

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025 A.D.

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



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" (LSB 660)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 119:28-32; (antiphon: Ps. 119:27)

P Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

C My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen ne according wo your word!

P Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

C I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your decrees before me.

P I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

C I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

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 Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

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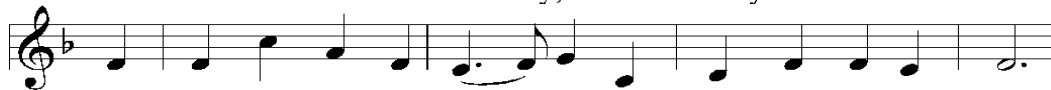


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



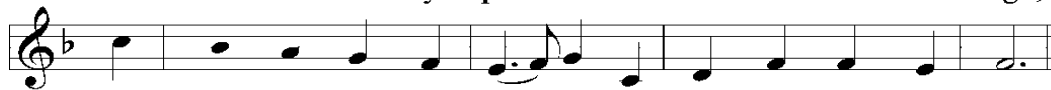
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 30:15–20* (I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"... St. Francis of Assisi,
arr. Mark Hayes Helen Kiepke, *vocal soloist*

EPISTLE *Philemon 1–21* (Paul's letter commending the slave Onesimus back to his master, not only as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:25–35* (Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves)

and take up the cross.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth 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 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" (LSB 856)

SERMON "Family, Cross, and Possessions" (Luke 14:25-35)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
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OFFERING and SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES AND CATECHISMS Both Services

(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.

You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O
Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit,



that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully.
Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that
we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that
does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod;
Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president;
and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to
cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and
sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before
us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children.
Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and
wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one
another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your
unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him
in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials,
especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our
governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name
in government. Grant peace to the nations and prosper to the benefit of
all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way,
yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those
who suffer among us [*especially* _____]. Guide them by
Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the
glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, 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.



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 pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Both Services

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

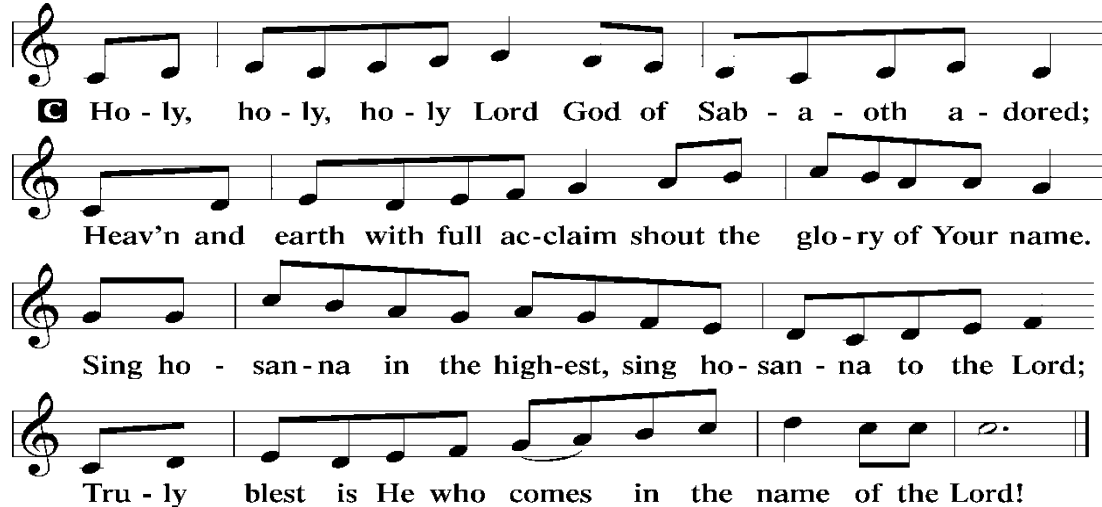
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all

creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

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

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Prelude & Fugue in D Major BWV850...JS Bach (8:30 only)
Tiger Duinkherjav, piano soloist

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LSB 707)

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (LSB 791)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints,

celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *and* **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:27

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request 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 Thirteenth 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 today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services 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.faithluth.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

Wed. Aug. 27, Att. 26; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Aug. 31, Att. 241;** General Fund \$8,220.17; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$345.00; Love Fund \$1,100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$40.00; Music & Choir \$250.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Alan Jensen (Blessings) \$60.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.



First Sunday of the Month Fellowship We thank the women of Berea Circle for hosting and providing goodies for our First Sunday fellowship this month.

Men's Retreat SD LCMS Mission and Ministry Council G.O. A. L (Gospel Oriented Approach to Leadership) **September 19-21** at The Ranch Ministries (rural Pierre) Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church For more information: <https://sddlcms.org/mens-ministry-2025>



September is Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations for the Governor Grocery project. Check the Governor Grocery table in the Narthex for a list of most-needed food, beverage and hygiene items. Individual serving sizes of food are requested. Food items must be shelf-stable and peanut-free. (NOTE: Donations of full-size food items will be held over for the March food drive for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry.) About the Governor Grocery Project: this student pantry is housed at the Georgia Morse Middle School and provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. After school on Fridays, students can stop at the pantry to select food and beverage items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner over the weekend, plus snacks. Personal hygiene products are also available. This project is run by volunteers and is funded entirely by donations. (*More info can be found on the "About the Governor Grocery Program" poster in the Narthex.*)

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 may be printed accurately. **This will be a work in progress. We are not trying to rush this process.**



Proclaiming the Gospel to Catholics and others lost in their faith **Guest Speaker:** Mike Gendron A devout Roman Catholic for over 34 years. Mike was saved by God's amazing grace after attending a three-day evangelistic seminar in 1981. Mike founded the Proclaiming the Gospel Ministry; a 23-year-old evangelistic outreach to those who are lost in religion. The ministry web-site: proclaimingthegospel.org contains a wealth of information and resources that bring clarity to the doctrinal differences separating Roman Catholicism and biblical Christianity. Anchor Bible Church in Plymouth, MN October 10-12 \$204 travel/double occ. room/breakfast text 605-695-6030 for registration or sign up in the Narthex.



Building Healthy Families: Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn't have to cost a lot to make it fun and helpful to your relationship. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins."* I Peter 4:8 **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Grief Share Grief Share is beginning at the community Bible Church. The first session of 14 sessions will begin **TODAY at 2PM** and is entitled, "Is This Normal?"

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.

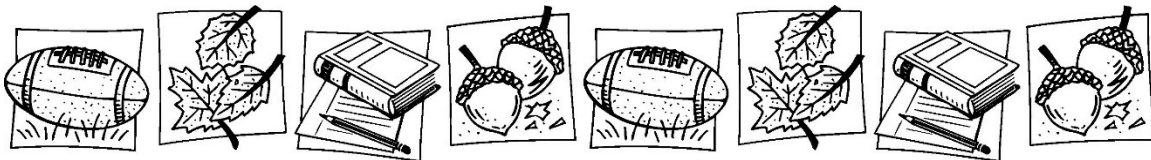
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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “Harriett’s Wedding Day” - A groom nearly cancels wedding plans due to fear of the unknown.

10:30 AM - Rev. Chad Schopp, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled “The Cost of Following Jesus”. The sermon is based on Luke 14:25-35. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Faith Lutheran Youth

Sunday School*: Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for ages 3 (must be potty trained) – high school. Classes begin on Rally Day, **TODAY** with a meal to follow the 11 a.m. service.

Register to attend or

teach/volunteer: <https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2024/31364>

Midweek*: Wednesday from 6 – 7 p.m. for grades 2-8. Classes begin **September 10th**. While regular attendance is important for all classes, it is particularly important for 7th and 8th graders desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade course.

Register to attend,

teach/volunteer: <https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2024/31371>

** The content for Sunday School and Midweek are different and participation in both is **strongly** encouraged.*



FALL BIBLE STUDIES

‘Revelation’ Sunday, Sept. 7 9:45-10:45 am St Matthew Room

‘1 & 2 Peter’ Sunday, Sept. 21 6:30-8:00 pm Living Room

‘The Resolution’ Monday, Sept. 22 Noon-1:00 pm Men’s Study

‘Joshua’ Tuesdays ongoing 10:30-11:30 am Women’s study in the Young Conference Room by office

‘Raising Kids to Follow Christ’ Tuesday, Sept. 23 6:15 pm

‘James’ Wednesday, Sept. 10 6:00-7:00 pm conference room by office

‘Jesus’ Wednesday, Sept. 17 6:30 pm in homes

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 7 RALLY DAY

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

12:00 pm Rally Day Meal

6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Sept. 8

7:00 pm Men’s Club

Tues: Sept. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women’s Bible Study *Joshua*

Wed: Sept. 10

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Revelation* Bible Study

6:00 pm *James* Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 11 Patriot Day

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri: Sept. 12

8:00 am Preschool

Sat: Sept. 13

Loe/Nelson Wedding

Sun: Sept. 14

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Bd. of Missions/Evang.

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.