

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ AUGUST 17, 2025**

**"I came to  
cast fire on**



**the earth."**

**Luke 12:49, ESV**

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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

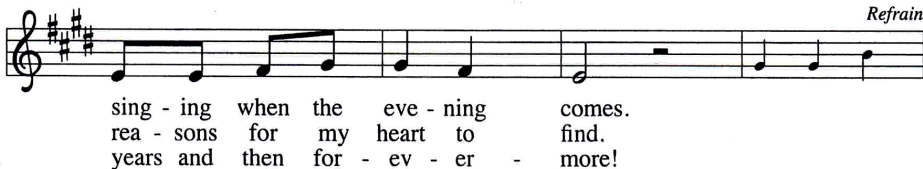
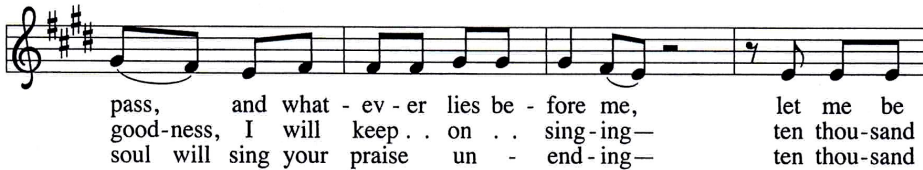
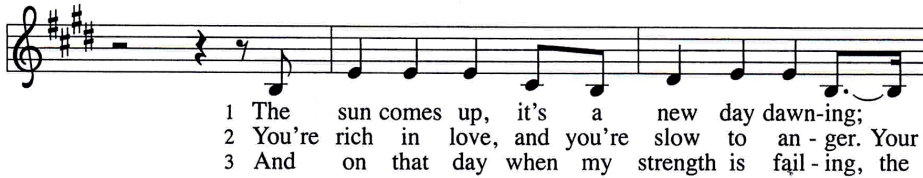
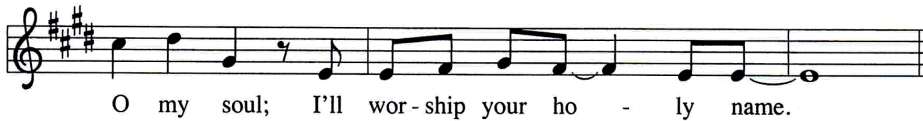
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

# Ten Thousand Reasons

## Bless the Lord, O My Soul



## Greeting

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

### Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Words and Music by  
Rick Founds

$\text{♩} = 86$  **VERSE**

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

Lord, I lift Your name \_ on high; Lord, I love to sing \_ Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

prais - es. \_ I'm so glad You're in \_ my life; I'm so glad You came \_ to

**CHORUS**

8 D D<sup>SUS</sup> D C G C D C/D

save \_ us. \_ You came from heav - en to earth \_ to show the way,

11 G C D C G C

\_ from the earth \_ to the cross \_ my debt to pay; \_ From the cross \_ to the grave,

14 D Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D G

\_ from the grave \_ to the sky; \_ Lord, I lift Your name \_ on high.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23 - 29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Reading

Psalms 82

<sup>1</sup> God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup> **"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup> **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup> nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

<sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29 -- 12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Change My Heart, O God"

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[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they 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.” <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

Send The Fire

Words by  
William Booth and Lex Loizides

Music by  
Lex Loizides

VERSE

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C

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1. O

(2. God)

(3. It's)

(4. To)

God

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burn - ing,

cleans - ing

flame:

Send

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fi - re!

Your

of

E - li - jah,

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plead:

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and

brave:

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To

5 C F C F G C G

blood - bought gift to - day we claim: Send the fire to - day! Look down and see this  
 make us fit to live or die: Send the fire to - day! To burn up ev - 'ry  
 fire will meet our ev - 'ry need: Send the fire to - day! For strength to al - ways  
 live, a dy - ing world to save: Send the fire to - day! Oh, see us on Your

10 F C G F C Am G C

wait - ing host, and send the prom - ised Ho - ly Ghost; We need an - oth - er Pen - te - cost!  
 trace of sin, to bring the light and glo - ry in, the rev - o - lu - tion now be - gin!  
 do what's right, for grace to con - quer in the fight, for pow'r to walk the world in white:  
 al - tar lay, we give our lives to You to - day, so crown the of - fring now we pray:

15 F G C Am F G C C Am

Send the fire to - day! Send the fire to - day! 2. God day!  
 Send the fire to - day! Send the fire to - day! 3. It's  
 Send the fire to - day! Send the fire to - day! 4. To  
 Send the fire to - day! Send the fire to

21 F G C

Send the fire to - day!

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Back to School Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*please be seated*

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

# Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

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# Light of the World

Music and Words by Cathy Pino  
Piano arrangement by Eric Wefald



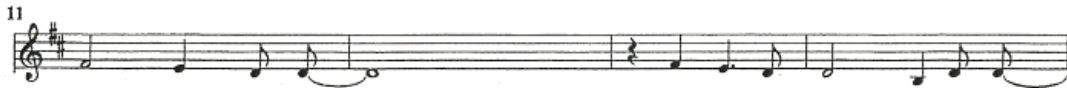
You are the light of the world.  
You are a city on a hill.  
You are a candle in the dark.  
You are a star in the night.  
You are the light of the world.

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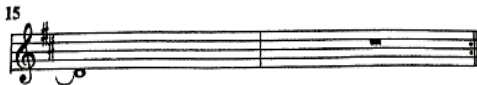
light of the world.  
city on a hill.  
candle in the dark.  
star in the night.  
light of the world.

So shine, shine,  
So shine, shine,  
So shine, shine,  
So shine, shine,  
So shine, shine,



shine where you are.  
shine where you are.  
shine where you are.  
shine where you are.  
shine where you are.

You are the light of the world.  
You are a city on a hill.  
You are a candle in the dark.  
You are a star in the night.  
You are the light of the world.



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*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, you gathered us to your table and offered signs of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Holy Spirit ✚ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

"I'll Fly Away"

(see next page)

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# I'll Fly Away

Words and Music by  
Albert E. Brumley

**VERSE**

♩ = 120 G G7/B C G

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.

**CHORUS**

Em G Em G/B D7 G C/G G G D G

- To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -
- Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
- To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.

10 D7/A G/B C G C/G G C/G G Em

way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,

15 G Em G/B D7 G C/G G

I'll fly a - way.

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# "NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE"



**Welcome:** On this summer day, we come to praise God and receive his word for us, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Randy Oelrichs, Susan Kyle, Nathan Vanderlinden, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.

*Follow Jesus' Steps...*



*...Pray*

Bredlee & Jessica Stillfield (friends of Melisa Balke), Harold Brown (father of Donnie Brown), Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, Susan Canfield, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



**With Sympathy:** We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Don Klein (brother of Shari Farrington) and Jamie Simon.



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**"Summer" Housecleaning:** This week a crew of 5 cleaned out the Luther League room and organized both the room and the items in the Link. In cleaning, several items were found that need a new home. These items can be found in the Gathering Space and are free for the taking and include: church cook books, coffee mugs, and lawn chairs. In addition, a fooseball table, and a ping pong table can be found in the Luther League room..



*The former Luther League room was cleaned out to provide space for the **Little Blessings Preschool classroom.*** This change in classroom location provides more space both for the preschool and the daycare.



**The Little Blessings Preschool:** The preschool will be staffed by Annette Vogel and Winter Dieckman. Annette is a certified teacher with many years experience in preschool and early childhood. Winter is a helper in our daycare and has previous experience in both preschools and daycares. To round out our staff, we are looking for a ***volunteer/s to assist in the classroom on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings*** beginning on Tuesday, September 9. If interested, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman or Janice Gerken.

**Thank you** to Debbie Vaughn, Glenalee Dillon, Melisa Balke, and Cecil Schlesselmann for your time and hard work in cleaning out the Luther League and the Link. BIG improvement in both areas.



**Back to School Blessing:** As schools gear up for another school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of learning and for those who take on this endeavor as their vocation. During worship **today** we'll offer our prayers and blessings upon students, teachers and administrators as this new school year.

**Free Yoga Class:** Every Monday at 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the Fellowship Hall, a free yoga class will be offered. Thanks to new local doctor and certified Yoga instructor, Stephanie Schirding, for offering her time! This is a beginner's class.



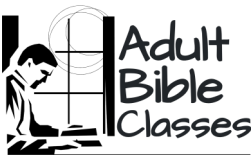
**One Stitch at a Time:** The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **August 18th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Come join us!

**Planning:** Worship & Music will meet on Wednesday, **August 20th** at 3:30pm.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **August 21st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

**Acolytes:** "Acolyte" is an ancient word that means "helper." In our worship services acolytes help out by lighting candles and helping in other ways. Acolytes at St. Paul's usually begin in the 4th grade, so if you would like to help out in this way join Pastor Stephen after worship on Sunday, **August 24th**, for a brief training session. Please let him know if you are planning on coming so we can make sure you are on the upcoming schedule.



**Adult Bible Classes**

**Adult Class:** According to King Solomon and Proverbs, only an unwise person stops learning--the more effort we put into hearing and learning, the more we gain a better understanding and wisdom. This fall the Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Book of Proverbs and will strive to increase our learning and understanding of this book that reveals God's perspective on life showing what He values and how He desires for us to live. Please join us in the chapel each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. beginning on **September 14** to dive into this book of wisdom. Just bring a Bible and be ready for some great discussion. Hope to see many of you there.



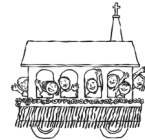
# COLE CAMP FAIR

**Sign up Sheet:** The Fair Stand Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the link. Online scheduling is also available. Thanks to all who have already signed up. Thank you!



**Fair Stand:** The food stand will be put up on Sunday, **August 31st** at 1:00pm and taken down on Sunday, **September 7th** at 1:00pm.

**Float:** Float work continues daily. You will be notified.



**Fair Pies:** Each family is asked to bring two fruit pies according to the following schedule, divided alphabetically by last names. There are pie tins available for your use in the gathering space.

Thursday, September 4th .....A - C  
Friday, September 5th ..... D - M  
Saturday, September 6th ..... N - Z



**Pies by Tammy:** If anyone would like to order pies we will be making pies and delivering as usual. The cost will be \$12.00 for fruit and \$13.00 for pecan. We will take orders thru **September 1st**. Call/text Tammy Thompson at 660-287-0360 or mail check with order info (name to go on pie(s), which day you would like them delivered, and church name) to 26744 Seven Hills Road.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, August 17:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations Back to School Blessing
<b>Monday, August 18:</b>	9:00am	Sewing
	6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Wednesday, August 20:</b>	3:30pm	Worship & Music
<b>Thursday, August 21:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, August 23:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
<b>Sunday, August 24:</b>	10:00am	Worship Service Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Acolyte Instruction



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

August 17 .....	Back-To-School Blessing
August 31 .....	Set up Fair Stand
September 1 .....	Labor Day
September 4, 5 & 6 .....	Cole Camp Fair

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers .....	The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist.....	Lois Viebrock
Pianist .....	Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians.....	Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild .....	Melisa Balke & Joyce Schlesselmann
Ushers.....	Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
.....	Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 17, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants .....	Luther League
Reader.....	Norma Schlesselman
Children's Sermon .....	Paul Fuelling
Acolytes.....	Kale Kruep & Mason Randall
Flowers .....	Glenalee Dillon



## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 24, 2025

Assisting Minister.....	Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants .....	Glenalee Dillon & Debbie Eckhoff
Reader.....	Lesa Warden
Children's Sermon .....	Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes.....	Fred Goosen & Lexi Goyette
Flowers .....	Kathy Oelrichs

