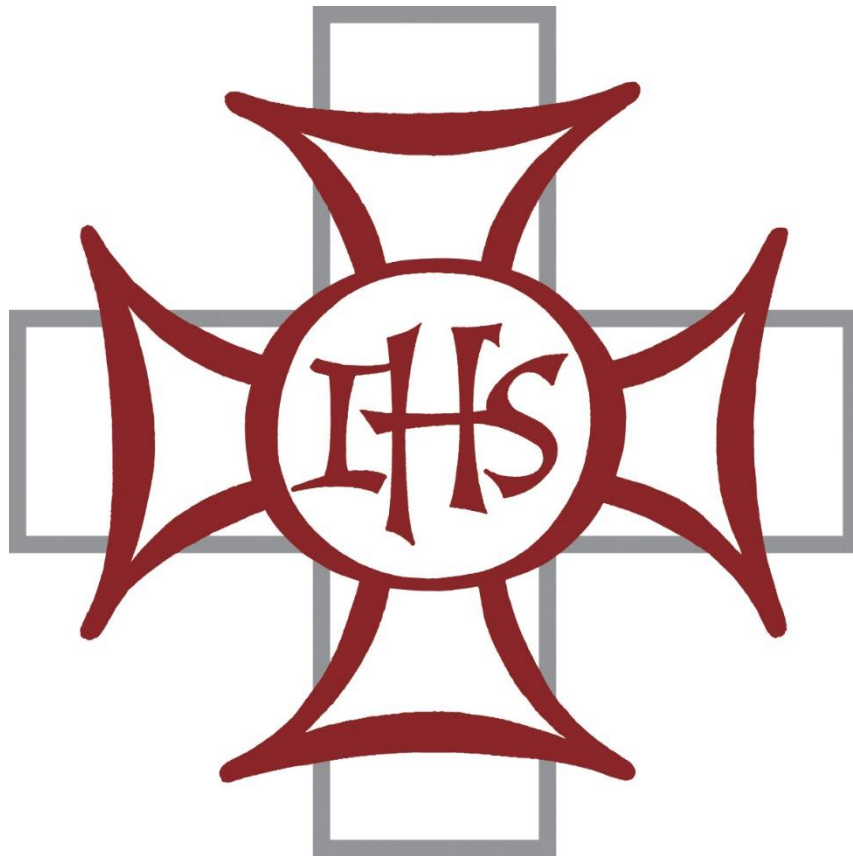


# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas

*We realize that it is difficult for some to stand, or to kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.*

## DIVINE SERVICE

### SETTING FOUR

#### PRELUDE

*Stand*

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

#### INVOCATION

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

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

**C Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalms 124:8*

**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.**

*Psalms 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

*[Luke 18:13]*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

## ABSOLUTION

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

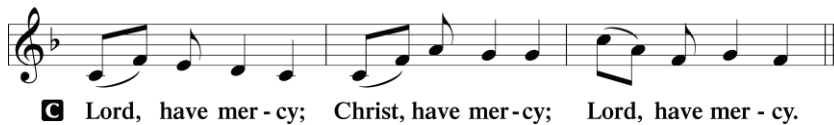
*[John 20:19-23]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

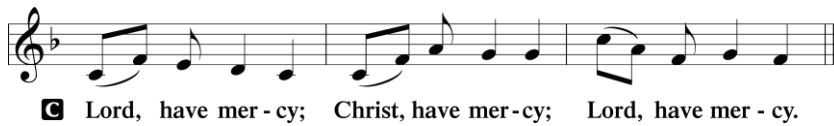
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**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

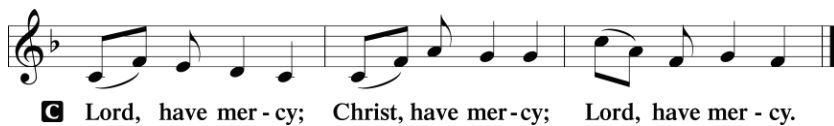
*Mark 10:47*



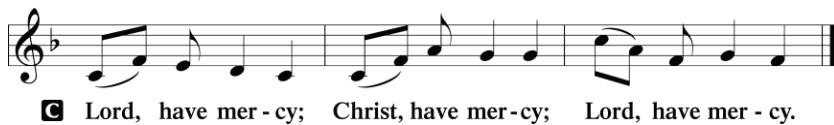
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



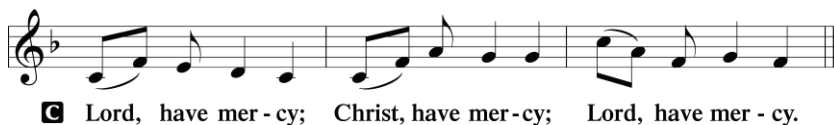
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



## 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-shiped 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.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 34:11–24*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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.

<sup>17</sup>"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is 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? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:5-17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



*John 20:31*



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"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? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And 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.' <sup>7</sup>Just 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. <sup>8</sup>"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? <sup>9</sup>And 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.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES CREED

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**OFFERTORY:** Create in Me

LSB 956

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Our offering is our way of saying, "Thank you" to God for all His gifts to us and to support His work here at Mt. Calvary and around the world. To all our guests this morning, we are happy to have you with us, but **you are under no obligation to give an offering.** But we would request your prayers for our ministry. We would ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate in order that we have a record of your worshipping with us. If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

## **RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

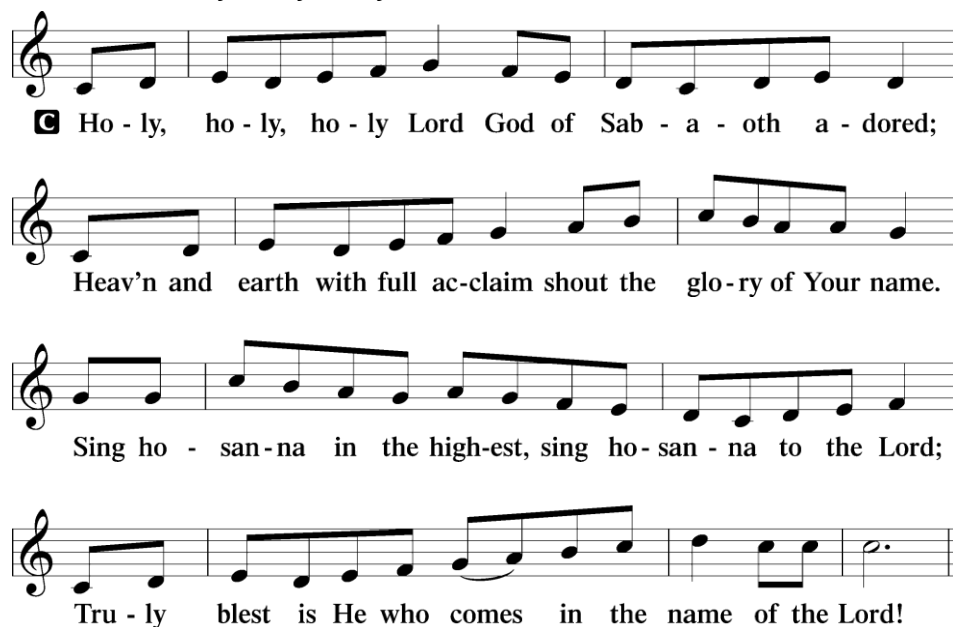
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*[Psalm 136]*

**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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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 ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



## AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

**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 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.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### LSB 910 Now the Silence



Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing

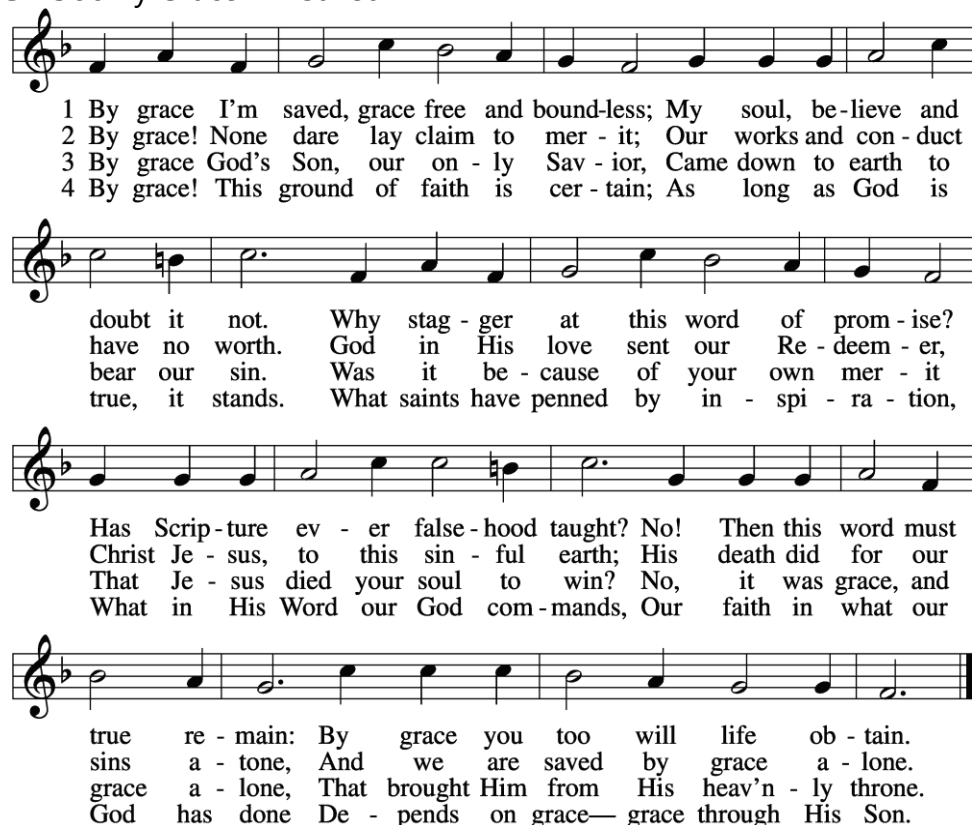
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

### LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,

Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

# **LSB 618** | Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

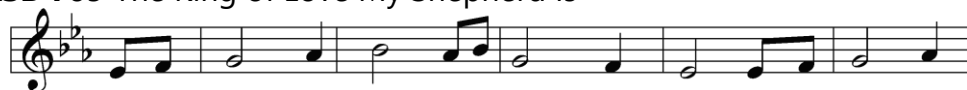
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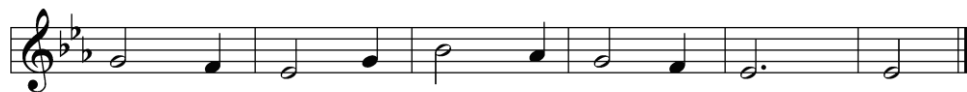
## LSB 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## 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 ~Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



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 lead 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 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 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** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

**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.

Numbers 6:24-26

**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: Amazing Grace

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond

Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati

Text and tune: Public domain

## POSTLUDE

**LSB** (Lutheran Service Book 2006)

**OAR** (On And All Rejoice 2021) Hymnal Supplement to LSB

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Mike Middaugh

Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler

Elders: Karl Johnson Lamar Gillian Jim Koenig

Ushers: Ralph Domel Jon Fruendt  
Lamar Gillian Richard Miyauchi

Greeters: Diedra Thompson Carol Wilson

## HOLY COMMUNION

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common cup and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, please hold your hands open and the pastor will provide it to you, while the elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assist the pastor.

## ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and in the individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP** We love children and are happy they are here with us! Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors. **Assistance for children with special needs during worship and Sunday school is also available – see an usher for details.** **A nursery** is also available. Parents can use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. **Activity items** are available for your child(ren) in the narthex. Please make sure all items are returned at the end of the service.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and Sacrament, and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- **IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE** a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to **please complete an attendance card** found in the pew and place in the offering plate.
- We ask that you turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the sanctuary.
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.

## MIDWEEK STUDIES

**Tuesday Morning Class** | Tues | 10:00-11:30am {Parish Hall} Immediately following Matins (10:00am)

**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed | 6:00pm {Church gym} All men are invited! Contact Roman Gomez.

**Men's Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat | 8:00-9:30am {Parish Hall} The study of Acts. Led by Daniel Ochoa.

**Women's Study** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon | 7:30-8:30pm {Meets at members' homes} Contact Shirley Wille.

**Women's Study** | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon | 6:00-7:30pm {Library} Our topic is *Cultivating Contentment*.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP SERVICES** continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 8:45am with our Divine Service at 10:00am.

**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY** to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Debbie Nitsche in honor of Arlene's birthday today and her parents Wedding Anniversary on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYERS** – Sue Weller, Judy Hanson, Bill O'Brien, Janyce Walker, Anna Morrison, Alex Hansmann, Jan Miyauchi, Natalie Russell, Patsy Bond, Ann McNeel, Jeff Harwood, Barbara & Sandy Krywoszej, Darrell Donnell, Heidi Farmer, Eulalia Aguilar, Debbie Kuehling, Dave Weller, Hayley Trujillo, our home-bound members: Raymond & Sue Robel, Janet Schneider, Joyce Warren, Jim Wegge, Art Wendt, Ann Werling.

**PASTORAL CARE, VISITATION, & PRAYERS** – If it is your desire to share a health condition, hospitalization, or procedure for which you would like a pastoral visit, it is important for us to know as much information ahead of time as possible. Please contact the church office with all the pertinent information. If you are hospitalized or in rehab, it helps us a great deal to keep us updated as to where you are as well as the room number if possible. If you wish for you or your loved one to be included in the Prayers of the Church on Sunday morning, please contact the church office as soon as you can.

**LORD'S SUPPER** – If you are physically unable to get to church and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact the church office so that we can schedule a date and time with one of the pastors.



**YOU CAN HELP FUND THE PURCHASE OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN THE BREAD BOX LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**



**SANDWICHES FOR CAM – JOIN US!** We have been preparing **300 sandwiches** two times per month for Christian Assistance Ministries. (CAM). CAM currently distributes 300 sandwiches **per day** to those in need in our community. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time to help with the sandwich making. Interested? **NEXT SANDWICH MAKING DAY WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



# Join the Choir!

**First Rehearsal and Open House, Thursday, 9/18 @ 6:30 PM**

**In the Music Room! Food, Beverages, and Fellowship!**

PLEASE JOIN US! WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALL VOICES, BUT ESPECIALLY WE SEEK **SOPRANOS** WHO CAN HIT THOSE HEAVENLY HIGH NOTES AND DRIVE HOME THE MELODY AND THOSE BEAUTIFUL DESCANTS. WE ALSO CAN USE **ALTOS** WHO BRING THAT SOULFUL DEPTH AND DELICIOUS HARMONIES! LADIES, THE CHOIR IS CALLING YOU! YOU ARE NEEDED! NOW IS THE TIME, NOW IS THE MOMENT TO COME TO THE AID OF YOUR CHOIR! BASSES AND TENORS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED! THE UPSTAIRS NEEDS A CELLAR.... AND YOU'RE IT!

## Sing to the LORD a New Song!

NO NEED TO BE A DIVA OR PROFESSIONAL... IF YOU CAN CARRY A TUNE (OR AT LEAST CAN GIVE IT YOUR BEST TRY WITH ENTHUSIASM), WE WANT YOU!

PICTURE YOURSELF ADORNED IN A ROBE, HARMONIZING WITH NEW FRIENDS, AND MAYBE ACCIDENTALLY STARTING A HYMN-BASED FLASH MOB. SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDE CONTAGIOUS JOY AND THE URGE TO HUM YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF MUSIC AT THE H.E.B.

NO AUDITION JITTERS HERE—JUST BRING YOUR VOICE AND A SMILE!

Questions? Contact Pr. Meissler

**BAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY** sponsored by the Mary-Martha Guild. Proceeds to go to various missions.

**SHARED SPACE** - We are asking all individuals/groups to remember to clean up after themselves! Much of our space is shared with others and it is not fair for others to clean and put up after someone else. If you spill something, clean it up. If you use any dishes in either kitchen, **please wash, dry, and put them back where they belong.** If you use the refrigerators, please note that items left in there for an extended period will be thrown away in their containers. Chairs and tables should be put back as found. Thank you for your help!

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! You can make your appointment online. Photo dates are: October 1 & 2. Click on the link below and make your appointment on-line. Or see Susan to help you sign up during the week or on Sunday.

<https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?page=&lang=en&year=2025&month=09&day=01&subPage=newApp&aNum=3534502&step=2&scld=&typld=66054&a=>

Please do not share emails when signing up. If someone else uses your email, you will be kicked out of your slot. If you do not have an email, please leave it blank. Thank you.

You will have a professional photography session, see your proofs, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends. We must have 80% participation before any other dates are set up. A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now very out-dated and it is time for a new one. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign-up today! (A minimum of 75 families must be photographed by Re:MEMBER for a directory to be printed.)

If you wish to submit a photo, we ask that it be a current photo – cost is \$20 per photo (that is what the church will be charged for submitted photos). No cost for shut-ins. Please email your photo to [smelancon@mtcsa.org](mailto:smelancon@mtcsa.org) no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## SAVE THE DATE!

*Rejoice Always* (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Mt. Calvary's Women's Retreat will be November 7-9 at Camp Lone Star. The theme this year is Experience the Joy—Then Share it! *Rejoice Always* (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Cost for the retreat is \$125.00 which includes 2 nights and 4 meals. Partial scholarships will be available. We will again be staying in the Johnson Retreat Center. Registration forms are in the narthex! Invite a friend or two!

**BIBLES NEEDED! CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY** is in need of bibles. If you have any bibles at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to CAM. Remove any personal information from them before donating. A bin for CAM is available in the Parish Hall foyer.

**CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM)** in desperate need of 1 lb bags of rice. September needs are men's jeans, belts, tennis/athletic shoes for men & women, men's underwear (new; all sizes), women's underwear (new; all sizes), travel size hygiene items (soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant), financial support. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**THE AGAPE MINISTRY** most needed items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, rice, fresh or frozen meat. Other items needed are canned vegetables, canned fruit, mac & cheese, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, soup, beans (dry or canned), spaghetti, cereal, cookies, crackers, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bar soap, pet food. Also accepted are used clothing, household items, linens, shoes, purses, new underwear, socks, etc.

**ANIMAL DEFENSE LEAGUE URGENT NEEDS:** Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food, Blankets, Dog Treats, XL KONG Toys, Bottles, KMR (1st step), Puppy Esbilac, Puppy pads, Miracle nipples, Food scales, Heating pads, and Warming discs. All food items should be unopened. Please separate newspapers and empty medicine bottles into bags.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – September 21<sup>st</sup>, "Someone Worth Having"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus--"God saves." (Numbers 6:27) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

**READ, LISTEN, WATCH** – 1517.org is a nonprofit organization that exists to declare and defend the Good News that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. 1517 features hundreds of podcasts, articles, and videos all with the purpose of preaching and teaching Reformation Theology and Christ for You. 1517 is a completely free resource thanks to partnership and support from dozens of LCMS churches here in Texas, and around the country. If you have not already, go to 1517.org to access their large library of online resources.



**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, September 14<sup>th</sup>:** "If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**      Sunday – 124      Adult Class – 37      PreK-HS - 14

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Today		<b>RALLY DAY!!!!!!</b>
	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee/Pastries
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30am	Potluck {gym}
Monday	9:30am	Braille #1
	1:00pm	Braille #13
Tuesday	10:00am	Matins {Sanctuary – please enter at Parish Hall doors} Followed by Tuesday Morning Class {Parish Hall}
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	9:30am	Braille #12
Friday	7:00pm	AA – Shook Big Book Group {Parish Hall}
Saturday	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:30am	Fellowship/Coffee/Bake Sale
	8:45am	Sunday school/Adult Bible class
	10:00am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

September

14 Arlene Nitsche  
17 Al Lariosa  
Andrea Toledo  
18 Melinda Starr  
19 Carolyn Friedle  
Beegee Trammell  
Kyle Wille  
20 Rebekah Morrison



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### **MOUNT CALVARY STAFF**

Craig Meissler, Pastor      Mike Middaugh, Pastor

David Thompson, Sexton

Susan Melancon, Office Manager

Sheryl Jones, Bookkeeper

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday 8:00am-noon

# Who's My Elder?

Below is the listing of Elder's and the individuals and family units which they represent. If you have not yet had an opportunity to meet your elder or would like a visit or phone call, please contact the church office, and we will have them reach out to you.

## **Lamar Gillian**

Aguilar  
Farmer  
Kenndey, Elvera  
Storms  
Taitague  
Thompson, Brendan  
Thompson, David  
Thompson, Randall  
Timmons  
Toledo  
Trammell  
Twiefel  
Walker, Janyce  
Walker, Jennifer  
Walker, Marlene  
Wegge  
Weller  
Willis, David  
Willis, Rick  
Van Dyke  
Voss

## **Steve Melancon**

Gilg, John  
Griffin  
Hartman  
Harwood  
Haumann  
Heide  
Houghton  
Hudson  
Johnson  
Jones, Melissa  
Jones, Mike  
Kennedy, Debbie  
Rabenaldt

## **Jim Koenig**

Beeks  
Lee, Jim  
Lee, Sarah  
Morris  
Morrison  
Neal  
Newman  
Nichols  
Nitsche, Arlene  
Nitsche, Debbie  
O'Brien, Bill  
O'Brien, Erin  
Ochoa  
Olson  
Ontiveros  
Paseur, Aaron  
Paseur, Tracy  
Rablee, Barbara  
Rablee, Paul  
Rambow  
Robel

## **Mike Wille – Head Elder**

Axtell  
Boeckner  
Bond  
Casas  
Chapa, Daniel Jr  
Chapa, Daniel Sr  
Chapa, Madison  
Cobb, David  
Cobb, Gary  
Hingst  
Pieniazek  
Pieniazek

## **Karl Johnson**

Hanson  
Maxwell  
Marshall  
McNeel  
Meissler  
Meissner  
Melancon  
Mencke, Raquel  
Mencke, Wally  
Middaugh  
Miller, Jay  
Miller, Russ  
Rossi  
Royce  
Warren

## **Robert Axtell**

Wegner  
Wendt  
Werling  
Wieding  
Wille, Brian  
Wille, Mike  
Wille, Shirley  
Wille, Tim  
Wilson  
Wrase

**Jason Strawn**

Fritz  
Fruendt  
Gerlich  
Gilg, Mark  
Gilg, Michael  
Gillian  
Gomez  
Greehey, Bill  
Greehey, John  
Greehey, Sid Jr  
Greehey, Sid Sr  
Greinke  
Grieshaber  
Hankins  
Hansmann, Alex  
Hansmann, David

**Alex Diaz**

Sacks  
Samuel  
Schneider  
Shook  
Spray  
Starr  
Strawn  
Russell

**Trey Roberts**

Kersh  
Koch  
Koenig  
Koehler  
Klann  
Krywoszej  
Lane  
Lara  
Lariosa  
Leiber  
Loudenback  
Lundy  
Miyauchi  
Price  
Prinz

**Dave Thompson**

***Elder Thompson is on an extended vacation and will return the last week in September. Should you require Elder assistance, please contact Mike Wille or one of the pastors during his absence.***

Cummings  
Curry  
DeVries  
Diaz  
Dietz  
Donnell  
Domel  
Dorsey  
Dyer  
Elbert  
Farris  
Felter  
Fitzgerald  
Friedle  
Hansmann, Chase  
Klein  
Roberts, Brett  
Roberts, Jim  
Roberts, Trey  
Domel  
Dorsey  
Dyer  
Elbert  
Farris  
Felter  
Fitzgerald  
Friedle  
Hansmann, Chase  
Klein  
Roberts, Brett  
Roberts, Jim  
Roberts, Trey