Gathering Music: "God of Wonders" Praise Band

Words of Welcome and Announcements Susan Danford, Liturgist

Prelude: "Jesus Messiah" Praise Band

Call to Worship

L. We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

C. God is our hope and our refuge.

L. We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

C. God is our hope and our refuge.

L. We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

C. God is our hope and refuge.

- **L.** Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.
- C. May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

Prayer Concerns Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" p. 381

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- *Doxology
- *Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 Liturgist

Message: Pastor Darick

Prayer of Confession: O most patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others, even as you stand with them? How often have we participated in the desolation of you're creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness. AMEN

Celebration of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me" p. 700

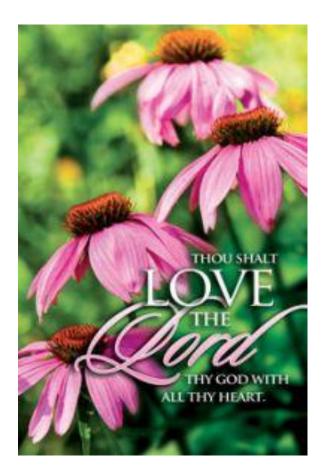
Postlude: "Let Everything That Has Breath"

Praise Band

The Annual Race Against Hunger will be held on Saturday, September 27. On the rear table, you will find an informational flyer with the registration site and also a page with the Sponsorship Levels. To receive a free tee shirt, you must register by tomorrow, Monday, September 15. site is on the flyer.

Prayer Concerns for September 14, 2025

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham Bob Hubbard and Family Dan Rittenhouse Jill Taylor Emma Gandee Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker **Beverly Loftis** Leora McCoy Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker Tim Dempsy, cousin of Robert Stalnaker Judy Casto by Kathy Stalnaker Tony Losacco Alice Baldwin Mary Frances Combs Judy Casto, friend of Kathy Stalnaker Larry Winter, Claudia Bowles's brother Donna R. by Molissa Fitzwater Lori and Chuck Young, Megan and Trey Pam Cochran (former secretary at St. Andrew) Sue Devitt by Charlie and Leora McCoy Walter (Woody) Wood Katie Bowles by mother Claudia Nassar by Leigh Long Leigh Long Jeannie Daniel by Kathy Stalnaker Terry Jackson Tom Wills by Amy Loftis



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