



# ETERNAL LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Missouri Synod)

Rev. Brian Crane, Senior Pastor  
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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025

**WELCOME** to Eternal Life Lutheran Church as honored guests or treasured members. Before service, speak to the Lord in prayer. During service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After service, speak to one another. *(If standing during any portion of the worship service is a problem, you may be seated.)*

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ALTAR PARAMENTS** are green for the season after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth.

**HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**...After the Pastor distributes the wafers, the individual communion cups will be offered first followed by the chalice. If you take an individual cup, after drinking from it, please hold the cup in such a way that the Pastor or communion assistant following behind with the chalice can see that you have received it. See pages 2 and 17. – Board of Elders

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**...is at the end of each pew. Please sign one name per line. After all have signed, let the sheet stick out, and return the pad to the center aisle. Thank you!

## AFTER SERVICE TODAY:

- **COFFEE & TREATS** in the Parish Hall.
- **10:45 a.m.: BIBLE CLASS** in the Parish Hall;  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will meet in the Family Room.

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### ***Our Confession and Practice***

As Missouri Synod Lutherans, we believe the Lord's Supper is Christ's gift to the Church. St. Paul writes, *"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

St. Paul continues, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."* (1 Corinthians 11:23–29, ESV)

Accordingly, the Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. *(For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.)*

Concerning the distribution of the Lord's Supper, if you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. Gluten-free communion hosts are available; please inform the pastor (before the service, if possible) if you would like to receive one. Wine with alcohol removed is found in the center of each communion tray for those with allergies or sensitivities. If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.

## Order of Worship

### Divine Service, Setting Three with The Lord's Supper – p. 184ff

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#### Silent Prayer (✠)

#### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

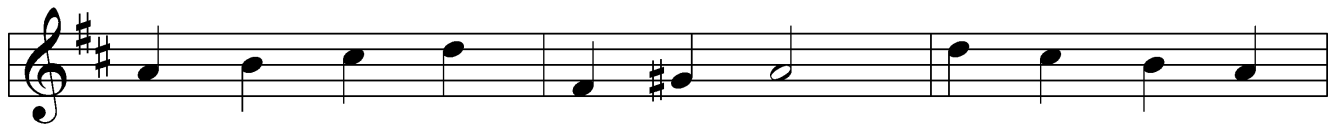
#### Hymn of Invocation – 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



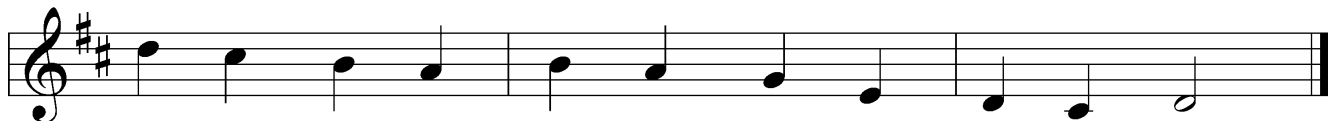
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Tune: John Goss, 1800–80

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*



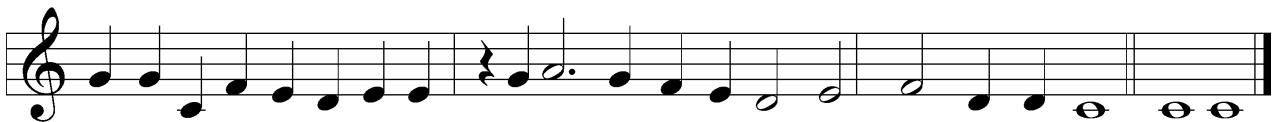
- P** Call upon me in the day of | trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.
- P** With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!\*
- I will keep your | statutes.
- C** I call to you; | save me,\*  
that I may observe your testi- | monies.
- P** I rise before dawn and | cry for help;\*
- I hope | in your words.
- C** My eyes are awake before the watches | of the night,\*  
that I may meditate on your | promise.
- P** Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;\*
- O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.

### Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

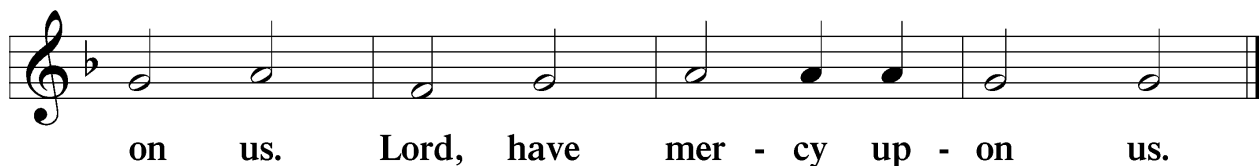
- P** Call upon me in the day of | trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

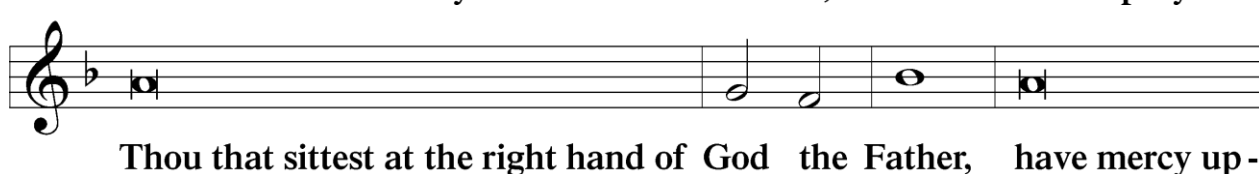
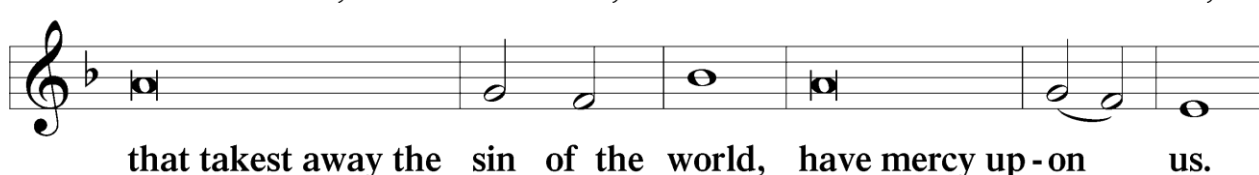
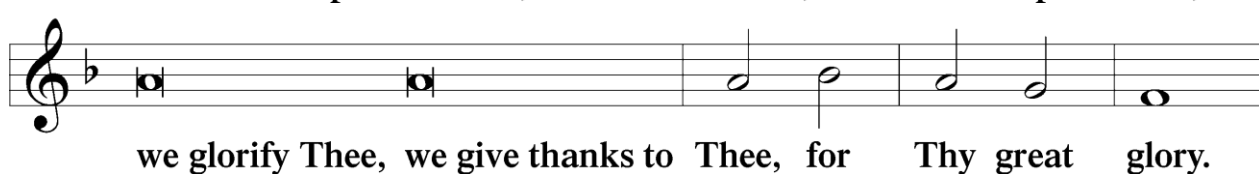
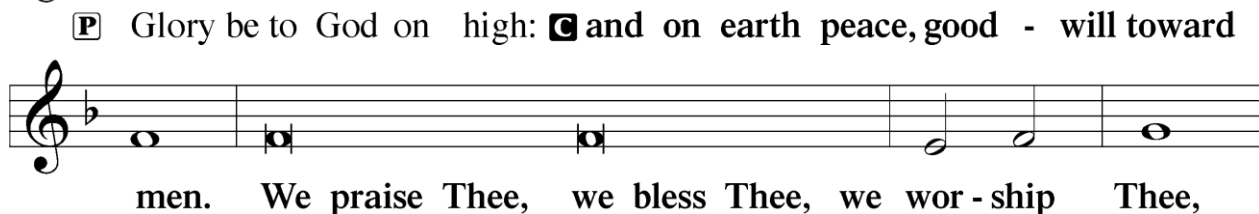
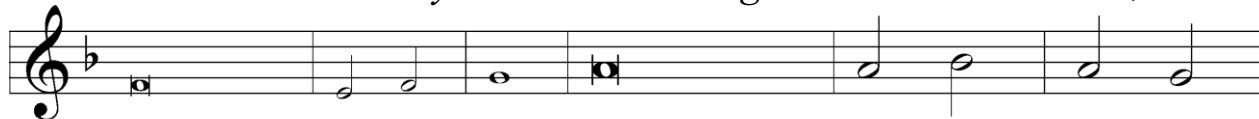
*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



**Gloria In Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,  
<sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*



**P** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\*  
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

**C** Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*  
and their words to the ends | of the world.

## Epistle

*Colossians 2:6–19*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

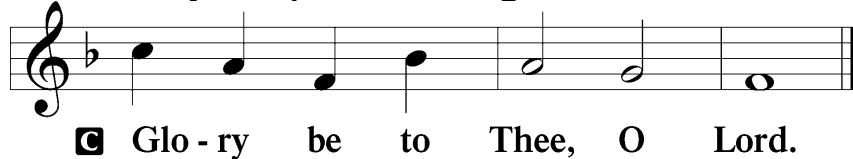
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 11:1–13*

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

*Sit*

## Luther's Small Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar

**P** *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

**C** These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

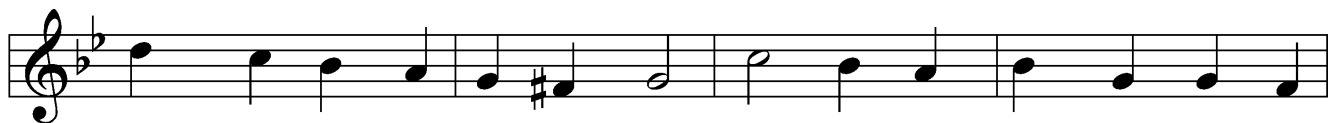
## Hymn of the Day – 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
 fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to  
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
 out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
 ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And let us all be clothed and fed.  
 Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
 In plague and famine, spare our life,  
 That we in honest peace may live,  
 To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
 That they may trouble us no more;  
 We, too, will gladly those forgive  
 Who hurt us by the way they live.  
 Help us in our community  
 To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.  
Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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## Sermon

*Stand*

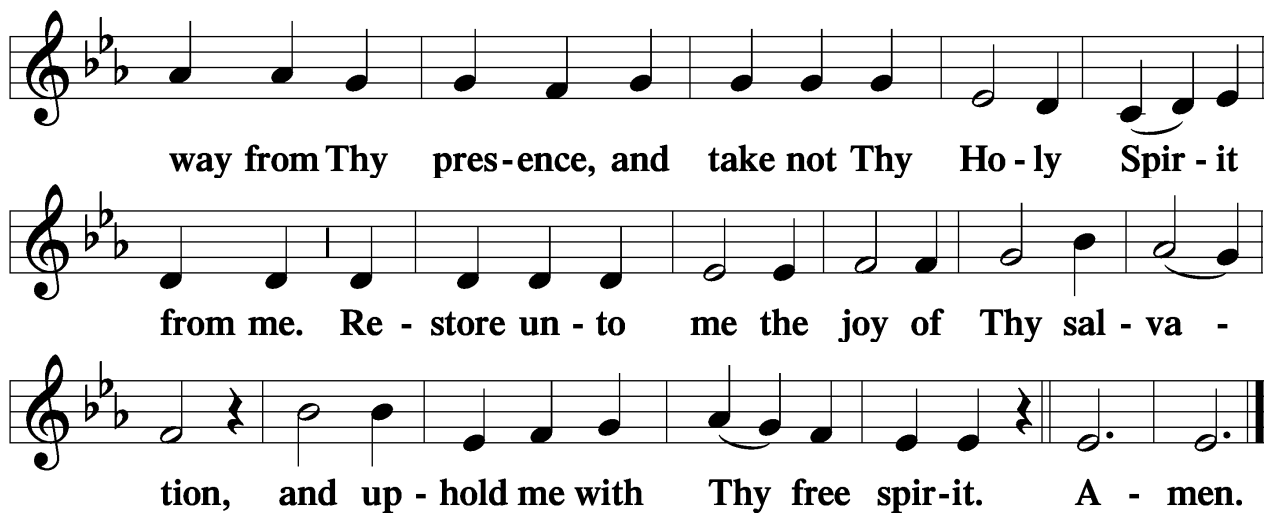
**Offering and Tithes** – A collection plate is at the back of the Nave.

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

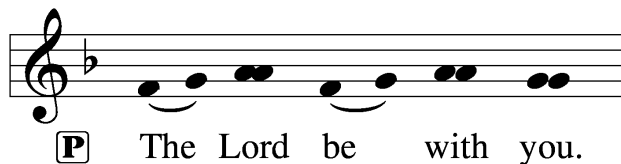
[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** After each petition the pastor prays: “*Lord, in Your mercy...*”

**C** respond after each petition, “*hear our prayer.*”

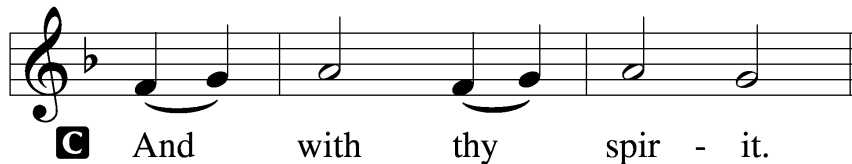
## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

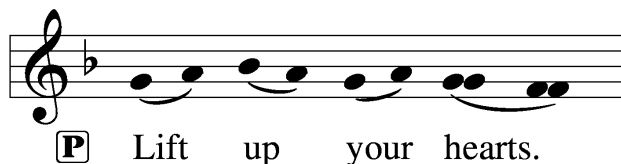


**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

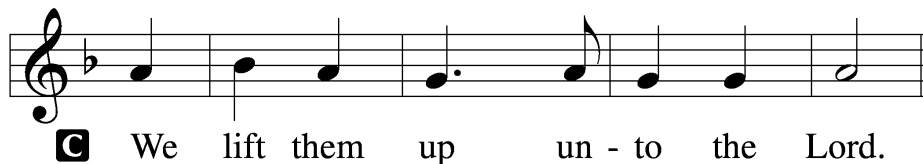


**C** And with thy spir - it.

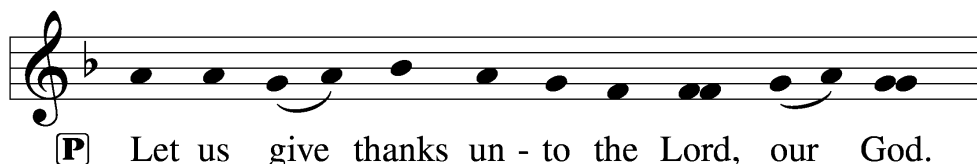


**P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath)* is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”  
*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Distribution:** If you are visiting with us, please review “Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper: Our Confession and Practice” on page 2 of the worship bulletin. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. Gluten-free communion hosts are available; please inform the pastor (before the service, if possible) if you would like to receive one. Wine with alcohol removed is found in the center of each communion tray for those with allergies or sensitivities. If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.

### PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

### 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86  
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918  
Text and tune: Public domain

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

5 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

### 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

Text: Chad L. Bird, 1970. Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen. Text: © Chad L. Bird. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000172. Tune: Public domain

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon**

*Luke 2:29-32*

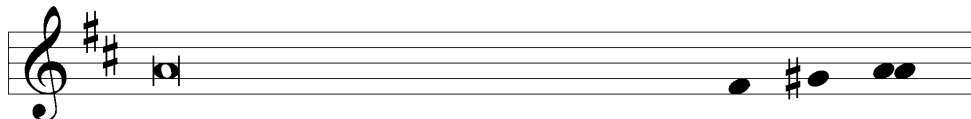


The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases using slurs. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score begins with a square musical symbol (C-clef) and ends with a double bar line.

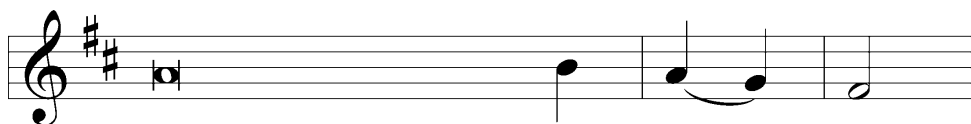
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

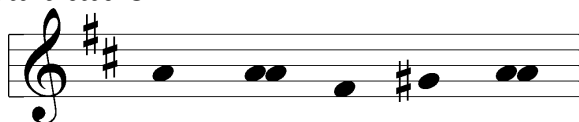
**P** Let us pray.

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** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.

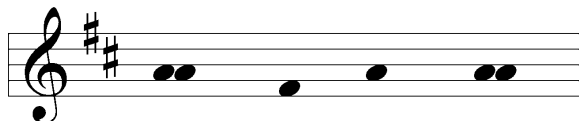
*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*[Psalm 103:1]*



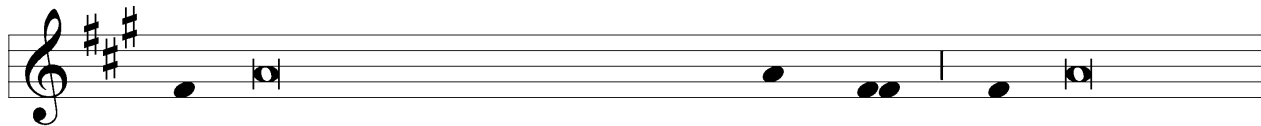
**A** Bless we the Lord.



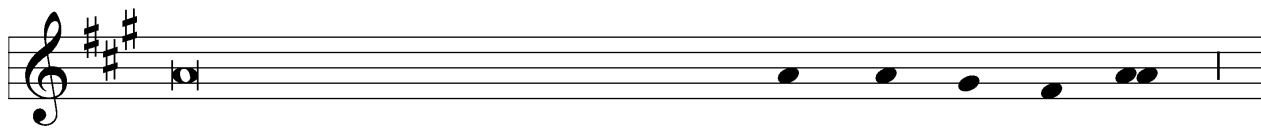
**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

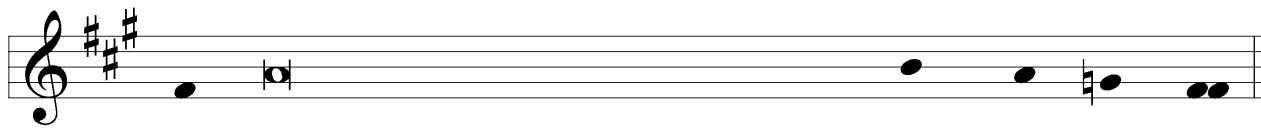
Numbers 6:24-26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit*

## Hymn to Depart – 668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You




1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for  
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-stroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.  
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
fast re - treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap - on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be  
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all  
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro - tects you from them all.  
harm will hide you. By faith you con - quer in the fight.  
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.

Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em - man - u - el.  
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
Praise God, our tri - umph's sure. We need not long en - dure

Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,  
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring

And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.  
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.  
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

Text: Wilhelm Erasmus Arends, 1677–1721; tr. John M. Sloan, 1835–after 1890, alt.  
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608  
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- **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER...**is at the end of each pew. **Please sign one name per line** and return the pad to the center aisle before leaving. Thank you!
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** see next page. ...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – JULY 27, 2025

### ETERNAL LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Contact **Mardy K.** to add someone to the prayer chain. Looking for new members for the prayer chain. Please provide an address for the individual you have added to the chain.

### IN HIS WORD:

- ★ **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **Pastor Crane** will continue our Bible study titled “The Lutheran Difference: Creation.”
- ★ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ★ **MEN’S STUDY GROUP** will meet tomorrow, *Monday, July 28*, at 6:30 p.m. to continue our review of chapter 4 of *Reading Romans with Luther* by Rev. RJ Grunewald.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We are blessed to have many visitors and guests join us for worship at ELLC. If you or a family member would like to learn more about becoming a member of our congregation, please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you or them. Thank you! – **Pastor Crane**

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your understanding and cooperation while the facility was being cleaned the past few weeks. It is so nice to know the building is clean! Please help as we work at keeping it that way. If you see something amiss, please notify **Paul L.** or the church office. Catching a problem early helps to keep it from becoming a BIG problem. – **Board of Trustees**



**COFFEE & TREATS** are served after Sunday worship in the Parish Hall. It’s a great time to visit and get to know one another. Please sign up to provide treats or bring something to share.

**LWML MITE SUNDAY** is next *Sunday, August 3*. Please bring your coins (and bills) from your Mite Box and place in the large Mite Box at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome to contribute.



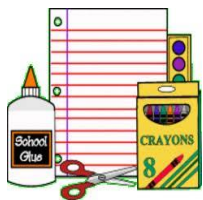


...will next meet on **Thursday, August 21**, at **11:00 a.m.** Watch the announcements for the location and for a sign-up sheet in the Foyer. For any questions, contact **Joy H.** or **Carol R.**  
~ *Everyone is invited to join us!* ~



**YOUTUBE:** We live-stream our worship services on our Eternal Life YouTube channel, where you can also watch previously recorded worship services. Please consider subscribing to the channel. This will allow us to extend our reach and visibility. You can find the channel by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and searching for Eternal Life Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit our ELLC website and click on the “donate” option in the upper right-hand corner which will redirect you to our vendor Vanco while linking donations back to our church software. OR, scan this QR code to be taken to this secure electronic giving page. – Financial Secretary



**THANK YOU!** I was just going through all of the school supplies. Everyone was so very generous!!! I appreciate each item very much!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! ♥

– Mrs. Nardini, Jefferson Elementary

**BIG THANK YOU...** for the school supplies for Jefferson Elementary School. Both the teachers and students appreciate the help in making the school year successful. – Social Ministry

**FREE Workshop at Eternal Life Lutheran Church**  
Understanding Dementia: Biblically, Medically, and Socially

***Saturday, September 20, 2025***

**9:15 AM – 1:00 PM**

Registration begins at 8:45 AM

RSVP requested by ***September 13, 2025.***

Please call the church office at 480-985-0224.


**Acts 17:28: “*In him we live and move and have our being.*”**

*Thank you to Thrivent for providing funding  
for the workshop.*

## IN THE FOYER:

- **AUGUST NEWSLETTER** ←NEW
- **PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July-September
- **LWML: MITE BOXES & ENVELOPES** for mite donations.
- **INFORMATION & FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT FORMS**

## IN THE NARTHEX:

- **“LITTLE CHURCH”** \$1/per baptized member/per week.   
1+1+1 contributed through **June: \$308.00**. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Remember, it's easy: 1 dollar – per member – per week.

**PERMISSION TO GRIEVE:** Have you lost a loved one or are you currently going through the journey of dementia or Alzheimer's with a loved one and you don't feel like you can talk to anyone? Rev. Tim Duerr, an LCMS pastor, leads a bi-weekly grief group for those who are navigating the grief of cognitive decline as well as death. This summer, we are watching videos from GriefShare. We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month** at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakwood Dementia HUB, 6915 E. Main Street, Mesa. For more information, contact Rev. Tim Duerr: [tduerr@srhospice.com](mailto:tduerr@srhospice.com).

**ISSUES, ETC. – TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Did Martin Luther Add Books to the Bible?, The Scopes Monkey Trial, Lutherans & Life Issues, The Obergefell Ruling & the Redefinition of Marriage & Family, Conspiracy Theories, and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app, and a podcast provider.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Luke 11:11** – *“What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?”* A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church, and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

## **STEWARDSHIP: *The 4 T's of Stewardship:***

**Time:** *Sunday, July 20* – **Worship:** 81; **Bible Class:** Did not meet due to the Voters' Meeting; **Sunday School:** Did not meet.

**Talent:** Select an "opportunity to serve" here at your church. See the August newsletter, or speak with a Council member.

**Testimony:** Call a friend, or shut-in, and bring them to church.

<b>Treasure:</b>	Actual Needed	Actual	Actual
	<u>To Meet Budget</u>	<u>Giving</u>	<u>Spending</u>
June 2025	\$ 19,762	\$ 19,991	\$ 17,154
Year-to-Date	\$118,572	\$135,142	\$124,053

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Closed Friday.  
Announcement deadline is on Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

**Sun. July 27** **Divine Service**, 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee & Treats in the Parish Hall, after worship.  
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

**Mon. July 28** Men's Study Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Fri. Aug. 1** Church Office closed.

**Sun. Aug. 3** **Divine Service**, 9:00 a.m. ~ LWML Mite Sunday  
Coffee & Treats in the Parish Hall, after worship.  
Adult Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:**

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