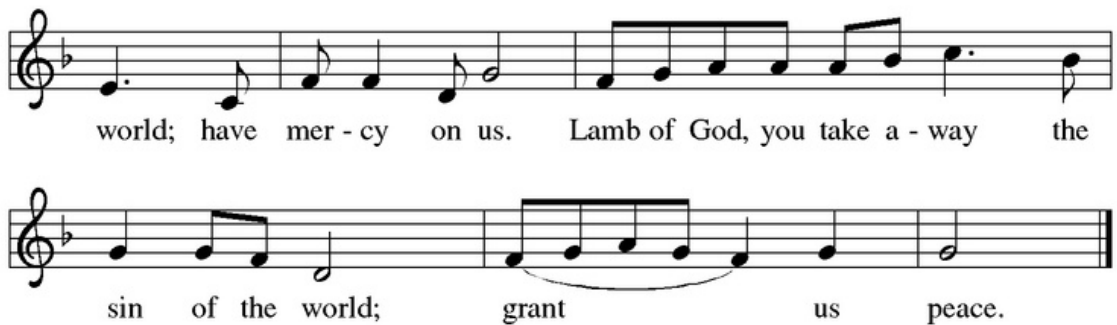
+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer

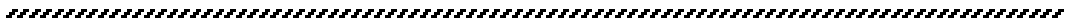




THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion



Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Canticle of Thanksgiving:



Refrain

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

- + The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
- + The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

+The Benediction

+The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: "JESUS LOVES ME!"

No. 595

The Postlude: "A Tune For The Trumpet" *Bach*

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SERVING TODAY:

The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Euphonium - *Jack Dalton*

The Readers -8:30 - *Diane Sweeney*

10:00 - *Deanna Wachholz*

The Acolytes - 8:30 - *Ron Krapf*

10:00 - *Allison Moreau and Millie Moreau*

Today's chancel flowers are given by the Carillon Choir in honor of Michelle Podewell.



Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

-Drawing nearer to God

-Prioritizing Love over Judgment

-Practicing Grace

-Welcoming All

-Generously Serving

-Fostering Community

Our Intercessions Include:

The hospitalized: Joan Northrup (Palos)

The bereaved: Gayle Orlando and Jeff Kirscher upon the passing of Jeff's father, Bob Kirscher; Carol and the Kaysen family upon the passing of Herb.

The Holy Baptism: *Kasia Irena Strezo*, son of Jonathan and Natalia (nee Skolarus). Born: July 11, 2025. Sponsors: Brittney Mrowca and Tim Strezo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooking With Care is CANCELLED for Tuesday, September 8. We look forward to meeting again in October.

Summer Worship Times continue through next Sunday, Sept. 6. We will return to worship at 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sunday, September 13.

SAVE THE DATE: Rally Day is Sunday, September 13. It begins at 12:15 pm and goes till about 2:00 pm. Please join in this church family day of fun and fellowship.

RALLY DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up this morning if you are able to help with running a game site, serving lunch, clean up, etc. or by making a dessert. ***Attention confirmation and high school students***, this is a great way to get some service hours! Sign up sheets are on a table in the narthex.

The Church Bowling League starts up on Saturday, September 12. Please consider joining this once a month league (Sep–May). We could use two more bowlers and you can always sub. Contact Donna in the office if you are interested.

Sunday School is looking for Jr. High and High School students to join the Kid's Ministry Team as class assistants for the new program year starting September 13. Please sign up on the bulletin board, email or call Mrs. Lori. Service hours can be earned.

We have a brief orientation meeting for the class assistants on Sept. 13 at 10:15 am.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Junior Choir Members! Save the date! Our second annual kickoff pool party will be on Sat., Sept. 19 at 3 pm. Siblings and parents are welcome too! More details will follow. Text Joanna Bergmann with questions.

Pastor Bell is contacting 8th - 12th grade youth regarding the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Mark your calendars for June 28 to July 2, 2027! Reach out to Pr. Bell with any questions.

The calendar for the week of August 30

SUN	8:30 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion <i>Online Service</i> Service of The Word Summer Sunday School
MON	8:00 pm	"Body & Soul"
TUE	7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting
WED	1:00 pm	Gamers
THU	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
SUN	8:30 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion <i>Online Service</i> Service of the Word NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website.
Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Joan Northrup
Rita Petritsch
Ed Schussler
Beth Wetzig
Gail Kendall
Jürgen Daartz
Shirley Hulse

Marsha Hladik
Lori Cronin
Barry Garr Jr.
Gerhard Haigis
Gary Rauch
Jim Srbeny
Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

Nicholas Lyon
Matt Mansfield
Donna O'Malley
Pattie Hayes
Ray Doerrer
Linda D'Oyley
Dan Hall
Susan Kaysen
Kathleen Cantillon
Linda Celesia
Kim Heck
Robbie Glocker
Dominic Moffo
Margarert Kruse
Christina Carroll
Dave Kosvick
Adrienne Manley
Ron Warnke
Craig Chismarick
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Dorothy Koopman
Dolores Wrzesinski
Kaylee Wynn
Andre Swanson
Sara Bogosh
Chuck Singleton
Laura Nicholson
Tom Elsner
Debra Casey
Laura Reynolds
Joe Kaderabek
Louise Sims
Jason Randall Glugla
Tim Hennessey
Katy Peterman
Dale Koch
Maryanne Campbell
Alex Gersic
Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!