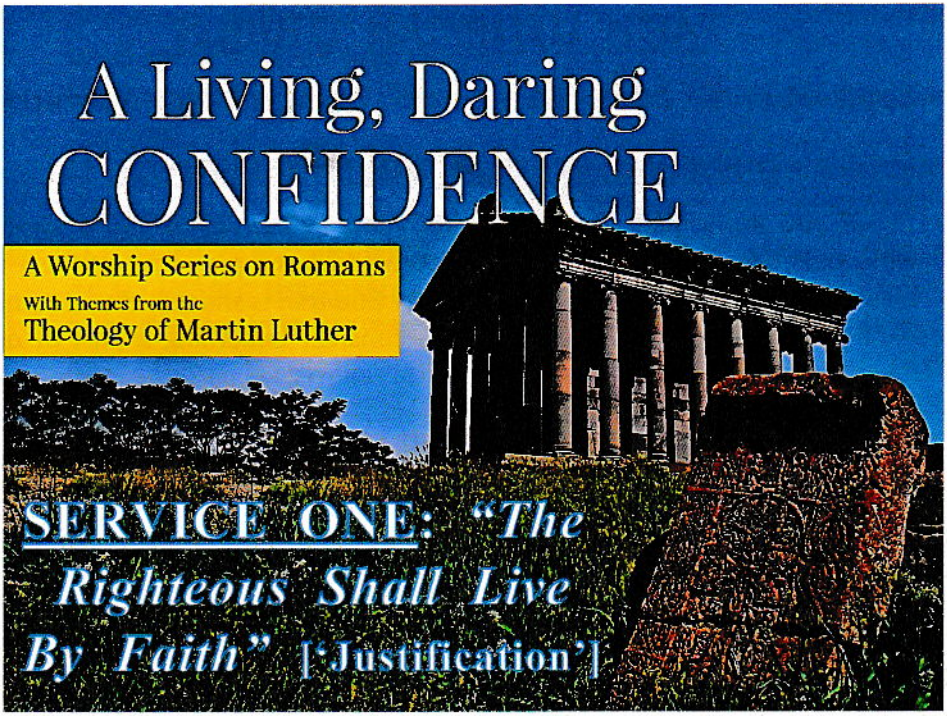

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE: ***"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times."*** (Martin Luther, Preface to Romans, 1522)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION: *please STAND as you are able*

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L: In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

L: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

L: Following a moment of silence, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

[We take a moment to reflect on our lives and our need for forgiveness.]

L: Almighty God,

C: FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, MAKER OF ALL THINGS, JUDGE OF ALL PEOPLE, WE ADMIT AND CONFESS OUR SINFULNESS. WE HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM EACH OTHER IN OUR THINKING, SPEAKING, AND DOING. WE HAVE DONE THE EVIL YOU FORBID AND HAVE NOT DONE THE GOOD THE FREEDOM OF YOUR FORGIVENESS GRANTS US. WE DO REPENT AND ARE TRULY SORRY FOR THESE OUR SINS. HAVE MERCY ON US, KIND FATHER, BECAUSE OF THE OBEDIENCE OF OUR BROTHER, JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON. FORGIVE US ALL THAT IS PAST, AND WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MOVE US TO SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY. SET OUR FEET UPON THE NEW PATH OF LIFE, AND BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

L: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ***"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"*** **[from *LSB #555*, sung to the tune of, 'Nun Freut Euch' {LSB #568}]**

1. Salvation unto us has come
   By God's free grace and favor;
   Good works cannot avert our doom,
   They help and save us never.
   Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
   Who did for all the world atone;
   He is our one Redeemer.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
   Or we must die despairing,
   Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
   Our human nature sharing.
   He has for us the Law obeyed
   And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
   Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, [+] Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd Name we hallow.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: MERCIFUL FATHER, YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY SON AS THE SACRIFICE FOR SINNERS. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE THE FRUITS OF HIS REDEEMING WORK WITH THANKSGIVING AND DAILY TO FOLLOW IN HIS WAY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

THE READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE THEME, "JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH!"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Habakkuk 2 : 1 – 4,* Page 998

[The Righteous Shall Live By His Faith]

[1]I will take my stand at my watch-post and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. [2]And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. [3]For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. [4]"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON: *Romans 1 : 8 - 16,* Page 1,194

[The righteousness of God is being revealed from faith to faith.]

[St. Paul writes:] [8]First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. [9]For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the Gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I mention you [10]always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. [11]For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—[12]that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

[13]I want you to know, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. [14]I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. [15]So I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.

[16]For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17]For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

R: Long ago, at many times and in various ways, God spoke to the forefathers by the prophets.

C: BUT NOW, IN THESE LAST DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.

Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON: *John 5 : 21 – 24,* Page 1,133

[Hearing His Word and Faith passes us from death to life]

[Jesus said:] [21]For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, [23]that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. [24]Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PORTION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: ***Commandments 1 – 3***

P: What is the First Commandment?

C: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR, LOVE, AND TRUST IN GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

P: What is the Second Commandment?

C: YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT CURSE, SWEAR, USE SATANIC ARTS, LIE, OR DECEIVE BY HIS NAME, BUT CALL UPON IT IN EVERY TROUBLE, PRAY, PRAISE, AND GIVE THANKS.

P: What is the Third Commandment?

C: REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY BY KEEPING IT HOLY.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT DESPISE PREACHING AND HIS WORD, BUT HOLD IT SACRED AND GLADLY HEAR AND LEARN IT. *please be seated*

SERMON HYMN: **"By Grace, I'm Saved"** ***LSB # 566, vs. 1 – 4***

SERMON: ***"Faith Alone ... And You're Right with God,"***
based on today's Epistle lesson.

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"** ***LSB # 806***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Please STAND as you are able*

[Each petition concludes with this response:]

L: Lord, as we are the righteous who live by faith,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LORD'S PRAYER [spoken in unison] *[found on the inside back cover of the hymnal]*

[8 AM Services only] **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

NOTE: The elements for Holy Communion were consecrated by the pastor before the service began this morning. The service continues as follows:

THE PEACE:

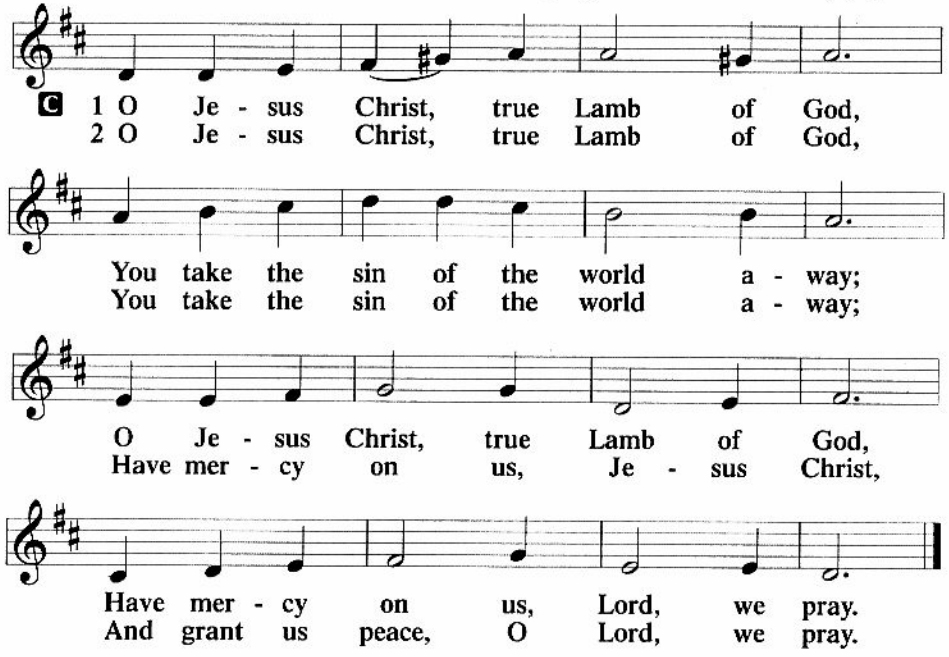
L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[I Corinthians 11:26]*

C: AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. *[Revelation 22:20]*

L: The peace of the Lord be with us always!

C: AMEN!

AGNUS DEI: [from Divine Service, Setting 4] *LSB, pg. 210*



Distribution of the Lord's Supper

AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE: Please take a few moments of meditation prior to the Sacrament, which will include some soft music being played. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review our policy for taking the Sacrament, which includes some contemplative questions and reminders being shown on our viewing screens. May we then prayerfully, worthily and joyfully join Him at table who comes to us in His true Body and Blood.

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER:

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" ***LSB # 729***

"Christ the Eternal Lord" ***LSB # 829***

[5 PM and 11 AM worships resume here:] **CLOSING COLLECT**:

P: Let us pray together:

C: ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, AS YOU DID TO MARTIN LUTHER, YOU HAVE OPENED OUR HEARTS TO HEAR YOUR WORD, WHICH HAS SAVED US FROM OUR SIN. STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH SO THAT WE MAY LIVE CONFIDENTLY UNDER YOUR CARE AND SPREAD THE NEWS OF YOUR GRACE IN ALL WE SAY AND DO; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

P: The Almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us, and keep us in this life and for life eternal.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** ***LSB # 702***

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: *Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor*

	8 am service	*11 am service*
Assisting Elder	Tim Burkee, Larry Roach	
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Steve Schoeneck
Acolyte	Brittany Morrison	Joseph Wuest
Altar Care	Debbie Lackey, Mary Oles	Sandi Leenhouts, Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Betty Holland	JoAnn Wetzel
Audio Asst.		Rose Wegner
Video Asst.	Mike Muetzel	Brittany Morrison
Ushers	Darlene Brown, Randy Brown, Ivo & Jackie Christopher	Mary Cazel, Sue Leader, Rich & Sandi Leenhouts
Flower Angels	The Costello Family	

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

(**9/3**) Patrick Costello, Bob ♥ Bea Schurkus, Kristen Wegner
(**4**) Cathy Hurff, Marilyn Scovill, (**5**) Fred Mieser (**7**) John Reinstetle
(**8**) Savannah Champlin, Helena Traenkner

Food Pantry Item for the month of **September**	***Spaghetti Sauce***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adult Bible Studies:

SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 AM in the Conference room:

Creation series: September 3 Video presentation of Lee Strobel's "The Case for the Creator." September 10, 17, 24: Showing and discussion of "Is Genesis History?" produced by Del Tackett.

Reformation series: Pastor Steinke will be presenting a 5 Sunday series on the Reformation in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 Theses on the church door at Wittenberg.

If sign-ups for the Reformation series exceed the capacity of the Conference Room the classes will be held in the Sanctuary.

TUESDAY EVENING 7 PM at the home of Barbara Goodhue

Starting on **September 19** a study of the books of Colossians and Philemon. Barbara's new address is 4217 Richmere Drive in the Gardens of Beacon Square. If you sign up, printed directions will be placed in your mail box.

Please sign up so we know how many copies of any materials to prepare.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: The board has moved their meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

THE MONSTERS ARE COMING ... Voting has begun so fill out your ballot! Help us name our newest addition to Narthex II and our Christian Life Center. Our little monster will be asking to be fed constantly with non-perishable food items to keep our Food Pantry Program up and running. Join in on the fun and VOTE. We will notify you on the final name choice.

ALTAR GUILD: We are desperate for 13 oz. metal coffee cans to transport our altar flowers to our shut-ins. **PLEASE** donate them if you have them!!

FAITH LADIES GUILD: Welcome all ladies to our first meeting of the year, September 6th at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, followed by devotions and then a special planning meeting afterwards. Please ladies, plan to attend! We need your help in planning for the Fall Rally on October 14, 2017 at Faith. We are honored to be this year's hostesses. Other events need to be discussed.

SHOES FOR SOULS: MOCA is collecting shoes for area schools until September 10th. Larger children's sizes are needed most. Thank you for all your help. It is greatly appreciated. See flyer in today's bulletin.

LABOR DAY SUNDAY: Due to the number of families and staff being out of town, we will not be having Sunday School classes today. Be ready to start our Fall Program with a bang! We have many ideas that will be coming up over the next few months. Watch for details to come...

OFFICE CLOSED: The Food Pantry and the Church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day.

A CHILD'S HOPE: We are currently placing our "A Child's Hope" Project on hold due to the large number of "comfort bags" that we have ready. We will stop making the bags up until our stock becomes low. We thank you for your continued support of this project and will resume the project when the need arises.

PRAYER LIST: September 2-3, 2017

Compassion:

Health/Unspoken: Darlene Alexander, Sharon Bennett, Wanda Bensel, John Bianchi, Sydney Birmingham, Marianne Blanchard, Laura Bley, Timothy Bourdace, Jr., Ray Bovier, Jerry Brock, Adele Burke, Wayne Charlton, Mary Coffey, Christopher Corsetti, Marti Curran, Larry DeBlasi, Dottie, Denise Hackman, Debra Hahn, Suzanne Herr, Joe Hoback, Betty Holland, Jim, Nancy K., Kyle Kemp, Joanne King, Edie Knudsen, Steve Malcolm, Mary Lou, Peggy McRoy, Zachary Melsha, Peter Mohler, Lillian Molina, Noelle, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Patty, Maryann Piccione, Osman Ponce, Allen Price, Juliana Pruinski, Theresa Riley, J. J. Rivera, The Roach Family, Dawn Sandvig, A. J. Smith, Aaron Spencer, Andrew Spencer, Pat Steinbach, Dana Steinke, Fan Steinke, Donna Tan, Nellie Walker, Katie Wegner, Marion Welsh, Pastor Wenndt, Kevin Wilk, Sally Woodtke, Arleen Yamada

Homebound: Meta Gerken, *Audrey Gould, Maria Hulyk, Jim Keebler, Mona Krupicka, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Marge LaVallee, Dave Noll, Pat Noll,* Lucille Noveck, *Ginny Pohlman, Bob & Bea Schurkus,* Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Hank Whitt

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Jason Graves, Steven Hartwell, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Saturday, Sep 2	5:00 pm	Elder led Worship Service
Sunday, Sep 3	8:00 am	Elder led Worship Service w/Holy Communion
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Tuesday, Sep 5	7:00 pm	Board of Elders
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Wednesday, Sep 6	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	12:30 pm	Ladies Guild
	2:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Committee
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A Measure of Our Devotion

August 26-27, 2017	
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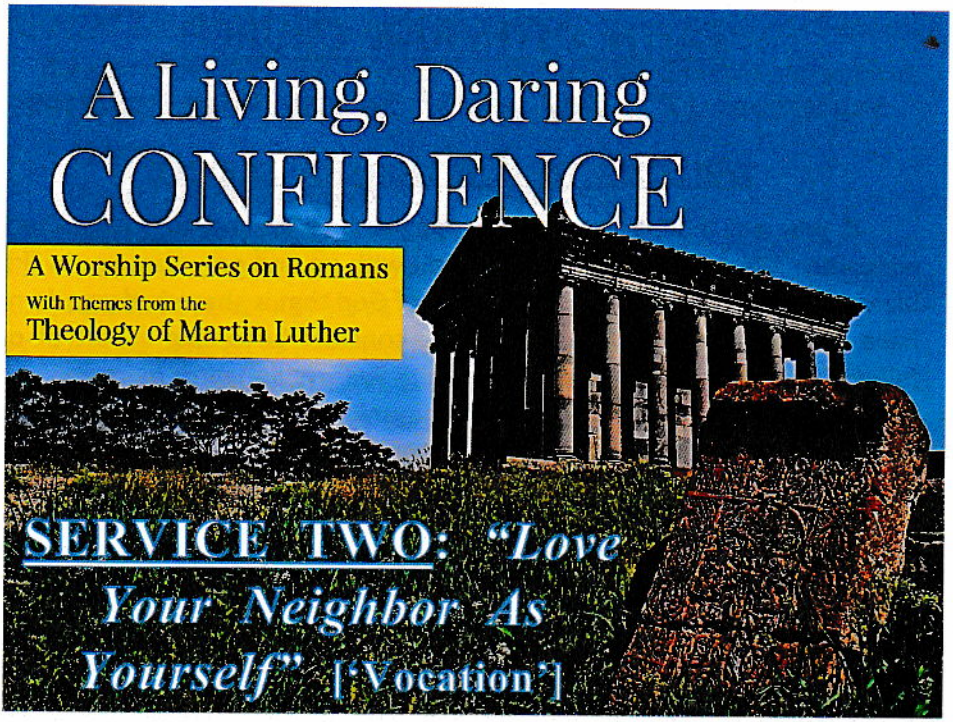
Receipts for August 26-27, 2017	$1,547.50



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE: ***"'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.'*** [Romans 5:5] ***We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and the neighbor. He lives in Christ through faith, and in his neighbor through love."*** (Martin Luther, Preface to Romans, 1522)

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P: *In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: AMEN.

P: *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,*

C: FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

P: *It is He who remembered us in our low estate,*

C: FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

P: *He has rescued us from our foes,*

C: FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. *(Psalm 136 : 1, 23 – 24).*

P: *Following a moment of silence, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.*

[We take a moment to reflect on our lives and our need for forgiveness.]

P: *Thus says the Lord God, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.'* (Leviticus 19 : 18b)

C: LORD, WE KNOW THAT IT IS OUR NEIGHBOR WHO IS THE ONE WHO IS IN NEED. YET WE CAN BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT OURSELVES THAT WE DO NOT EVEN SEE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS OUR COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY. EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD AND LORD IN OUR LIVES, WE END UP LOVING OURSELVES WAY MORE THAN YOU OR OUR NEIGHBOR. LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE US BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR US.

P: *Jesus said to the man, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."* (Matthew 22 : 37 – 40)

C: BUT NOT ONLY DO WE FAIL TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR, BUT LORD, WE ALSO FALL SHORT ON LOVING YOU WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL AND MIND. MANY DAYS WE BARELY GIVE YOU MUCH THOUGHT. OTHER DAYS OUR PRAYERS ARE FILLED WITH REQUESTS BUT LITTLE EVIDENCE OF THE LOVE THAT GIVES PRAISE AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU GIVE US. LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE US BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR US.

P: *Lord, You have also reminded us of this: "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* (Galatians 5 : 13 – 14)

C: LORD, IN YOUR LOVE, YOU HAVE FREED US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. YET WE TURN THAT FREEDOM INTO DESIRES TO BE SERVED INSTEAD OF SERVING SOMEONE ELSE. OUR SELFISHNESS SHOWS UP IN OUR HOMES, IN OUR WORK, IN OUR TRIPS TO THE STORE AND EVEN IN CHURCH. LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE US BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE FOR US.

P: God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Because of this Divine love for us, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of God the Father who loves you, in the Name of God the Son who showed that love on the cross, and in the Name of God the Holy Spirit who pours that love into our hearts.

C: AMEN.

GREETING OF THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE: ***"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*** ***LSB # 803***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: O GOD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD PROCEEDS, GRANT TO US, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANTS, YOUR HOLY INSPIRATION, THAT WE MAY SET OUR MINDS ON THE THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT AND, BY YOUR MERCIFUL GUIDING, ACCOMPLISH THEM; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

THE READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE APPOINTED FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Psalm 32 : 1 – 7, 10 – 11,* Page 587

[Blessèd Are the Forgiven]

[King David writes:] [1]Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
[2]Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
[3]For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
[4]For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

[5]I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
[6]Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
[7]You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance. … …
[10]Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
[11]Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON: *Romans 13 : 1 – 10,* Page 1,206

[Today's Theme – 'Love Your Neighbor As Yourself', Expressed Also in Submission to Our Leaders and Authorities.]

[St. Paul writes:] [1]Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3]For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4]for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5]Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6]For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7]Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

[8]Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9]The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10]Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

R: *Long ago, at many times and in various ways, God spoke to the forefathers by the prophets.*

C: BUT NOW, IN THESE LAST DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.

Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope

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

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 18 : 1 – 20,* Page 1,046

[Jesus Gives Us a Lesson on Who Is the Greatest]

[Jesus said:] [1]At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" [2]And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them [3]and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4]Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

[5]"Whoever receives one such child in My Name receives Me, [6]but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

[7]"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! [8]And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. [9]And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

[10]"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. [12]What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety–nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? [13]And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety–nine that never went astray. [14]So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

[15]"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. [16]But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17]If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18]Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you

loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [19]Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. [20]For where two or three are gathered in My Name, there am I among them."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PORTION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM: ***Commandments 4 – 6***

P: What is the Fourth Commandment?

C: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT DESPISE OR ANGER OUR PARENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES, BUT HONOR THEM, SERVE AND OBEY THEM, LOVE AND CHERISH THEM.

P: What is the Fifth Commandment?

C: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE DO NOT HURT OR HARM OUR NEIGHBOR IN HIS BODY, BUT HELP AND SUPPORT HIM IN EVERY PHYSICAL NEED.

P: What is the Sixth Commandment?

C: YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE SHOULD FEAR AND LOVE GOD SO THAT WE LEAD A SEXUALLY PURE AND DECENT LIFE IN WHAT WE SAY AND DO, AND HUSBAND AND WIFE LOVE AND HONOR EACH OTHER. *please be seated*

SERMON HYMN: **"God Loved the World So That He Gave"** ***LSB # 571***

SERMON: ***"Nobody Ever Said True Love and Respect Were Ever Easy,"*** based on today's Epistle lesson, preached by Pastor Wenndt.

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** ***LSB # 806***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Please STAND as you are able*

[Each petition concludes with this response:]

P: Ever–present Lord,

C: ABIDE IN US WITH YOUR LOVE.

[sung] **LORD'S PRAYER** [from the, *'Celebration Hymnal', # 631*]

Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory forever.
Amen, Amen.

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[11 AM Service only] **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (consecration of the Holy Supper)

THE PEACE:

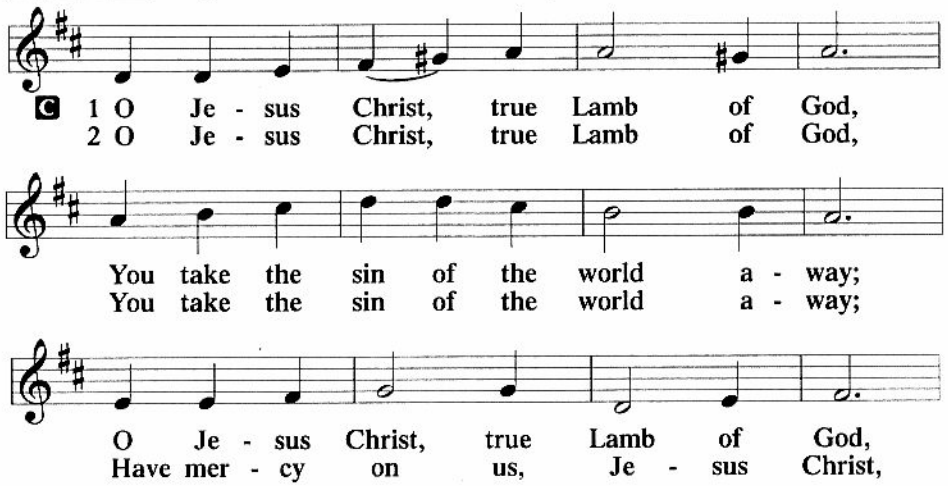
P: *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.* *[I Corinthians 11:26]*

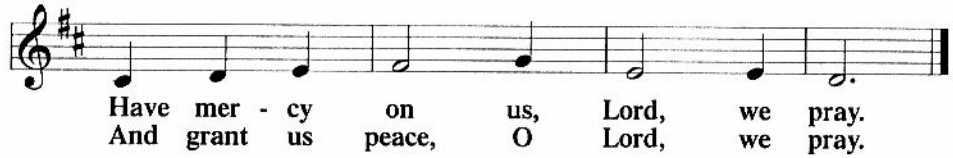
C: AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. *[Revelation 22:20]*

P: *The peace of the Lord be with us always!*

C: AMEN!

AGNUS DEI: [from Divine Service, Setting 4] *LSB, pg. 210*





Distribution of the Lord's Supper

AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE: Please take a few moments of meditation prior to the Sacrament, which will include some soft music being played. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review our policy for taking the Sacrament, which includes some contemplative questions and reminders being shown on our viewing screens. May we then prayerfully, worthily and joyfully join Him at table who comes to us in His true Body and Blood.

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER:

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" ***LSB # 729***

"Christ the Eternal Lord" ***LSB # 829***

[8 AM worship resumes here:] **CLOSING COLLECT:**

P: *Let us pray together:*

C: HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU HAVE MADE US YOUR CHILDREN BY OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST AND GIVEN US THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS. HELP US TO SHARE THAT LIFE AND FORGIVENESS WITH ALL PEOPLE, FOR ALL WITH US ARE IN NEED OF YOUR MERCY AND DELIVERANCE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

P: *[concludes with:]* ... and may the Almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the [+] Son and Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"** ***LSB # 643***

P: *Go in peace, serve the Lord!*

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: *Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor*

	8 am service	*11 am service*
Assisting Elder	Tim Burkee, Larry Roach	Bob Hackman, Tom Springer
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Acolyte	Austin Logan	Aiden Thompson
Altar Care	Debbie Lackey, Mary Oles	Sandi Leenhouts, Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Yvonne Burkee	Briana Salazar
Audio Asst.		Brittany Morrison
Video Asst.	Mike Muetzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers	Mickie Ferguson, Mel & John Reinstetle, Steve Thompson	Bob Hackman, Rich & Sandi Leenhouts, Marian Malmgren
Flower Angels	The Costello Family	

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

(**12**) Carol Springer (**14**) Mya Bonilla (**15**) Dottie Panuccio, Misty Wuest
(**16**) Donalee Ogorzelec (**18**) Chris Graves, Jim Krueger (**19**) Eleanor Goeth
(**21**) Rich ♥ Sandi Leenhouts, Madi Vozdecky (**22**) Lamar ♥ Phyllis Miller

Food Pantry Item for the month of **September**	***Spaghetti Sauce***

ANNOUNCEMENTS: UPDATED FOR SEPT. 16-17

A SPECIAL "NIGHT OF THANKS": Wednesday evening, September 20th. We will begin with a meal at 6:30 PM, and continue with a Service of Prayer and Praise at 7:15 PM.

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THE MONSTERS ARE COMING This weekend we start our voting process to name our "Feed Me Food Monsters". Look for the ballots and ballot box in Narthex I. We'll be counting your votes for two weeks and will announce the name at that time. And, by the way ... you can always bring a canned food item to start off the 2017-2018 Sunday School Mission Project. FEED THE MONSTERS!!! (all proceeds benefit our Food Pantry Program)

ALTAR GUILD: We are desperate for 13 oz. metal coffee cans to transport our altar flowers to our shut-ins. **PLEASE** donate them if you have them!!

SHOES FOR SOULS: This is the last weekend that MOCA is collecting shoes for area schools. Larger children's sizes are needed most. Thank you for all your help. It is greatly appreciated.

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	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Monday, Sep 18	9-11:30	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff
	7:00 pm	Executive Council
Tuesday, Sep 19		
Wednesday, Sep 20	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	12:00 pm	Genealogy Society (in CLC)
	2:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Committee
	6:30 pm	Special Night of Thanks w/meal and service
Thursday, Sep 21	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
Friday, Sep 22	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
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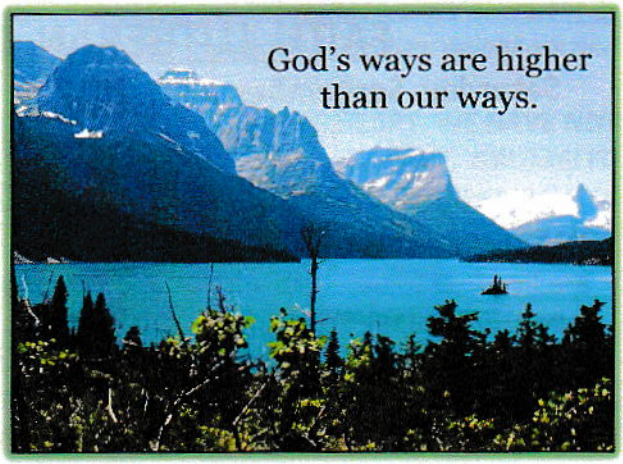
A Measure of Our Devotion

September 2-3, 2017	
Worship Attendance 2017	15/28/41
Worship Attendance 2016	31/65
Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth/ Adult Bible Classes	5/0/6/14
Receipts for September 2-3, 2017	$4759.00



Moving Forward

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Our Service Schedule

SATURDAYS:
Worship at 5 pm
Holy Communion on
2nd and 4th Saturdays

SUNDAYS:
Worship at 8 am
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship at 11:00 am
Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sundays

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:
Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

September 23, 2017

Weekend of the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 – the weekend of the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME GUEST, we want to extend a special welcome. We are honored to have you with us and pray that you will be blessed by our fellowship and the Word of God that is shared. If you do not have a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Please fill out one of the cards in front of you, and note the information regarding communion participation on the back of it. We pray that you will join us again soon.

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OR FREQUENT GUEST, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself – they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who would welcome getting to know you.

TO PONDER, AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: Our reward for being called to work in God's kingdom does not change based on how long we have been in our Lord's service. After all, we are saved by grace through faith, not by works. In today's first lesson, Isaiah's call for the wicked and unrighteous to return to the Lord shows God's immense compassion for all people, no matter when they return to Him. God's ways are not our ways, yet we continue to work in His kingdom until He calls us when we die. Paul struggled with a desire to depart and be with Christ and a desire to go on living and laboring for the Lord. Death and life contend, but Paul knows life will win. He knows that Jesus will return, raise the dead, and dwell with them forever. May God bless us as we are edified in tonight's worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAISE SONGS: ***"Here I am to Worship"***
"God of Wonders"

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: *Psalm 27:6, 9; Isaiah 55:6–7*

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

P: In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: As we come to the house of the Lord, we know that we are unworthy of God's love. We have sinned against friends and families, neighbors and co-workers.

C: WE HAVE NOT LOVED GOD WITH OUR WHOLE HEART. WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE HAVE GRUMBLED AGAINST GOD AND HIS AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE SOUGHT SELFISH DESIRES INSTEAD OF GOD'S WILL.

P: We turn to God in repentance and implore Him for mercy.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self – examination.]

P: (offers prayer for forgiveness, then pronounces Holy Absolution, concluding with:) "... and of the Holy Spirit."

C: AMEN.

RESPONSE PRAISE SONG: ***"Lord I Need You"***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE APPOINTED FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 55 : 6 – 9,* Page 782

["Return to the Lord, that He may have compassion"]

6"Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
7let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
8For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.
9For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

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

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 20 : 1 – 16,* Page 1,247 & 1,248

"The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard"

[Jesus said:] [1]"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' [5]So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' [7]They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12]saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13]But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' [16]So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

MESSAGE: "Accepting What We Cannot Understand – the Will and Love of the Lord", based on today's first lesson from Isaiah 55, by Pastor Wenndt

P: We join Christians throughout the world in confessing our Christian faith, this morning to the words of the Nicene Creed:

(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal, LSB)
please be seated at conclusion

WE RECEIVE OUR FIRST – FRUITS AND OFFERINGS: We express our awareness that all we have comes from God by returning to Him a portion of our treasure for the work of His Church to reach others with the Good News of His Love. Please record your presence with us this morning by filling out the "FAITH FELLOWSHIP" cards in the racks in front of you. You may place them into the collection plate, or an usher will be by to collect them from you.

PRAISE SONG DURING THE OFFERING: ***"God is in Control"***

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER: *spoken in unison – found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: *(consecration of the elements for the Lord's Supper, spoken by the Pastor)* *LSB, pg. 197*

PAX DOMINI and AGNUS DEI: *LSB, pg. 197 – 8*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

PRAISE SONG AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

"The Lamb"

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

UNISON PRAYER, CLOSING AND BENEDICTION:

P: Let us close in prayer, together:

ALL: LORD GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU ARE THE AUTHOR OF LIFE. DIRECT US IN OUR VOCATIONS THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE, SEEKING UNITY AND PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, WHICH IS OURS BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

P: Bless we the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

P: [gives the blessing, concluding with:] ... and [+] give you peace.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING PRAISE SONG: ***"Your Grace is Enough"***

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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Those Serving This Evening:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor

Elders: Jack Greenlee

Acolyte: Joseph Wuest

Worship and Praise Team:

Jerry Brock, Director/keyboard
John Brock, visuals
Misty Wuest, vocals
Larry Zimdahl, guitar
Colene Brock, soundboard
Fred Mieser, drums
Robert Wuest, equipment
Pat Zimdahl, visuals/vocals

The Worship & Praise Team website:
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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

(26) June Svensson **(27)** Patsy Bickel, Sandi Leenhouts **(28)** Elly Zank
(30) Mickie Ferguson **(10/1)** Freda Steinke

A Measure of Our Devotion

Sept. 16-17, 2017	
Worship Attendance 2017	26/23/57
Worship Attendance 2016	38/35/56
Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth/ Adult Bible Classes	5/1/0/24
Receipts for September 16-17, 2017	$2,723.02

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FOOD PANTRY: During the month of August, the Food Pantry served a total of 117 people with 28 children, 2 homeless and 14 seniors. Thanks to all of you for your continued donations and please help keep us stocked by "Feeding the Monsters" when they arrive.

SHOES FOR SOULS: Thank you to everyone who participated in this important project with your donations. Because of your generosity we will be distributing 186 pairs of shoes to the local schools. What a wonderful way to show God's love and care to our community.

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IS EGYPT ON YOUR BUCKET LIST??? Now is a good time to go since Egypt is again welcoming tourists. September 2018 Wings of Eagles Christian Tours is hosting a trip to Egypt. Flyers are in the back-narthex brochure rack or see Phyllis Miller for more details about this once in a lifetime trip.

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	6:30 pm	Home Bible Study at the Wenndts
Monday, Sep 25	9-11:30	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Properties
Tuesday, Sep 26	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Barb Goodhue's
Wednesday, Sep 27	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	2:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Committee
Thursday, Sep 28	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
PRESIDENT'S	**EQUIP**	**CONFERENCE (Thurs.-Sat.)**
Friday, Sep 29	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Sep 30	3:00 pm	Faith Factor rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise service
Sunday, Oct 1	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service