



The mystery of the faith
1 Timothy 3:9

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025 • 10:30AM

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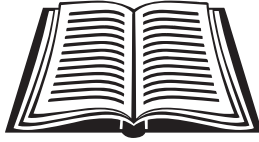
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This Week's Memory Verse

Happy are they who have
the God of Jacob
for their help!
Whose hope is in
the LORD their God.
Psalm 146:4



Memory Verse Aid

HATWH
TGOJ
FTH!
WHII
TLTG.
P1464

Welcome and Announcements

*We are honored to have Gene Brittain
with us as organist today. Thank you, Gene.*

Prelude: “Beautiful Savior”

David Cherwien

Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Ten Commandments

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.

³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.

⁴Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.

¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “Beautiful Savior”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

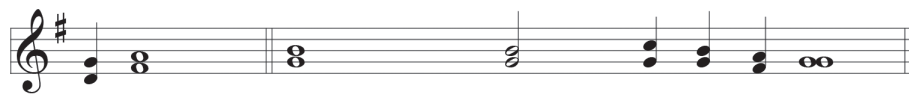


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to

Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God while I | have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,
for there is no | help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁴**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

⁶**Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,
and food to | those who hunger.**

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens
the eyes | of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

⁸**The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD
cares | for the stranger;**

**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates
the way | of the wicked.**

⁹The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.

¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: "I'll Fly Away"

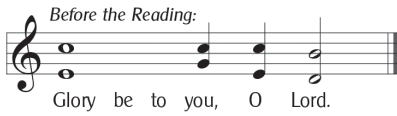
Hila and Clara Canup

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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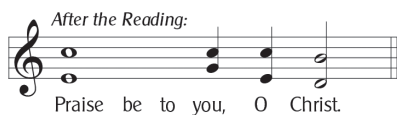
The Holy Gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Luke.



Gospel: Luke 16:19–31

¹⁹[Jesus said to the Pharisees,] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God with the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Children's Chat

Sermon: “The Porch Swing”

Hymn: “Just as I Am”

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader Congregation

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and good for us that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.
For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Prelude in F Major"

J. S. Bach

*We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



*The altar flowers are placed today in honor of
Susan and Mark Ryman's 48th
wedding anniversary on September 24th.*

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, September 28

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Vespers, 6pm

*All are welcome to meet with us for Morning Prayer Monday–Friday,
at 8:30am in the chapel.*

Monday, September 29

- Homeschool dance class, 10am

Tuesday, September 30

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 1

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7pm

Thursday, October 2

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Saturday, October 4

- College Ministry, 5pm

Sunday, October 5, Women's Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Guest Preacher, Lisa Lord, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Ritchie Reunion, picnic shelter, 4pm
- Women's Executive Committee, 4pm
- Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- No Vespers this Sunday

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 11, Oktoberfest, in the shelter, 5pm
- Friday, October 31, Trunk or Treat, 5:30–7:30pm
- Saturday, November 1, Old Timey Stew, in the shelter, 6pm

October Epistle

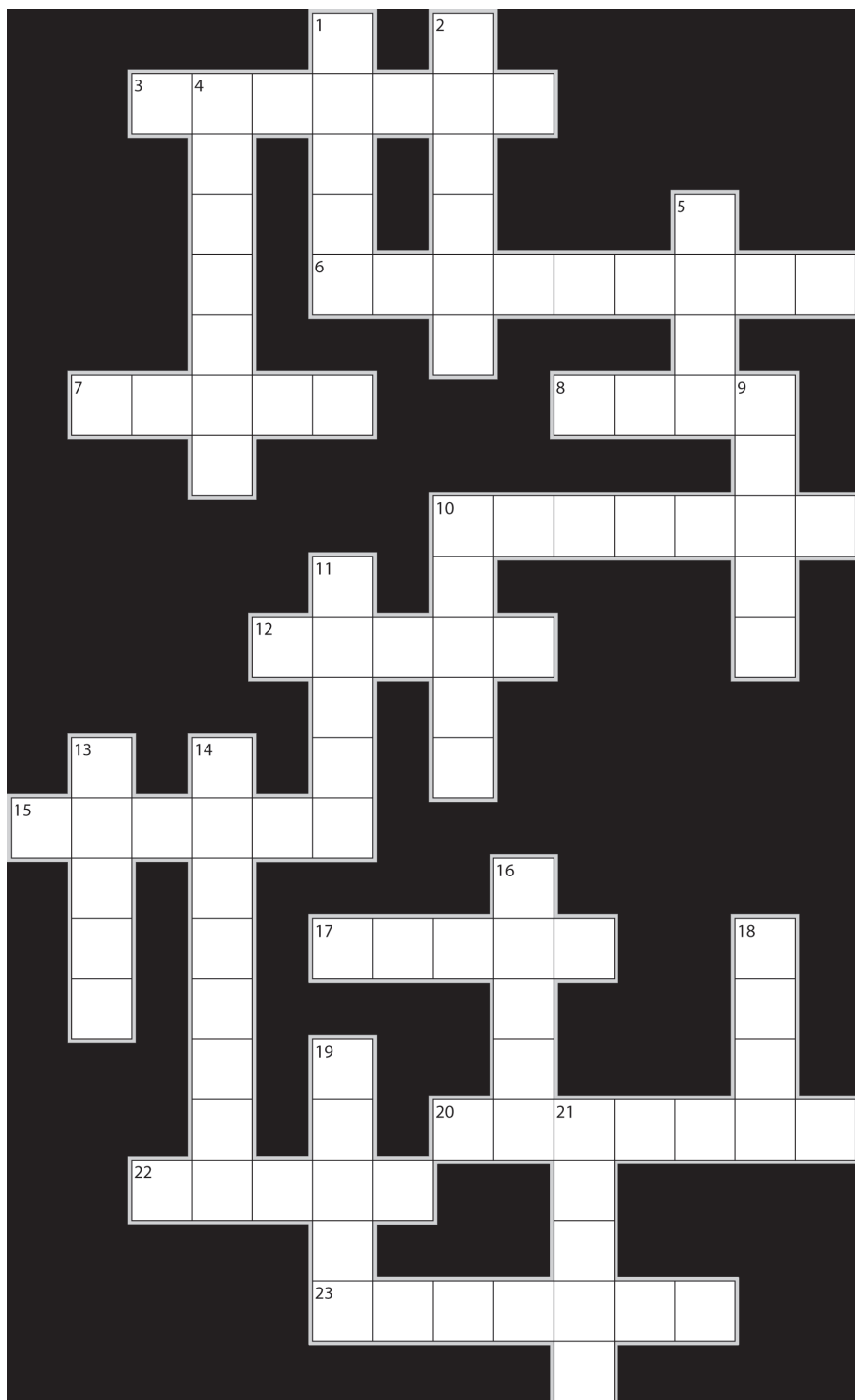
St. Paul's newsletter for October, the Monthly Epistle, is available at both entrances of the sanctuary. It is also available on the church website, StPaulsLutheran.Church/newsletters.

A Clear Conscience

Find the ?? bold words from 1 Timothy 3:1-11 KJV.

C O N S C I E N C E P S L V N
S R E R E D N A L S O U G F O
H F A I T H F U L W H X R R I
V O D B L A M E L E S S S E T
I M S N I E F I W Y I O C P C
G B Y P A P R I D E B I H R E
I Y R M I B B E U E F C B O J
L R D A D T S U R F R S L A B
A E M E W J A U O U Y N A C U
N T J L E L H L H W H A M H S
T S O R G R E C I X Q R E P W
J Y A H O F G R A T L E L K T
Y M B H K I I H H E Y D E M D
Q B T N E I T A P E T I S B Q
B G X C W S N O C A E D S E V

This is a true saying, If a man desire the **office** of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A **bishop** then must be **blameless**, the **husband** of one **wife**, **vigilant**, **sober**, of good behaviour, given to **hospitality**, apt to **teach**; Not given to wine, no striker, not **greedy** of filthy lucre; but **patient**, not a **brawler**, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in **subjection** with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the **church** of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with **pride** he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into **reproach** and the **snare** of the devil. Likewise must the **deacons** be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the **mystery** of the faith in a **pure conscience**. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found **blameless**. Even so must their wives be grave, not **slanderers**, sober, **faithful** in all things.



Pentecost 16C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

3. He was laid at the rich man's gate.
6. You will not find this help in man.
7. An overseer must be able to do this.
8. Woe to those who drink it from bowls.
10. An overseer must not be a recent one.
12. When the rich man died, he was found there.
15. Woe to those who are not grieved over his ruin.
17. Blessed is the one whose help is in the God of...
20. Do not put your trust in them.
22. It was fixed between the rich man and Lazarus.
23. Woe to those who feel secure on this mountain.

DOWN

1. Woe to those who eat them from the flock.
2. The rich man in the gospel was clothed in this.
4. When Lazarus died, he was carried by angels to whose side?
5. Woe to those who are at ease there.
9. When man's breath departs, he returns there.
10. Deacons must hold to the mystery of the faith with this kind of conscience.
11. The Lord God keeps this forever.
13. An overseer must not be a lover of this.
14. An overseer must be above this.
16. An overseer must have this kind of mind.
18. Blessed is the one who has this is in the Lord.
19. If they do not listen to him and the prophets, they will not believe someone from the dead.
21. Woe to those who lie on these beds.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – health concerns
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Jan McCanless – Rowan Novant Hospital
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- Lexi Norris – health concerns
- Eddie Peeler – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Bobby Shelton, Dani Cottingham's father – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Hospice care at home
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Stats

General Fund offering 9/14	\$7,802
General Fund offering 9/21.....	\$5,453
Other offering 9/14	\$2,955
Other offering 9/21	\$6,350
Worship attendance 9/14.....	194
Worship attendance 9/21	199
Sunday School attendance 9/14.....	67
Sunday School attendance 9/21	88

Children's Change Collection

During the third quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Friends of Madagascar Mission.

Last Sunday: \$ 164.50 Quarter's total so far: \$ 2,084.50

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$21,320.62 for missions.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901

Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure you and your family have your names the friendship register.** This helps us know who communes, and how many are worshipping.

Praise the Lord

Find the 29 bold words from Psalm 146 KJV.

L O L H V P X V B R J X B P E
I U E T R L H T J L H O P E V
F L O A N G I E R A I Y Y R I
P H I S E G M E A U C N L I L
J S D R O L G O D V S O D S P
E W X P T N W Y H Z E T B H R
A X O R I M R T T I D N D W I
R I U S H G H F E O P W E I N
T T J T N R O T N N A W S C C
H C R U O W Y S R Z I O S K E
E A H M I G U N U O Q D E E S
E S R E G N A R T S F I R D D
T N E M G D U J E L Y W P L O
H T A E R B Z Q R L X N P N O
P R I S O N E R S Q M S O M P

Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my **soul**. While I **live** will I praise the LORD: I will **sing** praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your **trust** in **princes**, Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no **help**. His **breath** goeth **forth**, he **returneth** to his **earth**; In that very day his thoughts **perish**. Happy is he that hath the God of **Jacob** for his help, Whose **hope** is in the LORD his **God**: Which made **heaven**, and **earth**, The sea, and all that therein is: Which keepeth **truth** for ever: Which executeth **judgment** for the **oppressed**: Which giveth food to the **hungry**. The **LORD** looseth the **prisoners**: The LORD openeth the eyes of the **blind**: The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: The LORD loveth the righteous: The LORD preserveth the **strangers**; He relieveth the fatherless and **widow**: But the way of the **wicked** he turneth upside down. The LORD shall **reign** for ever, Even thy God, O **Zion**, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.



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Next weeks lessons: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

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