

# Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

Divine Service, Setting 1 - LSB 151



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**“Sharing God’s Word and the love of Jesus Christ as we serve others.”**

**Good morning and welcome to Mount Calvary!** It is a joy that God has led you to worship with us today. If you have any questions about Mt. Calvary or about membership, please speak with an Elder or Pastor. We regularly offer instruction in the Christian faith. Communion is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, as well as on special occasions, using both common and individual cups. If necessary, the center cups in the tray contain wine diluted with grape juice.

*(Please read our communion statement on the next page.)*

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 without proper understanding 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 for receiving communion, in doubt, or 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 elder. (Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 10:14-2; 1 Cor. 11:23-30)

*If you have not had this opportunity, the Lord's forgiveness is still yours, so all are welcome to come to the altar to receive a blessing. (Please indicate this as your intention by folding your arms rather than receiving the sacrament).*

Opening Hymn      ***“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”***      **LSB 794**

## Confession and Absolution

*Please Rise*

*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]** 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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*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. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

*LSB 152*

**P** Hear this, all peoples!

**C** Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**P** both low and high,

**C** rich and poor together!

**P** Truly no man can ransom another,

**C** or give to God the price of his life,

**P** for the ransom of their life is costly

**C** and can never suffice.

**P** This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

**C** yet after them people approve of their boasts.

**P** Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

**C** death shall be their shepherd.

**P** But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

**C** for he will receive me.

**All: 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.**

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**C** Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**P** both low and high,

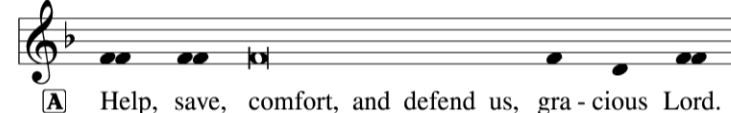
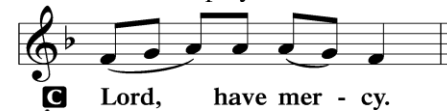
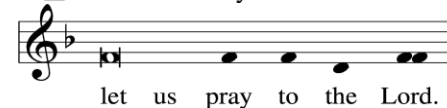
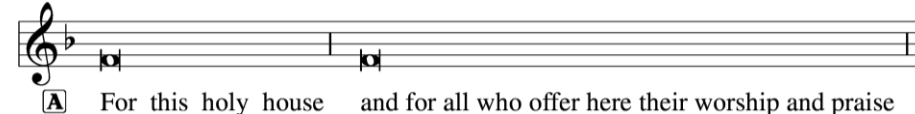
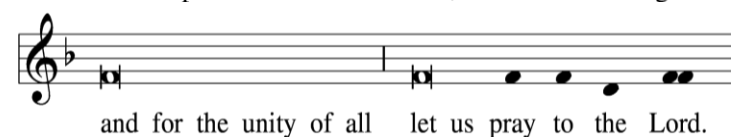
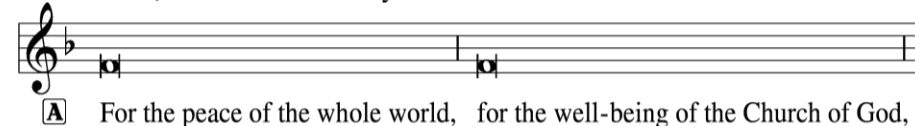
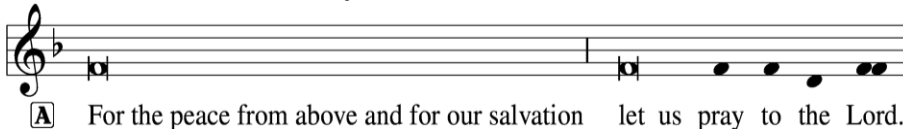
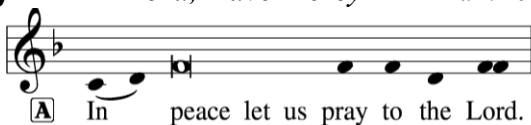
**C** rich and poor together!



# Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



# Hymn of Praise - This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*Timothy 4:22*

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament**      *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**C** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

## Epistle *Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Rise*

*Alleluia!*

## Alleluia

**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 12:13–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Sermon Hymn**    *“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It.”*    **LSB 594**

**Sermon**    *“CONSIDER YOURSELF DEAD”*

*Please Rise*

## Nicene Creed

**G** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under



**Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

## Prayer of the Church

*LSB 159*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*Please be seated*

## Offering

*Please Rise*

## Offertory

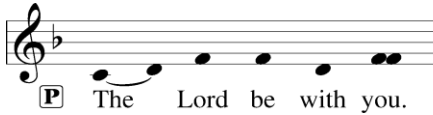
*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

**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-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

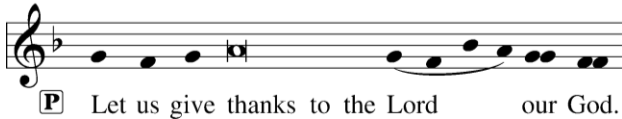
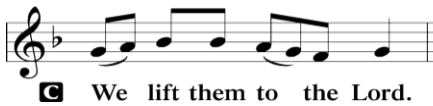
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*2 Timothy 4:22*



*Colossians 3:1*



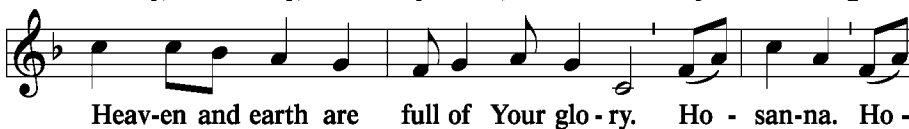
*Psalms 1:36*

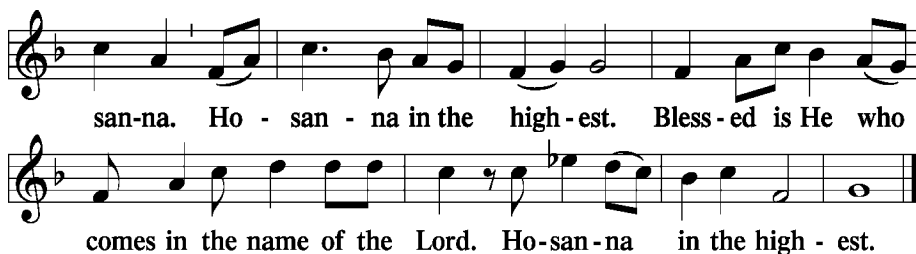


**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.

## Pax Domini *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

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

## Agnus Dei *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  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be Seated*

## Distribution -

## Communion Hymns

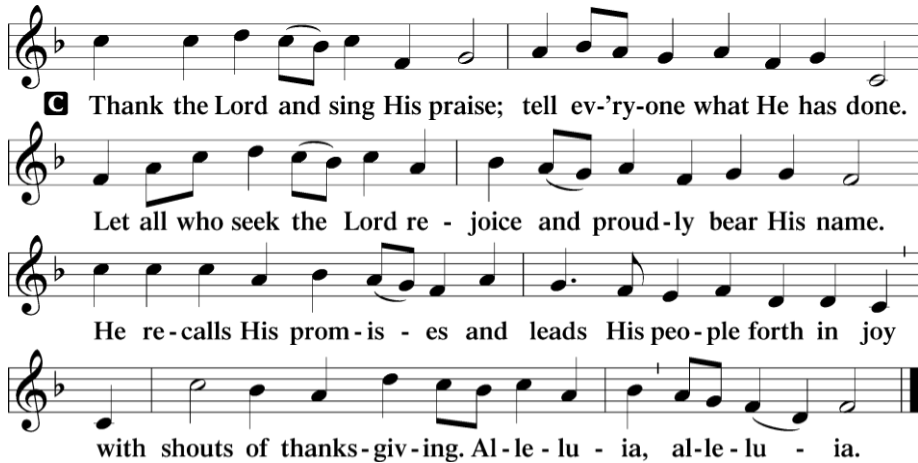
*“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”*

LSB 619

*Please Rise*

## Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord*

LSB 164



**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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn “*How Can I Thank You, Lord*” LSB 703

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## *August 3, 2025    Announcements*

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**Sunday Bible Study:** Pastor's topic for Bible class "Romans". Join us at 10:30 am.

**Hospitality Meeting:** Wednesday, August 6, at 9:30 am.

**Elders' Meeting:** Wednesday, August 6, at 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Bible Breakfast:** Thursday, August 7, at 9:00 am at the Big Horn Restaurant.

**Pastor & Jayne Rhode's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Saturday, August 9, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. at Lionscrest Manor, 603 Indian Lookout Road, Lyons, CO.

**Dear fellow members of Mt. Calvary:** On August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm we will begin our Evangelism training sessions called "**Every One His Witness.**" We hope to have these for the next 5 Thursday evenings. The sessions will last about 1 hour, and we anticipate having 6 of them, so will finish up toward the end of September. We only have room for 11 people [or couples could share material if need be], so please sign up with the pastor for this class. The sign-up sheet will be in the Christian Family Center bulletin board, or you can email pastor at pgrhode@comcast.net. The class will go through some general considerations and training, and then more material can be viewed independently through the EOHW website. This should be a very low-key and enjoyable time together!

**WELCOME VISITORS!!** By now You've probably recognized your state and flower on one of the banners. The flower banners were created by some of your artistic members about 40 years ago as a way of providing a special welcome to our many summer visitors. There is a saying, "Friends are the flowers of life" Thank you, friends in Christ, for taking time to worship with us this morning!

**Mt. Calvary Facebook page** is Mount Calvary Lutheran Church – Estes Park Colorado (LCMS). See pictures of the church and mountains, and daily messages of encouragement! Share the blessings of faith in Christ with friends and family!

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Sandy Olson is out of town. Please call Vicki Bien at (970) 586-4609

## *In Our Prayers*

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

**Grant & Anna**, the parents of **Josie** (their little girl who has brain cancer);  
**Jane McAfee** (recovering from knee surgery);  
**Jerry Henderson** (recovering from knee replacement surgery);  
**Steve Thoms** (Chemotherapy); **Ed Nelson** (continued healing);  
**Judi Cunningham** (Immunotherapy and Chemotherapy);  
**Mike Van Brunt** (recovering from dental surgery).

*Those celebrating anniversaries this month:* **Brad & Genevieve Ermeling (32)**,  
**Pastor Paul & Jayne Rhode (50)**, **Mark & Judy Vassel (46)**  
and **Roger & Donna Repp (60)**.

*Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:* **Ethan & Riley Van Brunt** (grandsons to Mike and Daylene Van Brunt; Marines); **Louise Capehart** (niece to Don Holmes serving in Texas for further education and training); **Collin Hutcheson** (grandson to Dave and Linda Buesing serving in Camp Lejeune in North Carolina).

*Those in need of long-term or ongoing care:* **Bob Copper** (health concerns);  
**Zora Thoms** (health concerns); **Karen McCarthy** (health concerns);  
**Dorothy Corman** (health concerns); **Jill Pedersen** (health concerns);  
**Linda Buesing** (health concerns); **Warren Wergin** (health concerns).

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| Offerings to Date           | \$74,853.30 |
| Budgeted to Date            | \$81,937.50 |

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## *Thank you for Serving Today*

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| Pastor.....                          | Pastor Paul Rhode               |
| Organist.....                        | Cheryl Schutz                   |
| Elder/Reader.....                    | Jim Paddock                     |
| Ushers.....                          | Rik Forschmiedt & Jim Baranovic |
| Greeters .....                       | Jim Baranovic & Rik Forschmiedt |
| Altar & Communion Preparation.....   | Laurine Burke & Jolene Svancara |
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