

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" (LSB 905)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

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.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 55:1, 12-14; antiphon: Ps. 55:22

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

C Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

P For it is not an enemy who taunts me – then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me – then I could hide from him.

C But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.

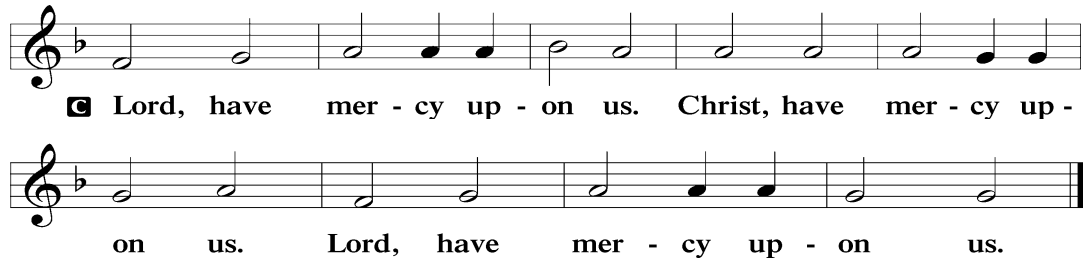
P We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God's house we walked in the throng.

C But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

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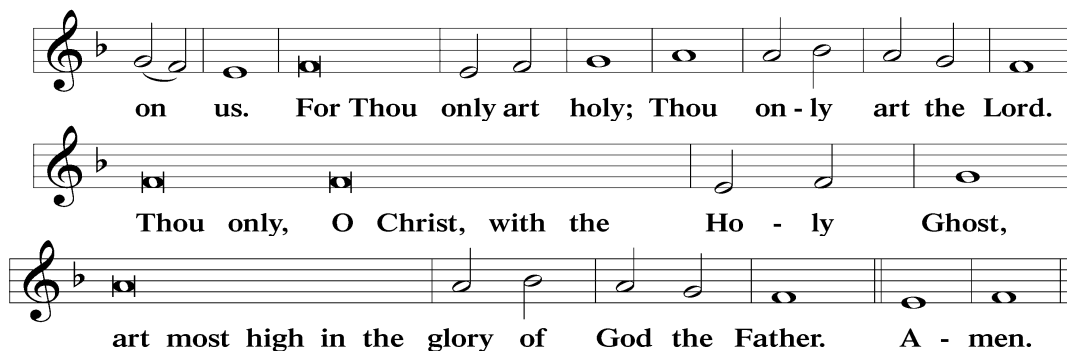


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: 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 -



SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 23:16-29* (The prophets bring words of warning from God.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "There Is a Redeemer" (*K & M Green, arr. Schrader*)
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3* (Running the Christian race)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:49-53* (Jesus speaks of His purpose of being on earth.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (*LSB 655*)

SERMON *"Divided"* (*Luke 12:49-53*)
 Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED

8:30 am *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 am *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERTORY



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.

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

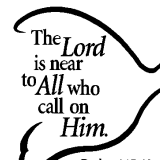
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, bless this congregation and our life together around the Word and table of the Lord. Grant that the work of God would go forth from



this place, and that it would bless and prosper all things according to His will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, be with those who have wandered from the faith, those who have been absent from the Lord's house, and those we have hurt or wounded in word and deed. Reconcile them to Yourself, that they would know the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You called Jeremiah as a youth and used Him in Your service. We give You thanks for the young Christians You have made Your children. By Your Word, strengthen them for daily life, and help them to grow as Your people. Keep them and all youth in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You shepherd the nations according to Your Word. Grant our rulers wisdom and faith to serve for the good of their people and to promote peace and quietness for the flourishing of every godly endeavor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, grant healing to the sick, [*especially to _____*,] strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance, and peace at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy One, sanctify and keep all who come to Your table this day by Your Word and Holy Spirit, that they would receive the body and blood of Your Son in sincere repentance and firm faith and to their abundant blessing, bringing forth the fruits thereof in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, Your dear Son suffered and died for our redemption. Embolden us by the witness of that great company of saints who remained faithful unto death, that we would likewise fix our eyes on Christ and so share in His victory over the grave; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 12 with the Benediction.



Holy Communion

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

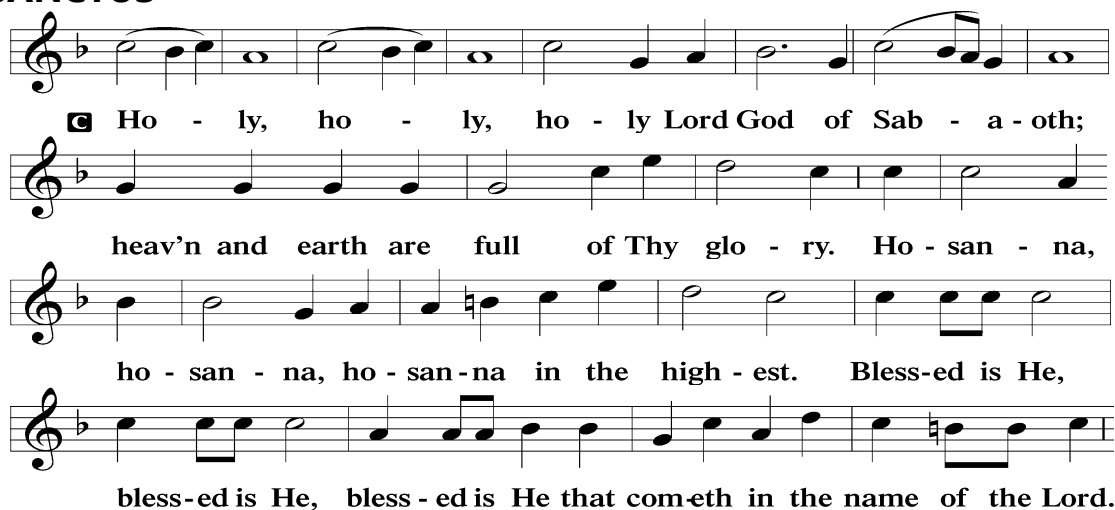
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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



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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

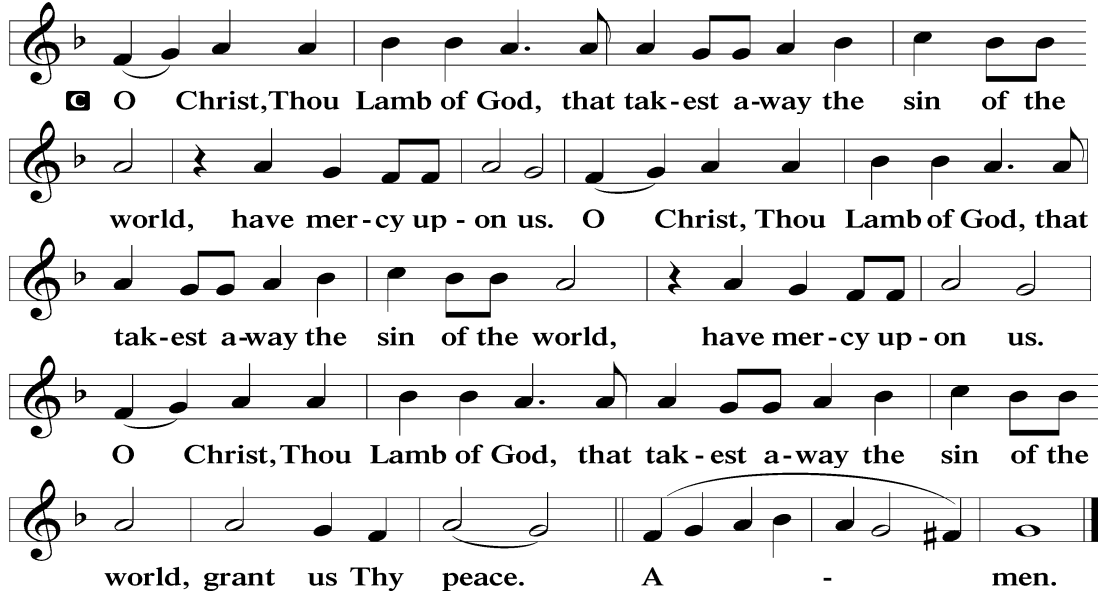
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" (LSB 625)

"I'm But a Stranger Here" (LSB 748)

"Fight the Good Fight" (LSB 664)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

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
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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 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 Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

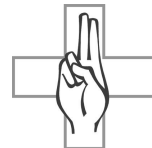
BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” (*LSB* 661)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER The verbal command “Hold on!” is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to “hold on” to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering” (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to “Take hold

of the eternal life to which you were called” (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages him to be “holding faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

Therefore, 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, looking 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. Hebrews 12:1–2

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faihluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Contributions for August 10th will be reported with those from today in next week's bulletin.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Forever Young Potluck This Thursday, August 21st, will be our Forever Young Potluck. All our 55+ year olds, retired and semi-retired members are encouraged to attend. If you have visitors, bring them along. Invite a friend. We will have a regular potluck this month, bring what you want.

End of Summer Grill The Board of Parish Fellowship is sponsoring an end of summer grill event on August 24th. This event will be at the church and begin with games at 3:00 pm and the meal to begin at 5:00 pm. They will furnish the meats and beverages and ask that the congregation bring salads and desserts.



Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. We are going to start again in September and would like to start preparing a schedule.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - COMING THIS FALL, 2025

A Study of the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.



"666" is the number of the beast. What might it mean?

Who are the "Two Witnesses;" and why are there "two"?

What happens to them, and what might it mean?

These and many other questions will be answered during our study.

Watch for sign-up sheets beginning July 20 through August 17. Class size will be limited, so there will be two or more opportunities to attend during the week.


Due to limited classroom space, the Study will be scheduled Sundays between Services (9:45 to 10:45 AM), and one or two alternate times during the week, depending upon interest.

Thanks to "Do-Gooders" – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us "Do Good."

This week we want to thank Dennis Ryckman and Marlis Doud for organizing the Medora Coach Trip. Dennis was the driver and Marlis made many of the arrangements for the trip. Their dedication and hard work resulted in a wonderful time together and the ability to see a great place in the neighboring state. We would also like to thank everyone who went on the trip and contributed to its success. Keep your ears open for future trips.

Looking for anyone interested in getting a new cookbook together. It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Contact Helen in the office if you would be willing to be on a committee. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately.



 **Building Healthy Families:** In addition to being overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and hopelessness, another sign of depression is distorted thinking. This may include: overgeneralizing – after one thing goes wrong, thinking, “Things NEVER go right for me;” exaggerated responsibility for others – “Why aren’t you happy? It must be because of something I did or didn’t do;” and negative self-labeling – “I didn’t get up in time to exercise today – I’m lazy and a failure.” Left unchallenged, distorted messages only deepen the despair. Depression is not a lack of faith or a character flaw, but a serious illness which when left untreated can destroy a life, a marriage and a family. It is treatable and you can feel better. See your medical doctor and remember that your pastor and Lutheran Family Service counselors, who share your faith in our God who keeps His promises, can help. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are

broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “Two Weeks to Eternity” - A man who lives life to the fullest, faces uncertainty with the upcoming surgery.

10:30 AM - Rev. Ray Anderson, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Leola, SD, presents a message titled “Division on Earth, Peace to You”. The sermon is based on Luke 12:49-53. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “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

Faith Lutheran Youth



August

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Aug. 17

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Bds. of Stewardship &
Endowment

3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Aug. 18

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Aug. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study
"Joshua"

6:00 pm Bd. of Early Education

Wed: Aug. 20

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Aug. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

Sat: Aug. 23

4:00 pm Carter/Merriman
Wedding

Sun: Aug. 24

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

