

Enter Through the Narrow Door

Luke 13:22

*Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*



August 21, 2022

Please silence all cell phones.

Entry into the Sanctuary is for prayerful preparation and quiet meditation.

Our Mission: To reach out wherever we can with the message of God's peace and renewal in His Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world. To follow Jesus and to share His story.

Welcome to our Worship! If you are new to the community or looking for a new church home, we invite you to make this your church. Please let us know how we may serve you. *(If standing during any portion of the worship service is a problem, you may be seated.)*

In the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:24–25) Since participation expresses unity of confession, if you are not an LCMS member please speak with the Pastor before communing. The cups in the center of the communion trays hold water with a drop of wine for those who are sensitive to wine.

Prayer on entering the Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

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.

Prayer Before Communing: 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.

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Altar Paraments are green - symbolizing the renewal of vegetation and generally of living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Season of Epiphany between Transfiguration Sunday and the beginning of Lent, and for Ordinary Time between Trinity Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) and the beginning of Advent. Green symbolizes a time of growth in the Christian faith as the church studies and strives to practice the teachings of Jesus.

In Our Prayers Today: Don Buchholz, Allen Edwards, Chuck Hale, Ron Warner

If you know of parishioners who need our prayers, please let Carol Rollins know each week by Wednesday morning (pitv.office@gmail.com)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation

(Please stand on the last verse as you are able.)

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



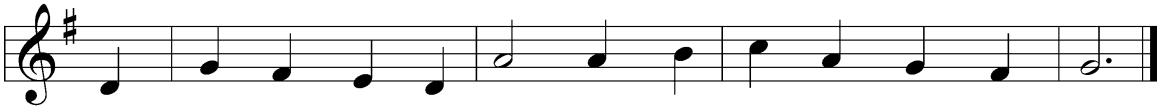
1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

P Splendor and majesty are before Him;

C we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

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.

P Splendor and majesty are before Him;

C **we will bless the LORD from this time forth and
forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest)

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

↓ *Please Be Seated*

Children's Message

The Catechism Reading

The LORD's Prayer

The Second Petition

P As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household

C Thy kingdom come.

Your kingdom come.

P *What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His

grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 50:1–15

Ⓐ The Old Testament reading is from Psalm 50.

Ⓐ The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes; He does not keep silence;
before Him is a devouring fire,
around Him a mighty tempest.
He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that He may judge His people:
“Gather to Me My faithful ones,
who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”
The heavens declare His righteousness,
for God Himself is judge!

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before Me.

I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

For every beast of the forest is Mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is Mine.

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are Mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:4–24

A The second reading is from Hebrews, the twelfth chapter.

A In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by Him.
For the Lord disciplines the one He loves,
and chastises every son whom He receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau,

who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ *Please Stand (as you are able)*

Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 13:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And He said to them, **"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."**

When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

↓ *Please Be Seated*

Hymn of the Day / Message Hymn

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508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
 7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
 la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
 judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

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Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, Forever and ever.

Sermon Theme

“The Narrow Road”

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Tithes/Offerings

(Please drop into the offering receptacle at the doors of the Sanctuary)

In Our Prayers Today: Don Buchholz, Allen Edwards, Chuck Hale, Ron Warner

Prayer Box

Prayers of the Church

P Heavenly Father, in Your name ... Lord in Your mercy,

C after each petition: **“hear our prayer”**.

↑ *Please Stand (as you are able)*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 208

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's

blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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. As often as you drink it, do it in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The musical score for 'Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)' is written on four staves in the key of D major (two sharps). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: '1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'You take the sin of the world a - way; You take the sin of the world a - way;'. The third staff has the lyrics: 'O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,'. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: 'Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.'.

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

↓ *Please Be Seated*

Distribution

(Music by Felicia)

↑ *Please Stand (as you are able)*

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

C Amen.


↓ *Please Be Seated*

Pastor's Announcements

Closing Hymn

(Please stand on the last verse as you are able)

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1	Let	us	ev - er	walk	with	Je - sus,	Fol - low	His	ex -	
2	Let	us	suf - fer	here	with	Je - sus	And	with	pa - tience	
3	Let	us	glad - ly	die	with	Je - sus.	Since	by	death	He
4	Let	us	al - so	live	with	Je - sus.	He	has	ris - en	





am - ple pure, Through a world that would de-ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de-struction, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread-ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter,
us im - mor-tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid-ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us Bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

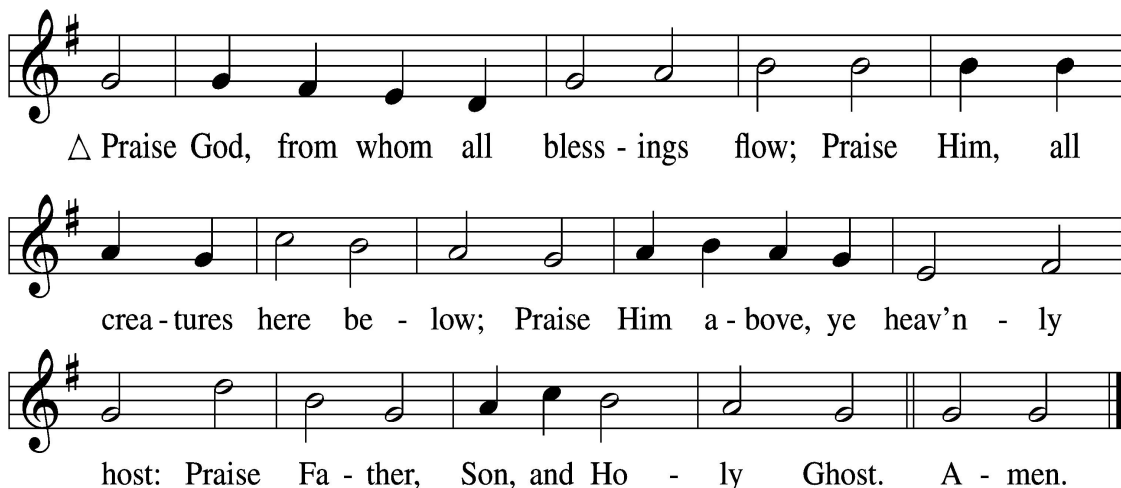
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen**

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Please wait to be ushered out

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Service in Worship Today

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Children

Children 2 through 9, at the parents' discretion, may leave the Church service during the Hymn of the Day for Sunday School and return to their families before the blessing of the elements.

Adult Bible Study

Pastor Ron is teaching from Luther's Small Catechism in Adult Study after fellowship on Sunday mornings.

Brown-Bag Bible Study

Wednesdays at 11:00 here at PITV. Bring your lunch or snack and join us for fellowship and open discussion on the "short books of the Bible".



Private Prayer Box

The Private Prayer Box is just inside the sanctuary door for all prayers and praises. These prayers will be prayed over during the service, generally the third Sunday of each month. They are never read by anyone, only God sees your prayers.

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