Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 9, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday



We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "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 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist	
	Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor		
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	
Elders	Rick Sanborn	David White	
Lectors Ushers	Paul Mincer	Debby Zagone	
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Leah Ryel	
Altar Guild	Lyn Heiple	Debbie Leyer	
		Michele Escude`	
		Debby Zagone	
	Serving Next Week		
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>	
Lectors	Diane Sanborn	John Zagone	
Ushers		-	
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Leah Ryel	

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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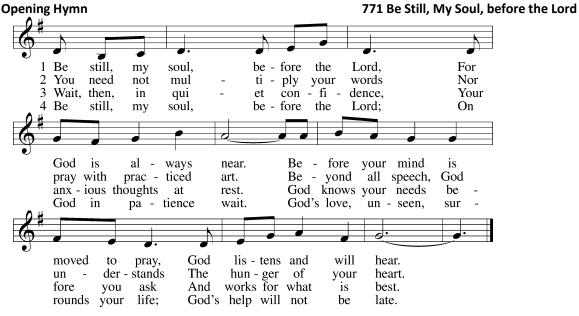
The Divine Service: Setting One

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord

Kenneth T. Kosche

Stand



Confession and Absolution

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

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit Silence for refle

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

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

Service of the Word

Stand

Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: v. 1 Tone D



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,* my God, in | whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.

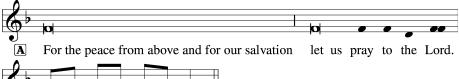
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

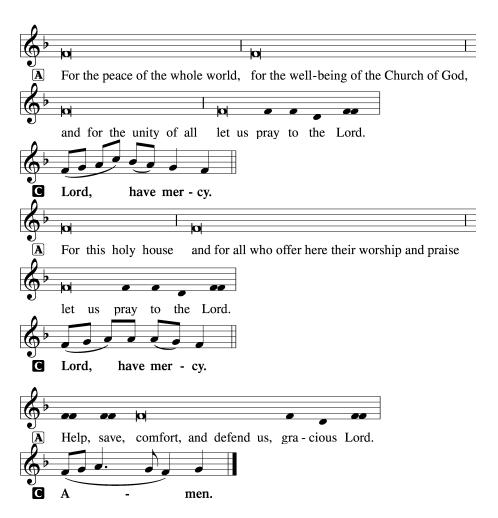
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Kyrie LSB 152



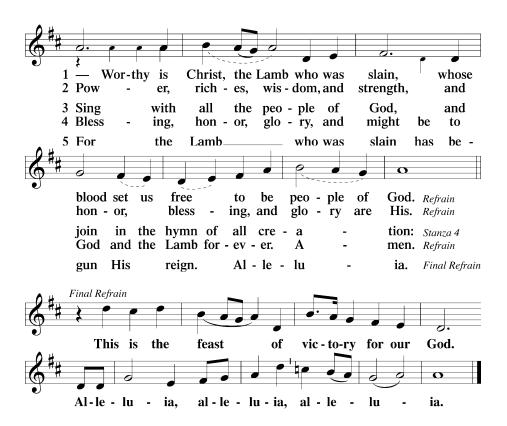


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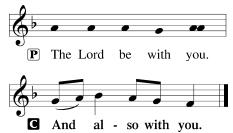








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1–14; Tone D



¹I will extol you, my | God and King,* and bless your name forever and | ever.

²Every day I will | bless you*

and praise your name forever and | ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,* and his greatness is un- | searchable.

⁴One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,* and shall declare your | mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,* and I will declare your | greatness.

⁷They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness* and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is | good to all,*

and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,* and all your saints shall | bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom* and tell | of your power,

12 to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,* and the glorious splendor of your | kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,* and your dominion endures throughout all gener- ations.

The LORD is faithful in | all his words* and kind in | all his works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are | falling* and raises up all who are | bowed down.

Epistle Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin, ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

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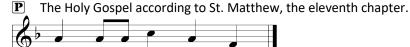
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Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30



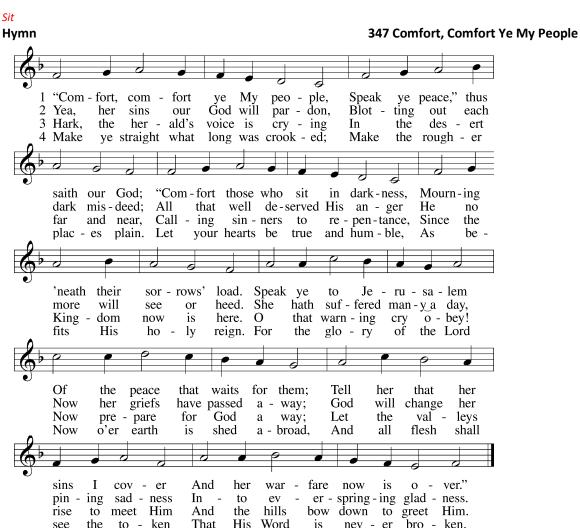
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to You,

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you

rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."





Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Merciful Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us grace sufficient for our needs and all those for whom we pray.

Our God and King, as once Your people received You in joy, open our hearts to rejoice in Your coming so that we may meet You in Your Word and Sacrament, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Help us to bless and extol Your name before the nations and to declare Your salvation to the generations to come, proclaiming that You are merciful and gracious and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Our wise and giving God, You are the God of truth and in You is no falsehood or deception. Help us to delight in Your Law, to love what is good and true and right, and to seek after these things. Help us to wage war against the old Adam within us, restore us when we stray from Your Word, and forgive us when we give into the devil's temptations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Our compassionate Lord, we do not suffer alone the pain and afflictions of this life, but we live them out within Your grace and are sustained by Your mercy. Hear us on behalf of the sick, those who suffer, the grieving and those to whom death is near [especially ______]. According to Your will, deliver them from their afflictions and give to all Your strength, patience

and hope, that they may endure to eternal life. Show compassion, and drive all pestilence from our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Our loving Father, You have hidden Your greatness from our wisdom and made Your ways known to children. Guide us to bring our children to the waters of Baptism, to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to know perfect rest and peace within Your loving arms. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Our gentle God and Lord, You have invited us to come to You with the heavy burdens of this life, that we may find rest and peace in Your mercy. Grant relief to those who struggle, supply to those in need, hope to those who fear, and peace to those who are anxious, that we may be delivered from all adversity and brought to everlasting life, where we shall join the saints of old in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Our heavenly Father and gracious God, as we come to the table Your Son has set, grant to us faith and repentance so that we may receive with joy and thanksgiving His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that what we have received with our lips we may keep in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P All these things, blessed Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your merciful goodness and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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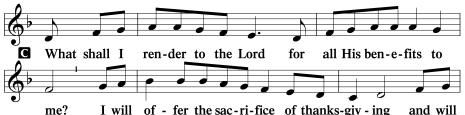
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I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Randall Sensmeier

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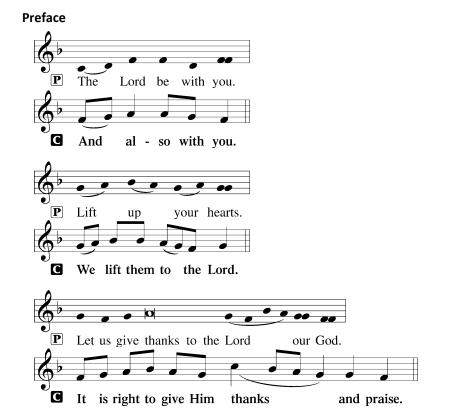
Offertory LSB 159





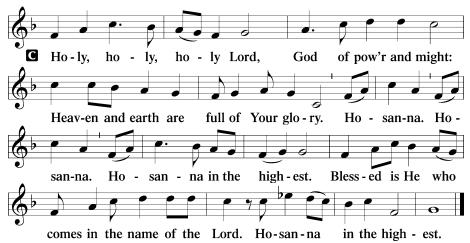
Service of the Sacrament

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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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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

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."

- 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

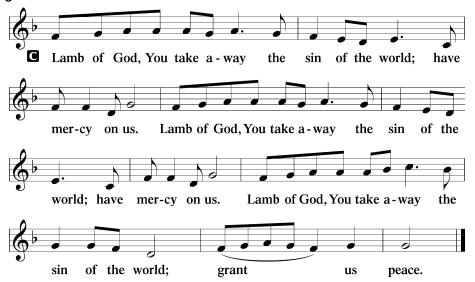
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Pax Domini LSB 163

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

Agnus Dei LSB 163



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.







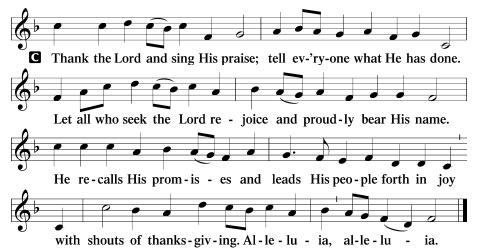
- Let me praise God's boundless favor, 5 Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to P life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

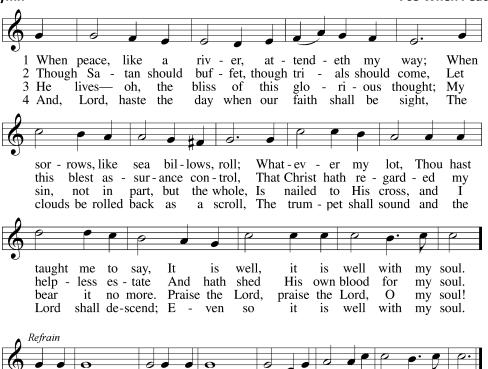


Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.







Postlude

It is

well

When Peace, like a River

with my soul,

Herbert Gotsch

Prayer List

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Long Term Illness

Cynthia M. (Lundquist) Michael Terzian (Keeney) Brian Keeney Joyce (Kruse) Stacy Olson (Ryel) Brenda Ridgeway (Amato) Gretchen Sweetser (Mincer) Mary Coffman (Coffman) Mike & Suzie Characky (Steen) Annette & Jim Bodden (Heaphy) Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Kurt Dellutri Steve & Kay Leyrer Pastor Daniel Conrad Michele Excude`

Agapia Dragan (Luecke

B)

Joanne Blanchard (Clancy)

Dietrich Fabricius

Jackie Fry

Madeline Biddle Tricia Heiple

David Hawthorne

Vicki Fisher Mary Hill

Louise Bauer

Patty Metcalf (Luecke)

Jan Tharp

Wally Rose Mincer Joe Gabriel (Amato)

Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

Roger and Kay Lund (Heaphy) John Renick

Karen Ude Nancy Stang Joann Kapugi Kaufman Family Debbie Leger

Sandi Rivers (Ryel)

Wayne & Karen Mathis

(Steen)

Teresa Fisher & children

Colby & Audrey

(Kaufman)

Homebound

Albert & Marianne Bugner Louise Bauer Warna Berryman

Judy Fuchs Joann Kapugi Suzie Karnatz Dianne Luecke Kathleen Fox Ian Nelson

Sue Smith Nancy Stang Betty Ude

Compassion and Sympathy

Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic) Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan) Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)