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Next Sunday

Joey Souther
Dale Boger/Nicholas Scott
Lisa Giroir
Jerrie & Stacie

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 14, 2025
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in thanksgiving for wind shear and a so-far mild hurricane season.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
People: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Pastor: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
People: and you have healed me.

Pastor: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
People: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
People: and give thanks to his holy name.

Pastor: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
People: make melody to our God on the lyre!

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 682
2. Confession and Absolution p 184
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Glory be to the Father... p 186
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16. The Word for Children
17. Sermon Hymn # 609
18. Sermon
19. Meditation
20. Offertory* p 192
21. Prayer of the Church p 193

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

22. Preface p 194
23. Holy, Holy, Holy... p 195
24. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) p 196
25. The Words of Our Lord p 197
26. Pax Domini(Amen sung) p 197
27. Agnus Dei p 198
28. Communion

29. Distribution Hymn # 686

Guitar Hymn:

You Are My All in All Insert

Distribution Hymn # 740

30. Nunc Dimittis p 199
31. Thanksgiving p 200
32. Post Communion Collect p 201
33. Salutation & Benedicamus p 201
34. Benediction p 202
35. Closing Hymn # 710

Collect of The Day

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (Sung)



BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11–24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

Epistle

1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

You Are My All In All

Dennis Jernigan

**You are my Strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek;
You are my All in All;**

**Seeking You as a precious Jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool;
You are my All in All.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your Name;
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your Name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name;
You are my all in all;**

**When I fall down You pick me up,
When I am dry You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.**

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Grace's Mission
Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship

This is the House of God.
Let us be thoughtful and reverent.
Before the Service, speak to the Lord.
During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.
After the Service, speak to one another.

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure ***all*** doors are locked ***and*** closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		Coffee & LWML Baked Goods
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 p.m.	BOD Meeting
Monday	5:45p.m. - 6:45p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 p.m.	Prayer & Praise

For the week September 14-20, 2025

Birthday
09/20 Richard Thalheim

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Arthur Dean Parfait, Charlene Shroyer and Charles Calloway.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Kim Cape and Roy Labat.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bob Dieterian, Connie Oswalt, Cynthia Ratliff, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jaxon Greene, Jeanne Norman, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hailey & Ezekiel Long, Karoline and baby Cormier, Krista & Braxton Moore, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Arthur, and Toni and Linnen Randolph.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'Neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.



Church Prayer List

It is the duty and privilege of Christ's church to offer prayers and supplications to God. For this reason we keep the church prayer list and publish it. For good order, non-members are removed from the prayer list quarterly so that names do not remain on the list long after the particular need for prayer has passed. A simple note or email to the church office will keep a name on the list for the next quarter. Please do not assume that if you mention the name of a person in need of our prayers to Pastor in passing or during a Bible study that he will remember to place it on the prayer list. Please send a note or email as well. On behalf of everyone who benefits from your prayers, thank you.