



**WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST**  
*to Share the Hope of Eternal Life.*  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025*



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 12:49-56

**I have come to set the earth on FIRE! And how I long for every heart to be already ABLAZE with this FIERY PASSION for GOD!**

**Luke12:4**

# *Holy Cross Lutheran Church*

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## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m. Pastor prepare for a long set of bell tones before walking up to altar.

Words written in **bold** generally signify congregation response.

### **The Greeting**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We are transformed in Christ

**To share the hope of eternal Life.**

Welcome, let us stand and share the sign of peace and conversation.

**Sit**

# Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn 664

Fight the Good Fight

## Stand

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.  
Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!  
For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;  
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.  
But it is you, a man, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend.  
We used to take sweet counsel together;  
within God's house we walked in the throng.  
But I call to God,  
and the LORD will save me.  
**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.**  
Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

### Kyrie

LSB 204



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

### Gloria in Excelsis (intro)

LSB 204



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



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



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



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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## ***Salutation and Collect of the Day***

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ.  
United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with  
thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way;  
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Sit**

## ***Old Testament Reading***

**Jeremiah 23:16–29**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who

despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.  
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'

<sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm**

**Psalm 119:81–88; antiphon: v. 81**

KAPH

<sup>81</sup>My soul longs for your salvation;

I hope in your word.

<sup>82</sup>My eyes long for your promise;

I ask, “When will you comfort me?”

<sup>83</sup>**For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.**

<sup>84</sup>**How long must your servant endure?**

**When will you judge those who persecute me?**

<sup>85</sup>The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;

they do not live according to your law.

<sup>86</sup>All your commandments are sure;

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

<sup>87</sup>**They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your precepts.**

<sup>88</sup>**In your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.**

## **Epistle**

**Hebrews 11:17-31—12:1-3**

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

### ***Alleluia and Verse (intro)***





## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:49–56**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **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 T of the world to come. Amen.

**Sit**

**Sermon Hymn 655**

**Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word**

**Today's Lesson      Perseverance and Discipline      Pastor Peter Kirby**

***We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts. Please stand as the offering is brought forward and sing,***

**Stand**

*Three ways to give:*

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at [holycrossstegen.org](http://holycrossstegen.org) • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

**Create in Me (intro)**

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -". The second staff continues: "new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -". The third staff continues: "way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it". The fourth staff continues: "from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -". The fifth staff concludes with: "tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they may be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit help us always to be good and faithful stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant that we may generously speak of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, deliver our common life from all cheating, swindling and robbery. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that each would seek not his own advantage, but the good of others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. Give true wisdom to the people of our nation and humility to those who act and decide for our governance, and let the lamp of Your perfect Word and way enlighten their faith and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, preserve those who are suffering temptation and any affliction [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Make clear to them the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it and stand firm through faith in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give us patience in tribulation and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Comfort the weeping with Your lovingkindness, console the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, and help us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, give true repentance and faith to those who commune this day, that they may eat Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### *Preface*

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

### *Sanctus*

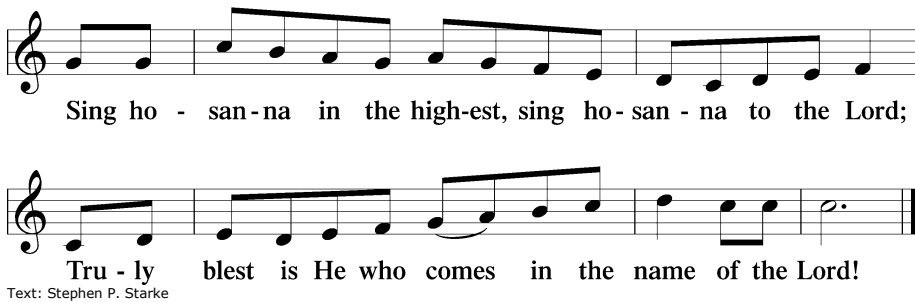
LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



## ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

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

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

## ***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.

## ***The Words of Our Lord***

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

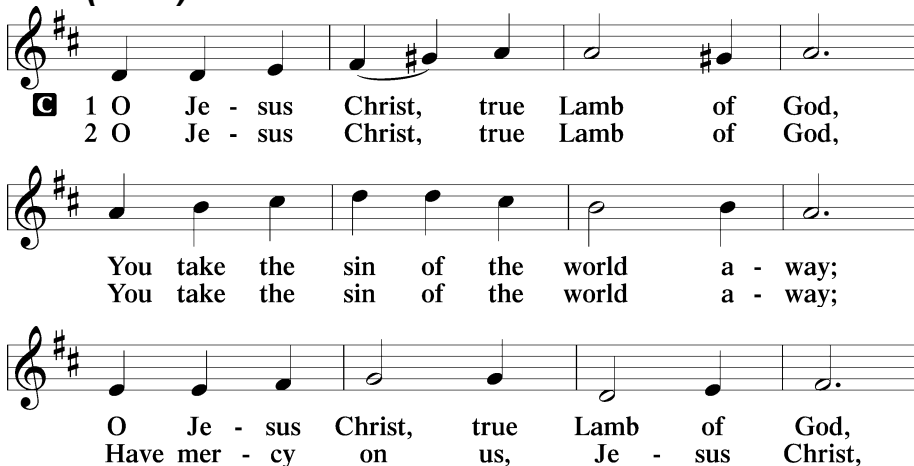
## ***Pax Domini***

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

**C** Amen.

## ***Agnus Dei (intro)***

**LSB 210**



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



**Sit**

## ***Distribution***

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

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

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

**Communion Hymn 694**

**Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

**Communion Hymn 622**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

**Communion Hymn 411**

**I Want to Walk as a Child in the Light**

**Stand**

## Nunc Dimittis (intro)

LSB 211

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



## ***Benedicamus***

**LSB 212**

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## ***Benediction***

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## **Sit**

## **Closing Hymn 748**

## **I'm But a Stranger Here**

## ***Acknowledgments***

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## **August EVENTS**

**Flowers are dedicated to our parishioners and the people we know that are fighting health problems and the terrible disease of cancer.**

**Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown, MO** welcomes visitors on Monday night church services July and August starting at 7:00 PM

**Perry County Lutheran Chorale WANTS YOU!** Hanover Lutheran Church 2949 Perryville Rd. Cape Girardeau MO 63701 is having a (Meet and Greet) on Sunday August 17, 2025, at 5:30 join them for a fried chicken dinner.

**Reformation Jubilee** at Immanuel Lutheran Church Festus, a collaborative worship service on October 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM following with a dinner at 5:00 PM.

**There are 4 lists to help Holy Cross.** “1st” if you would like to make a purchase of \$25 for a fresh flower arrangement to be put on the altar for Sundays. “2nd” list is to help watering flowering plants in the potters outside.”3rd”is help with volunteer jobs during the week or the month from running camera for live stream to cleaning or reading during the Sunday service” 4th” calendar on the back of the kitchen door is to sign up for picking up fresh flower bouquets at Country Mart for Sunday service. All sign-up sheets are in back of church and in the Narthex/Kitchen door.

**UPDATE: Officers held at the present time until December 2025** is,

**Board of Elders** 3-year terms Wayne Schremp-2-year, Rick Hutson-1year, Randy Ruzicka finish term in December.

**Board of Trustees'** 3-year term. Rick Hutson - 1 year Jim Bell - finished term in December Dan Sullivan - finished term in December Glenn Fluegge - finished term in December.

**Board of Evangelism** 3-year term. Betty Schremp - 2 year, Vicky Surman – 2 year, Cathy Dew – 2 years.

**Church Council** 1-year term expires this year. President-Vicky Surman, Vice President-Paul Ringwald, Treasurer Tim Inman, Financial Secretary-Donna Ringwald, Recording Secretary-Connie Schwent.

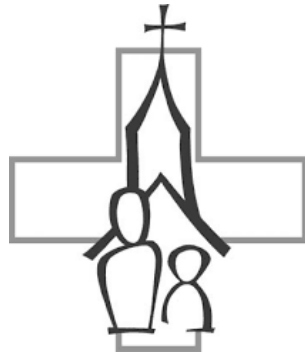
“The list of current officers and council members stated above, additional copies are available. If anyone would like to serve as an officer or on the council, or know of anyone that would, please contact anyone on this list. All the boards are a three-year term, and NOT limited to only 3 members.” Please note that the Board of Evangelism covers several other Committees, such as Children's Ministry, Annual Picnic Coordinator, there are opportunities to assist with the Altar Guild and coordinate the meals we serve after funerals. Don't be shy”.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPDATES

Vacancy pastoral hours upon request

Secretarial hours Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Sunday's church doors open at 8:00 AM service begins at 9:00 AM following with a Bible Study coffee and pastries generally served.



### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Kirby

Scripture Reader: Linda Ruzicka

Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson

Communion Server: Randy Ruzicka

Music Solutions

### **Up-coming August 24th**

Pastor Jim Wiencke

Scripture Readers:

Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson

Communion Server: Randy Ruzicka

Music Solutions:

<b>Sunday Church Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>First Week</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Second Week</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Third Week</b>	
<b>Fourth Week</b>	
<b>Fifth Week</b>	

<b>Your Financial Support of Your Church</b>	<b>08/10/25</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$2,777.00</b>	<b>\$88,884.00</b>
<b>Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)</b>	<b>\$3,574.44</b>	<b>\$73,726.17</b>
<b>Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$797.44</b>	<b>-\$15,157.83</b>
<b>% Ahead/Behind</b>	<b>28.7%</b>	<b>-17.1%</b>

## In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. ***Adoration***: praising God for who He is. ***Confession***: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. ***Thanksgiving***: thanking God for specific blessings. ***Supplication***: asking God for help.

***For those who are homebound*** • Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Kregge, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

***For healing and continued recovery*** • Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Carol Steiger-Rudoff cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law) she's having surgery next month. Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer treatment). Mark Keir (Mike Keirs Brother) has cancer, having surgery.

***For those celebrating birthdays in August*** • Rachel Schremp (August 02nd), Angela Huck (August 07th), Tina Port (August 08th), Valerie Rakey (August 08th), LaJune Rottler (August 09th), Rick Hutson (August 16th), Monica Inman (18th) Wanda Bollinger (August 21st), Damien Phillips (August 22nd), Amanda Ringwald (August 28th), Dean Schlueter (August 30th).

***Celebrating a New Birth*** • Vickie Eisenbeis, her daughter Sarah just had a brand new baby girl, Kinley Marie.

***For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in August*** • Ethan and Meaghin Schremp (August 20th).

***For Those Who Mourn*** • For families grieving a loss or seeking comfort, may God grant peace to their loved ones' souls.

***For local, state, and national elected officials*** • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

***For our community*** • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

***For our circuit congregations & missionaries*** • That they are upheld in a safe environment and continue good work.

***For our church family*** • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

***For all prayer requests not listed here but in our hearts.***

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