



14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



Introduction to the Day

Revelation 10 reminds us that divine mysteries can challenge our understanding, but Jesus reveals His plan for humanity and calls His prophets to share it. However, like John with the little scroll, we may face trials that test us, but these moments are not without purpose. Christ has authority over all creation. They are part of a greater design, and they affirm that each of us has a meaningful role in His unfolding story

Announcements: This week's activities can be found on page 15

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

Please rise in body or spirit .

GATHERING- The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power

Silence is kept for reflection.

We know that our selfishness and thoughtlessness has failed You and hurt others. We are truly sorry and want to live lives that praise You. We ask for Your forgiveness; knowing that You are a God of love and compassion. Transform our thoughts and lead us from guilt to grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are accountable for our sin, but Jesus broke the power of sin over us. He has forgiven us so we will know Him and experience the freedom of His grace, to live as people of hope and joy. **Amen**



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord*

***Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Please be seated.

WORD- God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:8-3:12

⁸ “But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ¹⁰ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

¹ He said to me, “O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

⁴ He said to me, "Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language but to the house of Israel, ⁶ not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me, because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸ See, I have made your face hard against their faces and your forehead hard against their foreheads. ⁹ Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰ He said to me, "Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; ¹¹ then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

¹² Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the LORD rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling;

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴ **yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ **Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² **But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Please rise in body or spirit

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.
- ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
- ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
- ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON INTRODUCTION

SERMON READING: Revelation 10:1-11

¹ And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun and his legs like pillars of fire. ² He held a little scroll open in his hand. Setting his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ he gave a great shout, like a lion roaring. And when he shouted, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." ⁵ Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will be no more delay," ⁷ but in the days when the seventh angel is to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God will be fulfilled, as he announced to his servants the prophets."

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." ⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll, and he said to me, "Take it and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach but sweet as honey in your mouth." ¹⁰ So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

¹¹ Then they said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Chris Peterson

Please rise in body or spirit



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "God of grace," The congregation will respond, "Receive our prayer".

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.

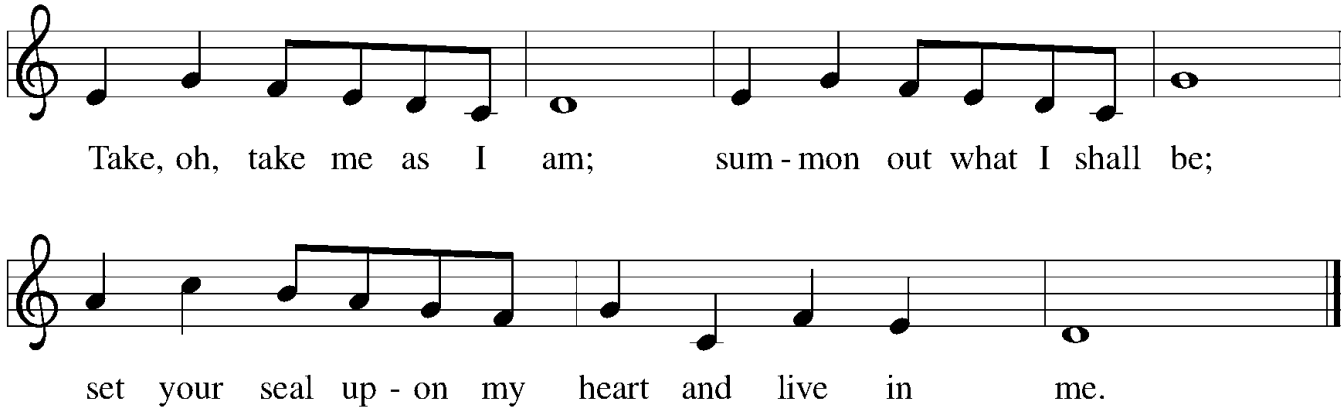
MEAL- God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Take, Oh Take Me As I Am"

ELW Hymn 814



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night on which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 today 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven.

Please be seated.

We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord's Supper are invited forward to commune. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The used cups are placed in the tray on the left side as you leave the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice instead of wine or a gluten-free alternative rather than bread. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW Hymn 608

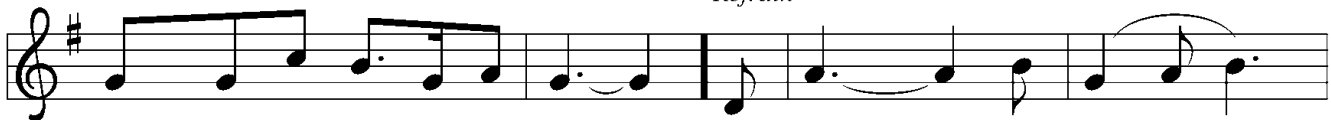


- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



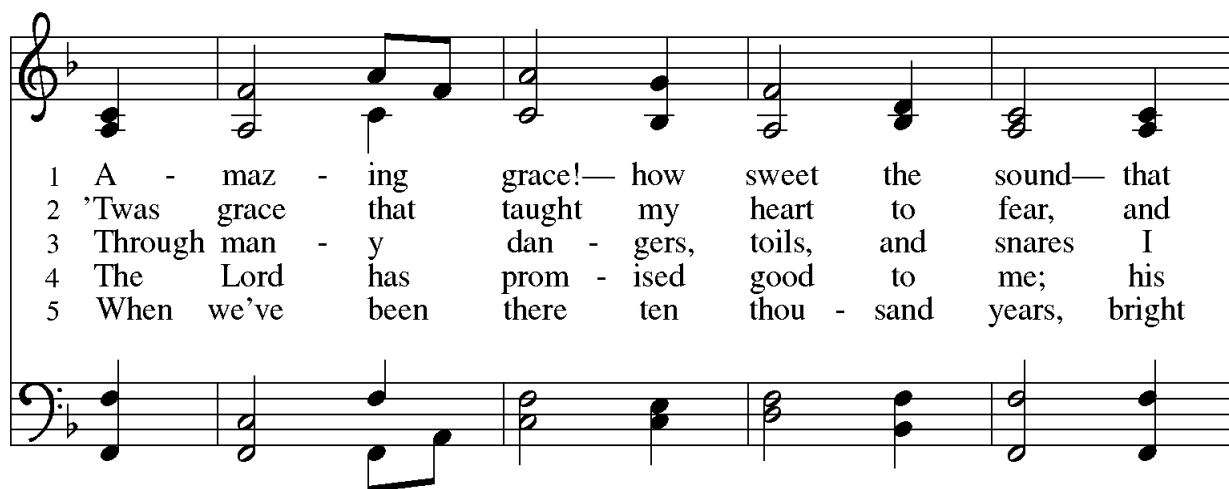
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,




Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

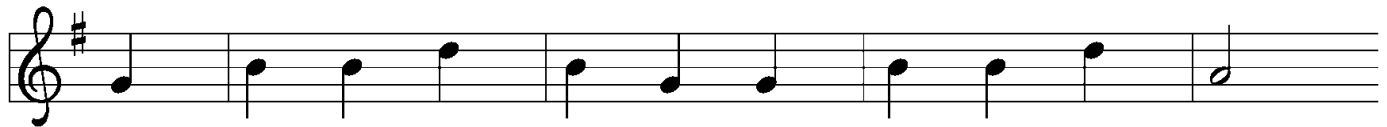
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

Please rise in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might
speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen

SENDING- God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ELW Hymn 538

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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DISMISSAL

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come.

Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen

Announcements:

- Tuesday Worship & Music Meeting, Noon
- Wednesday Magical Mystery Tour, Noon, Revelation 14
YVQG Sewing Class 11:30-4:30
- Thursday YVQG Sewing Class 8:30-3:30
Ladies Lunch Out, 11:45 Location to Be Determined
Guy's Pizza Night, 6:00
- Saturday Possible Yard Sale 8:00-2:00? - See Sue Stewart
- Next Sunday Council Meeting, 11:00

Altar Guild for next Sunday: Terry Campbell & ?

September Counters: Janet Frank &

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Marah, Jane Peterson, Shirley Taylor, Carol Murphy, Victoria Hall, Brian Hatheway, Lloyd Crabtree, Byron Van Arsdale, Del, Michael Gerrett, Lilly, Sandy Peterson, Jill, Mel & Joan Jangard, Maxine Hall, Glen Atterberry, JD Sundseth, Earl Williams, Donna, David Lundy, Dwayne, Koyu, Pastor Chris' aunt Lori Dando, and the friends and families of Babe, Nalda's neighbor, Rosie Wohlhuter, Gary Anderson, and Susan Zanger.

Hi friends, The Northwest Intermountain Synod is hosting 2 guests from Tanzania, pastors Wilson Nyakachewa and Ezekiel Mwambungu. They will be in our cluster area soon. Pastor Dennis Hickman is looking for people to host Pastors Wilson and Ezekial for the nights of Wednesday 9/24 and Thursdsay 9/25. Would anyone in our congregation like to host them for a night or two, take them to the Central Washington Fair? Please let Pastor Chris know early next week.

Fall Festival Craft Bazaar, October 11, 2025, 9:00 – 2:00

Sue Stewart, Terry Campbell, Holly Hall, Laura Larson, and JD Sundseth are putting together a Fall Craft Bazaar to be held here at Christ Lutheran Church. Sue has seen the success of the various holiday bazaars and thought “Why can’t we do that again?” They have several vendors that have paid a space fee, members of our congregation working on items that CLC can sell and planning a simple lunch that can be sold to the shoppers.

The proceeds from the lunch, raffle tickets, and the CLC tables will go into our general fund. Please help make this a success by letting your friends and families know about the bazaar dates and help in whatever ways you can.



2nd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat

The dates have been set for our 2nd Annual Congregational Fall Retreat.

They are Friday evening, **October 24th** beginning with a meal and an overnight stay at Camp Ghormley, and Saturday, **October 25th** until 4:00.

Our focus this year will be on Prayer.

We want **everyone** to be a part of this retreat. If you can’t make Friday, please come up for Saturday. More information will be forthcoming in early October so make your plans early and save the date.

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