FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 6 September A+D 2026 • 10:00 A.M.
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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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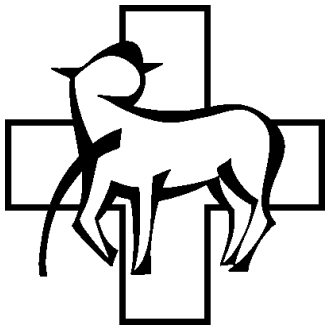

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION *"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 594*

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

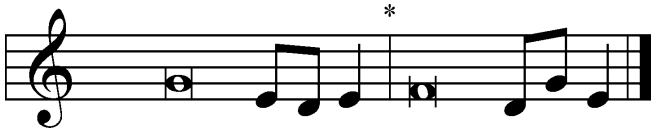
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!

KYRIE *LSB 186*

C ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187*

P ♪ Glory be to God on high:
C ♪ **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P ♪ Let us pray.
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.

C ♪ **Amen.**

Sit

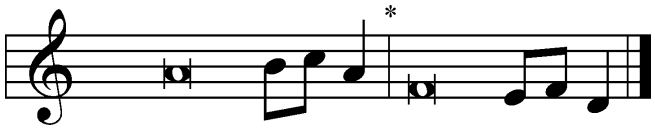
OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7–9*

P The Old Testament Reading for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

7"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1–10*

P The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 13.

1Let 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. 2Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3For 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, 4for 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 190; Matthew 5:3*

C ♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P ♪ Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in | spirit,*
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alle- | luia.

C ♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20*

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

C ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[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! 8And 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. 9And 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. 11For the Son of Man came to save the lost. 12What 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? 13And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14So 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. 16But 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. 17If 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. 18Truly, 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. 19Again 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. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ♪ **Praise be to Thee, 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker" LSB 820*

1 My soul, now praise your Maker!
Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker
Of mercies more than you dare claim.

Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless
And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

2 He offers all His treasure
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us,
He puts our sins away.

3 For as a tender father
Has pity on his children here,
God in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

4 His grace remains forever,
And children's children yet shall prove

That God forsakes them never
Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling,
With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning,
All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining.
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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SERMON *"The Kingdom of Little Ones" Matthew 18:1-20*

Stand

OFFERTORY *LSB 192*

C ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

CONFIRMATION *LSB 272*

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *LSB 194*

P ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P ♪ Lift up your hearts.
C ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P ♪ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

P ♪ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 195*

C ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*

P ♪ 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.

C ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

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 ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

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

C ♪ **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*

C ♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" inside the front cover of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" inside the front cover of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (SUN. ONLY) *"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"" LSB 618*

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (SUN. ONLY) *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*
LSB 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (SUN. ONLY) *"Amazing Grace" LSB 744*

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 199*

C ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING *LSB 200*

P ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C ♪ **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P ♪ 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.**

P ♪ The Lord be with you.
C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 202*

P ♪ Bless we the Lord.
C ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 202*

P ♪ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.
C ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART *"All Glory Be to God Alone" LSB 948*

1 All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless
And worship You in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify
The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing,
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,
Our Father, the Almighty One.
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity,
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

4 You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.
From God's right hand Your mercy send,
To all the world Your grace extend.

5 You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.

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NEWS & NOTES

TODAY WE WELCOME FOUR INDIVIDUALS as members Our Redeemer through the Rite of Confirmation: Duane Behrendt, Paige Briseno, Nick Gayan, and Cheryl Martin. The Lord bless and keep them in His grace today and always! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them and welcome to them to our church family.

MEN'S GROUP WILL MEET for its monthly cookout and study this Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 P.M. here at the church. Men of all ages are invited.

THE NEXT "OUR REDEEMER BIBLE ACADEMY" IS COMING UP! Join us on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. as we dig into the Book of Romans. Lunch and Bibles will be provided. Register on the church website or in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP resume on Sunday, September 13th at 8:45 A.M. Let us all commit to being in the Word of God together!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MUNISING cordially invites you to help celebrate their 40th anniversary on Sunday, September 13th. A catered buffet dinner will be served at 4:30 P.M. (EDT) followed by a concert from singer/songwriter/harpist Amy Shreve. Please RSVP by September 1st by texting Leslie Johnson at (906) 202-3153.

IT'S TIME FOR THE NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERINGS! Join us on Monday, October 12th at Peace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire OR on Tuesday, October 13th at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. with the program from 10:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. A catered lunch will be provided. Devotions will be led by District President, Rev. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Brian Gauthier of the LCMS Office of International Mission, will share a message on "Unpacking Lutheran Mission." The $35 registration fee is due by 9/25/26 and includes all food and programing. Register online at nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info.'

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Pentecost XV: In faith, as God's watchmen, we humbly proclaim His Word. The faithful Word gives a true warning to the wicked (Ezekiel 33:7-8). We are called to speak boldly when lives are heartlessly ended and when God's gifts are mocked. We also rejoice as we teach about forgiveness. In Psalm 32 we read that the Lord forgives those who acknowledge their sin before Him. In God's plan, He allows us to be watchmen, proclaiming warnings so that all may confess their sins and have a clear conscience. Many have guilty consciences because they have rejected the truth concerning God's gift of life. May God's mercy lead them to rely completely on the grace of God.

A NOTE FROM LCMS STEWARDSHIP: *Matthew 18:4 – "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."* What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	MUSIC	ELDERS	ALTAR GUILD	FELLOWSHIP
Week of 9/6				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Will Patton	Sue Rochon	Youth Group
Wed., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka	Jamie Cruz	Sue Rochon	N/A
Week of 9/13				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Praise Band	Rob Kuehl Eric Rhode	Debbie Sleik	NEEDED
Wed., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka	Skip Schoenborn	Debbie Sleik	N/A

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday (6)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (7)		*Labor Day – Church Office Closed*
Tuesday (8)	9:00 A.M.	Circuit 2 Church Workers' "Winkel" at ORLC
	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders (Rescheduled)
Wednesday (9)	5:30 P.M.	Jr. Confirmation Class
	5:30 P.M.	Praise Band Practice
	7:00 P.M	Divine Service
Thursday (10)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
	6:00 P.M.	Men's Group Cookout
Friday (11)		*Pastor's Day Off*
Saturday (12)	10:00 A.M.	Our Redeemer Bible Academy
Sunday (13)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

ATTENDANCE REPORT

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	COMMUNION
Sunday, August 30th, 10:00 A.M.	117	91
Wednesday, September 2nd, 7:00 P.M.	16	16
Total for Week of 8/30	**133**	**107**