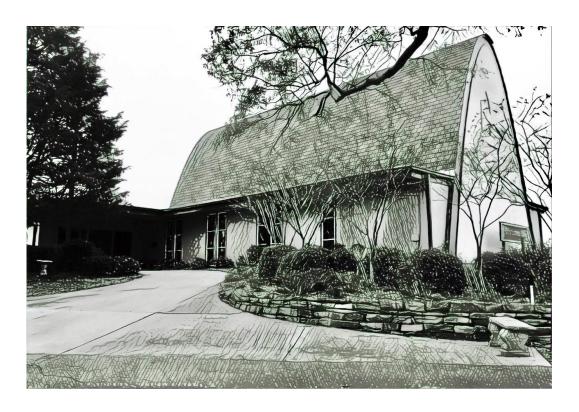
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





Rev. George Fields, Pastor Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess

Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages: **9:00 a.m.**

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + August 29, 2021 +

"Keep Your Soul Diligently"



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.
Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.
We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

WELCOME:

"Let us, then, his servants, follow our Lord and patiently submit to denunciations that we may be blessed! If, with slight forbearance, I hear some bitter or evil remark directed against me, I may return it, and then I shall inevitably become bitter myself. Either that, or I shall be tormented by unexpressed resentment. If I retaliate when cursed, how shall I be found to have followed the teaching of our Lord? For his saying has been handed down that one is defiled not by unclean dishes, but by the words which proceed from one's mouth."

-Tertullian. On Patience

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE III

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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,
- 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,
- 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

PSALM: MIRABILIA TESTIMONIA TUA

Psalm 119:129-136; Ant. Psalm 119:132



Your testimonies are | wonderful;* therefore my soul | keeps them.

The unfolding of your | words gives light;* it imparts understanding to the | simple.

I open my | mouth and pant,*
because I long for your com- | mandments.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
as is your way with those who | love your name.

Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,* and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.

Redeem me from man's op- | pression,* that I may keep your | precepts.

Make your face shine upon your | servant,* and teach me your | statutes.

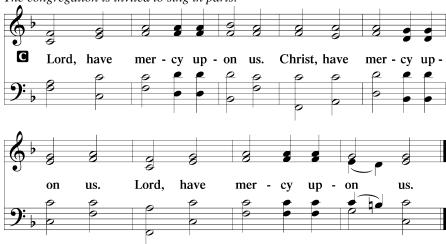
My eyes shed | streams of tears,*
because people do not | keep your law.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

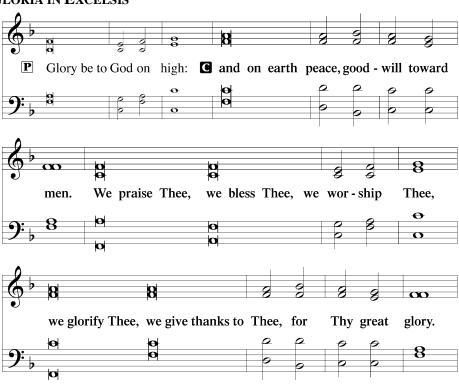
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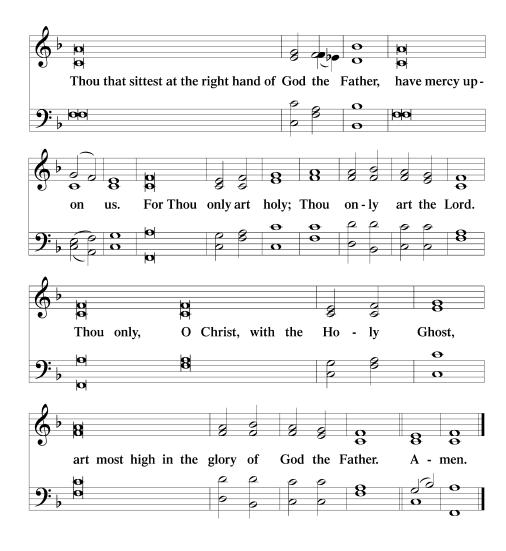
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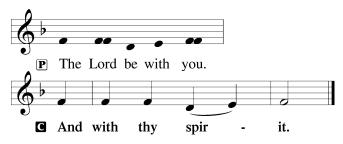
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





P O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

"And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

"You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you...

"Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

"And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children..."

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

GRADUAL Psalm 34:9, 19



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 READINGEphesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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SERMON

What Goes into a Man

Please stand

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C I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)
        the Father Almightv, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)
        maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1: Jn 1:1)
        and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)
   And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)
        the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)
        begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)
        God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)
        very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)
        being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)
        by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)
        who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4: Rom 3:23)
        came down from heaven (Jn 6:41: Lk 15:20)
        and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)
        and was made man; (Jn 1:14)
        and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)
        He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)
        And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)
        and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
        and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)
        And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)
        to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)
        whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)
    And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)
        the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)
        who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)
        who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)
        who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)
        And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)
        I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)
        and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)
        and the life + of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30: Mt 10:40-42)
    Amen. (Ps 106:48)
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Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For comfort, health and recovery: Lisa Bagley, Rose Bagley, Mimi Bradley, Tom Brown, Mary Cornelius, Jon Hansen, Stephanie Harris, Michelle Honoré, John Mosley, William Page, Melissa Paton, DeWitt Rhaly, Cynthia Rhaly, Linda Stoecman, Nikki Vines;

For those who mourn: The family and friends of George Hessenthaler, Elmira Roever;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Jonathan Kettler, Roselynn Nelson, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Greg Adams, Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;

This week's prayer family: James Jarratt and his loved ones.

Please be seated

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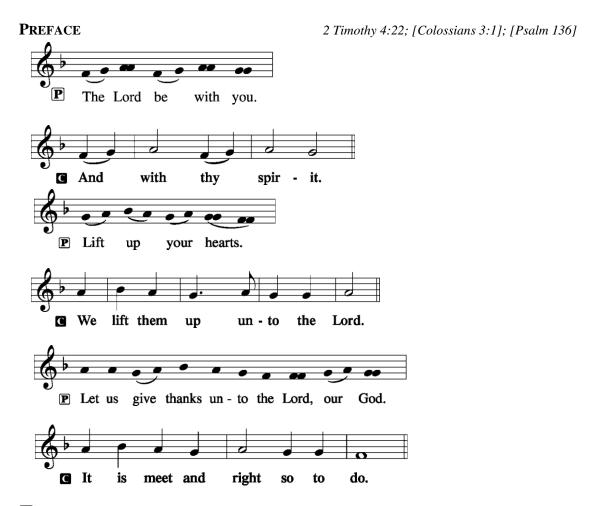
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OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

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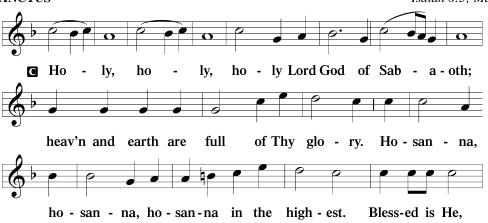


SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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 Isaiah 6:3: Matthew 21:9





bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.



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 John 20:19

P The peace

→ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.





Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

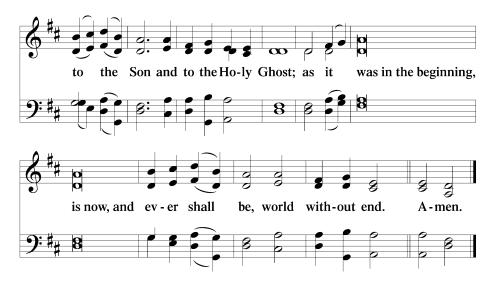
Jesus Comes Today with Healing	#620
How Can I Thank You, Lord	#703
Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways	#707

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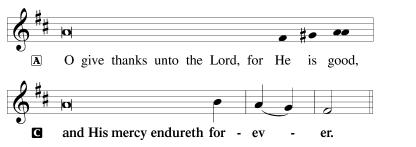
NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32





THANKSGIVING



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 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.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26

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.



CLOSING HYMN

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George FieldsElder: Eric HeldAcolyte: Emma AgentOrganist: Sister Sara FieldsInterpreter: Denee SmithCantor: Jake EverlyGreeters: Gary & Mary AtchleyAltar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Keith and Anita Martin.

GLS Teacher Needed: The school of our sister congregation, Good Shepherd, is looking for a teacher for their 3-4 year old class. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Carolyn Sawyer for details (csawdoremi@aol.com).

Funeral for Elmira Roever This Friday: Last week, the Lord brought our sister Elmira into His eternal glory. She will be given a Christian funeral this Friday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m., here at Christ Lutheran. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the committal will follow the service. Please join us to commend our dear sister into the arms of our Lord.

Monthly CLC Calendar Available Online: You are used to finding the calendar of church events on the back of the newsletter... but now it is available online as well! The calendar will be published on the church website (under the "Life" tab) at the beginning of each month. Check for the monthly *Life in Christ* post to find all the dates you need to know!

Sign-Ups Galore! Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for opportunities to serve the church! There are a variety of needs, from greeting on Sunday mornings to bringing Sunday school refreshments or providing altar flowers. Thank you for your service!

Koinonia Tonight: Join us tonight as we continue with chapter two of our new book, *Saving Leonardo* by Nancy Pearcey. Come enjoy some delightful dinner and discussion with us at the Yenish Home at 5:00 p.m. See you there!

CLC Shirts for Sale—Ends Today!

Christ Lutheran has shirts for sale! Featuring an in-house design (thank you, Alexis and Allison!) reflecting the Savior silhouette and bible verse from our chancel wall, these shirts come in a variety of sizes and kinds (t-shirts, sweaters, hoodies, etc.). Order online by the end of today, August 29th, at

https://www.customink.com/g/src0-00cf-r09n or contact Alexis Burkhalter (aliinms@protonmail.com).





Directory Update: It's time for the annual update of our church directory! If your address, phone number, or email address has changed since last year's directory update, please email Sister Sara at sistersara@christlutheranjacksonms.org by September 1. Thank you!

Gemutlichkeit Books Available: Gemutlichkeiters, get ready for our long-awaited relaunch! We will finally reconvene on Sunday, September 12! Our new book, *Jesus* 22

of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives by Joseph Ratzinger, is available in the Fellowship Hall (beneath the mailboxes). Pick up yours today!

Readings for next Sunday, September 5th, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-18; Mark 7:24-37.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: August 29 – September 5

Thursday 9:30 a.m. LifeLight: Galatians, Philippians, Colossians

Friday 9:00 a.m. Visitation

10:00 a.m. Funeral for Elmira Roever

11:00 a.m. Committal

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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