



*I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!*



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting VI

**Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has
been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026**

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One Thing's Needful.....	LSB 536
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Readings

Old Testament Reading.....	Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle.....	Romans 8:28-39
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Servants

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The Lord's Supper

St. Paul's Lutheran Church believes and teaches that the Lord gives us His true body and blood in the bread and wine served in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, "This is My body, this is My blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins," who repent of all sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love others as He forgives.

Individuals who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor, so as to refrain from eating and drinking in an unworthy manner causing harm to themselves.

For further reading, please take a copy of "A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper" from the information rack in the Narthex. You can find the information rack near the pastor's office by the front door. Members should use the questions on the back of this bulletin to help prepare to receive. St. Paul's is a Closed Communion congregation.



A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

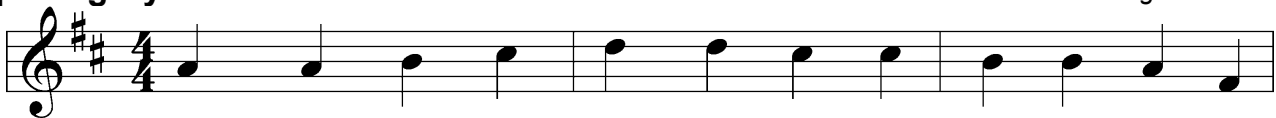
The Lord's Supper will most likely be served today. This is also called Holy Communion. We follow our Lord's instructions alone here, and not the opinions of men. Please be sure to read The Lord's Supper statement on the previous page. Visitors, if you did not have a chance to speak to the pastor prior to the service, please take no offence if the pastor does not serve you should you come up to the rail. He will certainly offer a blessing and prayer over you. You should speak to him as quickly as possible after the service.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

Today's Theme

Jesus famously teaches, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are
Christ was re - veal-ing! All earth - ly con-cerns she for - got for her
steps ev - er train-ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl-edge di -
ful - ly com-plet - ed; Sal - va-tion's white rai-ments I there did ob -
Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need-ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation

Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19

- P** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
C **but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**
P Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Confession of Sins

- P** Gracious Heavenly Father,
C **I confess before You and my brothers and sisters that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words and my deeds. I have not been faithful in keeping Your Law and I have squandered the blessings You have provided. I have been unfaithful in studying Your Word and abiding in Your truth. I am a sinner. For Jesus' sake, forgive me of my sins and cleanse me of my iniquity. Lord, I believe. Help me with my unbelief.**

Holy Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
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.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie

O Lord, have mercy upon us, And in Your pity hear us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us, And in your kindness cheer us.
We cry to You, our Help and Peace:
O Lord have mercy upon us, O Christ have mercy on us.

Gloria In Excelsis

- 1 All glory be to God on high, All heavenly Host this anthem cry:
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
We praise You, Father of all things We bless You, Lord above all kings
You we worship, You we worship
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
All the glory.
- 2 O Lord, Your only blessed Son O Lamb of God, Begotten One
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
The world's sin you take away The world's sin you take away
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

3 You sit triumphantly above The Father's right, ruling in love
Holy, holy, Lord most holy
So to the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, three in one
Angels singing, voices ringing
Lord, come quickly, Lord, come quickly!
Amen, Amen.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that,
receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him

graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh
Eternal life He speaks to the dead
He gave His life to free us from death
Alleluia!

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Response

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sermon Hymn

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past; But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine, Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure, Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it, Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come, To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven. O praise the Three in One!

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; (sts. 1–2, 6); tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.; (st. 3); tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 4–5); tr. Gregory J. Wismar, 1946; (st. 7); tr. Joseph Herl, 1959
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Sermon

Offertory

- 1 We bring our gifts before Your throne For You have made our hearts Your home
And cleansing us with love that's true We offer our own lives to You
- 2 In Jesus' name we pray for peace Here in our church, our faith increase
Peace in the world, peace in our street Your peace, please give, in the great feast.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with your spirit.
P Lift up your hearts!
C We lift them up to the Lord!
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C For it is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, highest holy Lord of Sabaoth, we sing;
Heav'n and earth proclaim Your glory All Your hosts, this song we bring:
Sing hosanna, loud hosanna To the King who comes to die
Loud hosanna to the Savior, Sing to Jesus, Lord most high.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

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.

Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

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

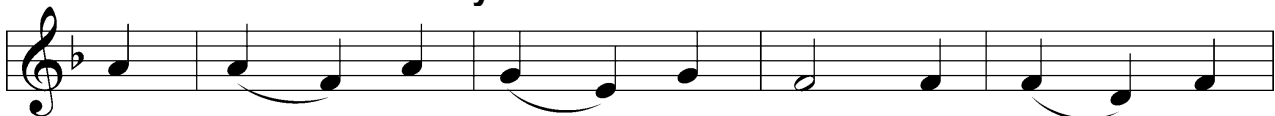
Agnus Dei

- 1 Jesus, Lamb of God, we pray: Take the world's sin away.
Shed Your mercy on us now, Pour Your peace from heav'n down.
Feed us with Your flesh and blood Lamb of God, His only Son.
- 2 Fill our cups to overflow, Lead us through the valley low.
Guide us through the sinful scorns; To the still and peaceful shores.
Be our Shepherd and our Lamp, Spotless Jesus, precious Lamb.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

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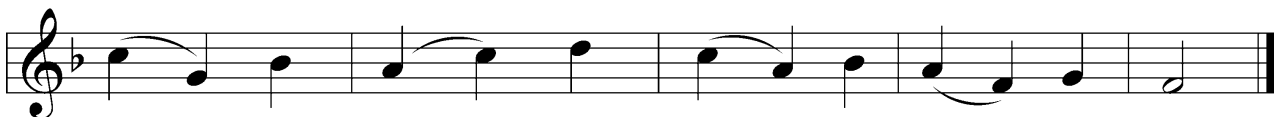
975 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we



Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and
shall be free And per - fect love and



kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
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638 *Eat This Bread (soloist, Aiyana Callison)*

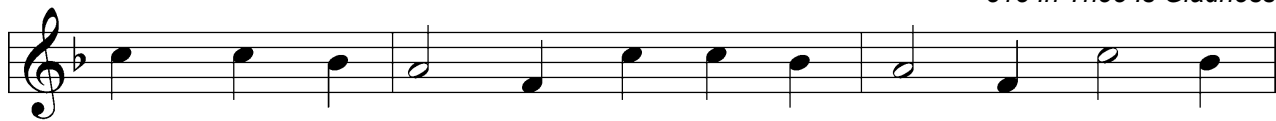


Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, Your servant goes in peace For Your Word is now complete.
I have seen my Savior’s face; His salvation for our race.
- 2 Jesus, light of life and hope, For all people, far and close;
Everyone to whom is sealed, Your salvation is revealed.
- 3 Glory be to God sublime, To the Father, throned most high,
To the Son, to Jesus Christ, And the Spirit breathing life.

Text: Rev. Daniel Carlson

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.

Post Communion Collect

Benedicamus

- P** The Service is ended, let us therefore go in peace.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Benediction

Departing Hymn

645 Built on the Rock



- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
- 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
- 3 We are God’s house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
- 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



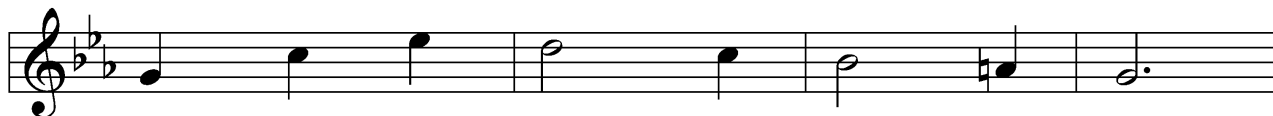
- stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
- High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
- own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
- God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ’s
- church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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Lord's Supper Preparation

Communicant Members, before receiving the Lord's Supper, please take some time to consider the following questions. According to Scripture, you are to examine yourself first, before receiving this most holy meal. The LCMS is a Closed Communion church body.

- Am I baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit?
- Am I repentant, acknowledging my sins, trusting in the forgiveness of Christ and seeking to amend my sinful ways?
- Do I believe Jesus' true body and true blood are really present in the bread and wine?
- Do I confess the Holy Bible, in its entirety, is the Word of God?
- Do I agree with Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 of the hymnal?

If you are struggling with any sins or with the guilt that comes from sin, and if you need to speak to the pastor before you commune, please make an appointment to come for private confession and absolution. Confessed sins cannot be divulged, and private confession and absolution can be a great comfort for the soul in certain situations.

Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Ashley Kuntz

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

A person's heart plans his
way,
but the Lord makes his steps
secure.

Proverbs 16:9 (EHV)

"All things work together for the
good of those who love God"

Romans 8:28 (EHV)