# Nineth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2025

## Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We stand OPENING HYMN #818

"Oh Master Let Me Walk With You"

vv1-4

#### **★**Brief Rite for Confession & Forgiveness of Sins ★

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

In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.

\*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.\*

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive all your sins and you- who believe and repent- in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **¥**HOLY COMMUNION**¥**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

"Glory to God in the Highest"

9 AM p167 Luke 2:14 5 PM see p148

Refrain Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain* 

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain* 

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Last refrain Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MATTHEW 24:42,44 Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-10, 17-18

<sup>15</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will vou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12:22-34

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? [a] <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his [b] kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #782

"My Shepherd You Supply My Need"

vv1-3

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Gospel on Every Page
Promised Offspring

We stand. PROFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*means whole, entire Christian

## 2025-2026 COMMISSIONING & BLESSING OF SOLID ROCK & ST. PETER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.

1 Cor. 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God? I will, and I ask God to help me.

A reading from Proverbs.

Prov. 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration? I will, and I ask God to help me.

A reading from Ephesians.

Eph. 3:16-19

I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life? I will, and I ask God to help me.

We stand. I now ask you, people of St. Peter and Solid Rock: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living? We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being commissioned face the assembly.

Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do? We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed? We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.** 

Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.** 

On behalf of St. Peter and Solid Rock, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause. We continue with the Prayers of the Church.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

A brief silence

Adorn your Church with faith as steadfast as Abraham's, and as lovely as the lilies of the field. Make it a storehouse for the treasures of heaven. Bless this congregation with deep faith, untroubled hearts, kindly spirits, and loving deeds. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Give us eyes to see our treasure in the souls of those whom you have loved, forgiven, and redeemed.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit abroad in the world, so that people in every land may say, "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; he is our strength and shield." Be the strength and shield of all who risk their life in defense of others. Help them act with wisdom, integrity, and competence. When their work is done, let their homecomings be joyful, their bodies and minds be healed and refreshed, their service be honored, and their skills be used in new ways.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Continue to lift up all those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods in the recent floods. Be close to the grieving, comfort those who mourn, and provide for those who have lost everything. Bless the work of relief agencies and all who are bringing aid and assistance. May the church be a beacon of hope, offering comfort and support to those who are suffering. Stir hearts to generosity and compassion to provide support and assistance where needed.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant healing, hope, and faith to all who are afflicted pain or sorrow. Today we lift before you the needs of: {List}. Bless all who suffer with your goodness and mercy. Give gentle hands and patient hearts to those who care for them; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Father, thank you for cherishing all who have died trusting in you. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Keep our hearts firmly fixed on your mercy and loving-kindness toward us. Help us to encourage and help one another. Remind us of the gifts of eternal life and salvation that you have stored up for us through the merits of your dear Son. Bring us into your Kingdom, where, with all of your beloved people, we may enjoy those treasures and delight in your goodness forever.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the power of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people. **Amen.** 

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

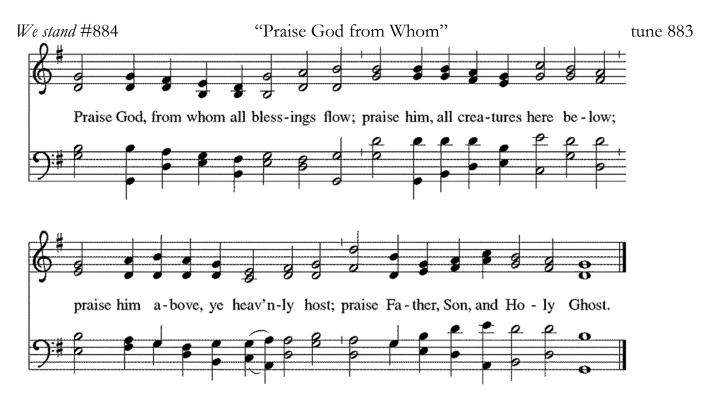
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.** We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. Offering, Offertory Song & Prayer- Giving back to God



First- and second-time guests are not expected to give a monetary offering; your Connection Card and your presence this morning are your gifts.

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Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561 Children are invited to the baptismal font with their backpacks to receive a bag tag and a blessing.

A reading from Romans. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

Dear God, as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with: eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large; respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships; love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation; happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard; faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend. We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Father, ...taking bread and giving thanks to you....

Almighty Father, ...now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.** 

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

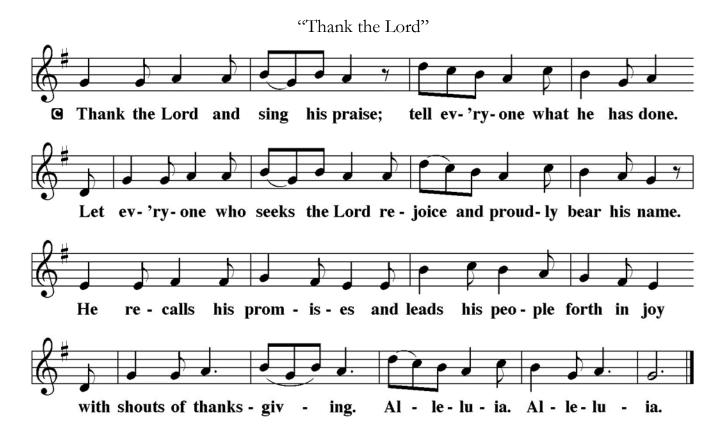
(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.





We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

#### BENEDICTION

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 \$\mathbb{\pi}\$ give you peace. **Amen.** 

Opening of Solid Rock

9AM only

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Teach me, O Lord, your ways.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

Teach me, O Lord, your ways.

I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice

Teach me, O Lord, your ways.

A reading from Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Help us to study diligently and to grow in all that is good. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.

We begin this 2025-2026 Solid Rock Christian Center for Learning school year in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

CLOSING HYMN:

#618 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

vv1-3

Go in peace; serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church" by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

\*\*\*COFFEE TIME IS OPEN FOR THESE DATES IN AUGUST: 17, 24, & 31\*\*\*

**UPDATE:** They are desperately calling for cereals. They are still very, very low. **MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** This Project of the Social Ministry Committee has wonderfully been responded to by St. Peter members! Thank you to all who have donated so far, and we will keep this drive going **through October** as they need these items. Let's keep filling up the tubs as we share our gifts to minister to those in need.

Thursday, Aug 7 Sharps Disposal 9:00 am -1:00 pm(LMC parking lot)

**THIS Saturday, Aug 9**th LYO & Solid Rock Families Back to School Lavaca Pool Party 2:00pm-5:00pm

**THIS Sunday Aug 10** Backpack Blessing, Teacher Installation (*St. Peter Solid Rock*), Solid Rock Open House, and Rally Day. Join us for brunch after church and Rally Day for ALL AGES where we wrap up our VBS theme "Epic Australian Adventure." We will explore that Jesus saves us. The bible story will be Peter and John Race to the Tomb. (John 20:1-10, 19-20) The bible memory verse is Jesus said..."I am the resurrection and the Life." John 11:25

**Solid Rock** would like to personally invite you to check out their classrooms today from 10:30 am -12:00 pm. See all the hard work they put into the classrooms to welcome the children to the new school year, "An Epic Australian Adventure!"

**Saturday Aug 16**<sup>th</sup> Market Days (Women in Mission Bake Sale) If you would like to donate baked good items, the Women welcome any and all. Please have your baked goods at the KC Hall by 8:00 am or you may leave your items in the kitchen (Fellowship Hall) on Friday, and they will be delivered to the KC Hall for you. Please let Judy Garmon know if you will be leaving baked goods in the kitchen. Thank you in advance!!

**Sunday, Aug 17**<sup>th</sup> First Day of Christian Learning *(pk3-12<sup>th</sup> grade)* & Bible Sunday for Prek3, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, & 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Wednesday, Aug 20**<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Meeting: This meeting is for parents & youth entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (*Fellowship Hall*)

OFFERING YTD (Jan-May '25) \$126,702.74; EXPENSES \$140,481.60 DIFFERENCE +/- -\$13,778.86 (due to yearly insurance payment)

## This Weekend Aug 10

Sunday AM: Assisting: Marilyn McAda

Communion Set Up: Susan Brandenberger

Communion Clean Up: Ruth Muehr

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Tommy Brandenberger, Jerome Kanak, & Warren Grindeland

Acolytes: Finley Poeling & Maggie Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Tina Hotz

Altar Flowers given by: L.A. & Janis Muehr in celebration of L.A.'s Birthday

Radio Ministry given by: L.A. & Janis Muehr in celebration of L.A.'s Birthday

**Sunday PM:** Assisting: Daniel Drozd Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

## Attendance for Sunday, Aug 3: 9AM 77/4PM 10

## This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Aug 10, 9:00 am Worship Service, (Backpack Blessing, Teacher Installation) 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Rally Day for all ages, 10:30 am -12:00 pm Solid Rock Open House, 4:00 pm Worship Service

Mon Aug 11, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Council Meeting

**Tue** Aug 12, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Thu** Aug 14, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board Meeting, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

**Sat** Aug 16, Women in Mission Market Days Bake Sale

Sun Aug 17, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:20 am Bible Sunday 10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning, 4:00 pm Worship Service

## Our Prayer List:— Requests listed 4 weeks under Concerns For unless otherwise requested.

Mark Lester, Julie Tanner, Anthony Hotz, Mike Brown, Ted Goranson, Maria Alvarado, James Evans, Noreen Kurth, James Kubecka, Jerry Bonewald, Beth Laqua, Marvin Huser, Will Pence, Rose Dueitt, Janie Andrews, Steve Kossa, Edward Robles, Becky Berger, Edita Rybak, Ruby Young, Keith Ethridge, Abraham Soloria, Jimmy Gutierrez III, Betty Clark, Mary & Leroy Schroeder,

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Ky Lange, Pauline Karl, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (Missionary in Ghana, Belize, &Pakistan)

Other Concerns: first responders (military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical), Safe House Church (Hallettsville); San Miguel (Ft. Worth) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, & our country

<u>Grieving Families of:</u> Mary Poppert, Bo Haus, Brayden Robertson, Jerry Bonewald, Travis Schely, Melissa Beck, Pete Trlicek, Oleen Covey, Billie Jean Mayes, Barbara Lundy

## Serving Next Weekend: Aug 17

Sunday AM: Assisting: Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: Susan Brandenberger

Communion Clean Up: Karen Satterly

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Tommy Brandenberger, Jerome Kanak, & Warren Grindeland

Acolytes: Sylas Stacy & Cole Kocian Power Point Sunday: Sharyn Sullivan

Altar Flowers given by: John & Cheryl Draper in celebration of our Wedding Anniversary Radio Ministry given by: John & Cheryl Draper in celebration of our Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday PM:** Assisting: Aileen Peck Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

#### Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-10,17-18; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 16:1-4, 15-16; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

## **SAVE THE DATES IN SEPTEMBER:**

Monday, Sept 1 Happy Labor Day! Church Office Closed Tuesday, Sept 2 Benevolence Meeting @5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

**Openings for Radio:** Sept 14, 21; Oct 26; Nov 2, 16, 23, 30; Dec 14, 28 **Openings for Flowers:** Sept 14, Oct 19, 26; Nov 16; Dec 14, 28



Wishing all our youth a Happy First Day of School and an awesome school year!

## Entrance Hymn (ELW) O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

## Hymn of the Day (ELW) My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (ELW 782)

1 My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name. In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways, and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise. Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

## Closing Hymn (ELW) Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.