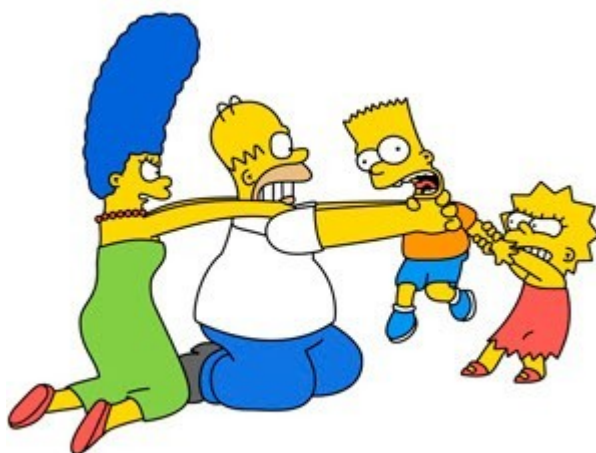




The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, A+D 2025



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “to interpret the appearance of earth and sky” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1-2).

Ring of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

578 Thy Strong Word

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- 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.

Confession of Sins

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- 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.**

Absolution

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- 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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**
P Give ear to my prayer, O God,
C **and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**
P For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
C **it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.**
P But it is you, a man, my equal,
C **my companion, my familiar friend.**
P We used to take sweet counsel together;
C **within God's house we walked in the throng.**
P But I call to God,
C **and the LORD will save me.**

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

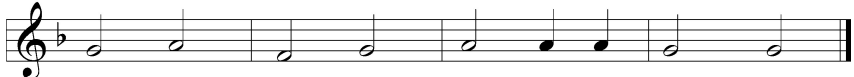
- P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
C **he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



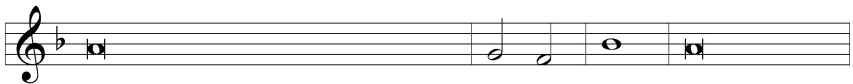
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



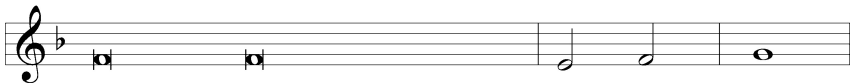
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



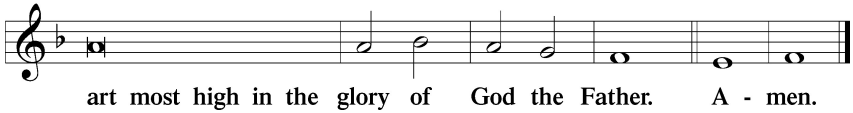
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

A The Old Testament Reading for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the twenty-third chapter of the prophecy of Jeremiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,
 a whirling tempest;
 it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
 until he has executed and accomplished
 the intents of his heart.
 In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹"I did not send the prophets,
 yet they ran;
 I did not speak to them,
 yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
 then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
 and they would have turned them from their evil way,
 and from the evil of their deeds.

²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?
²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?
 declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I
 have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name,
 saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies
 in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the
 deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my
 name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers
 forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the
 dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What
 has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word
 like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in
 pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

A The Second Reading is from the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—
³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted,

mistreated—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 worshipped 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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

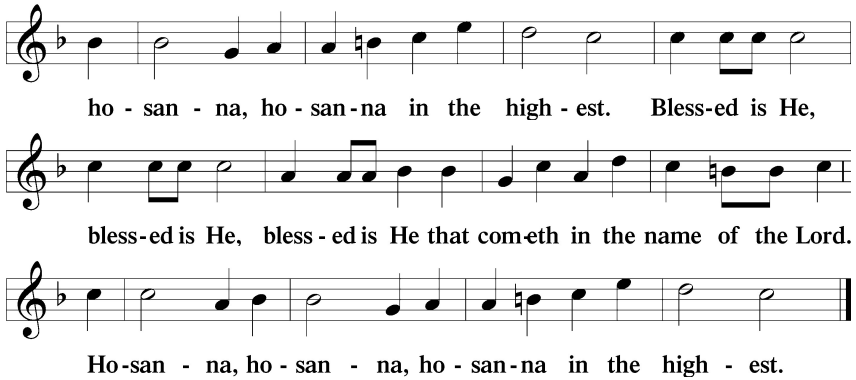
Service of the Sacrament

Preface*LSB 194***P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spir - it.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.**C** It is meet and right so to do.**Proper Preface (Full)**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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- 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
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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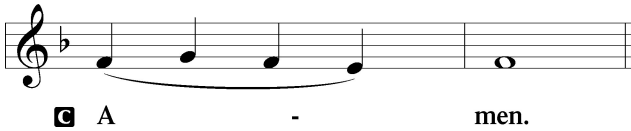
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

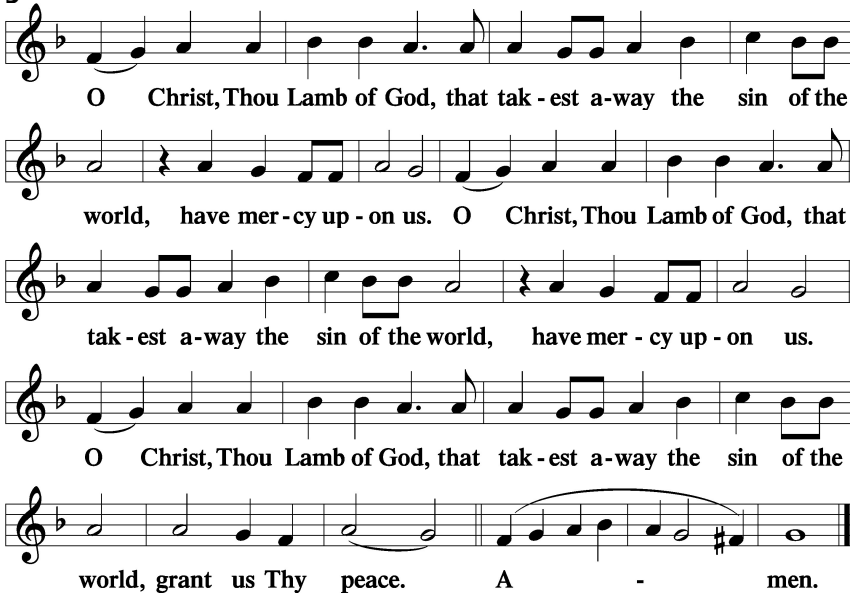
Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198



Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

748 I'm But a Stranger Here

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

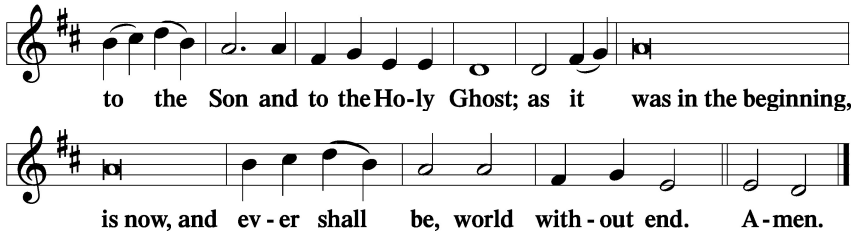
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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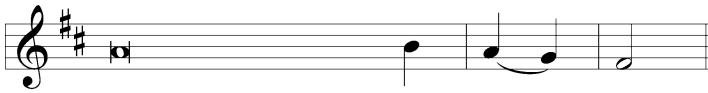


C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

**Thanksgiving**

200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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 A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus*LSB 202***A** Bless we the Lord.



The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

August 17, 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Kristin Geiger, Family Piper, Logan
 Steven Gercken
 Brianne Giba, Family Genevieve, Victoria
 Nicole Golembeck, Family Lilliana

BIRTHDAYS

Tara Schassburger, 8/17
 Chris Carr, 8/21

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Brandy, 8/21
 Kristen Dunne, 8/22
 Ethan Schassburger, 8/22

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Roberto Ramirez, 8/23

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Janice Abel, Dave Bloom, Sandy Bodza, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray and Madelaine Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Jessica Calderon-Phillips, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

Receiving Hospice this past week – Jay Carey



NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet on date to be announced at 10:00 am, to review *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of August 17th on KFuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are beginning a new series: “Majoring in the Minors.” We’ll be walking through the minor prophets, studying the books of Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we dive into the book of Zechariah! Don’t forget to join us for Concord Matters (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT)! This week we continue our study of the 4th commandment. How does honoring our parents prepare us to bless and serve others? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFuo Radio app!

The Week of August 17th The Light Of God’s Word In A World Of Darkness... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: Biblical Manhood, Loving Your LGBTQ Neighbor Without Compromise, The Death of Mainline Protestantism, Gen Z Women & the Church and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

We’d love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

“Never apologize for sharing God’s Word. Never excuse holding or defending a godly position that clearly states how a life issue stands according to Scripture. Abortion is wrong, as is assisted suicide, and many other life issues happening in our world.” Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Dividing Line

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. Luke 12:51 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:49-56 (NIV).



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

WEST

TIME

WIND

DIVIDED

HOT

PEACE

SON

SOUTH

CROWD

FATHER

MOTHER

SKY

BAPTISM

RAIN

BLOWS

EARTH

CLOUD

FIRE

DAUGHTER

FAMILY

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



August 10th Attendance 25, 24 Communed, 14 Online

Envelopes	\$777.00	Weekly Missions	\$55.00
Basket	10.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
General Fund	425.00	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	80.00
Budgeted Total	1,212.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$155.00
Offering Needed	1,423.00		
Short	\$-211.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	9:30 am	Worship Service
Today	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	11:00 am	Celebration Picnic
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Aug 17, 9:30 AM	Sun, Aug 24, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Rev. Mark Zuehsow	Rev. Mark Zuehsow
Lay Reader	Norma Allen	



Food Pantry



General Fund



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