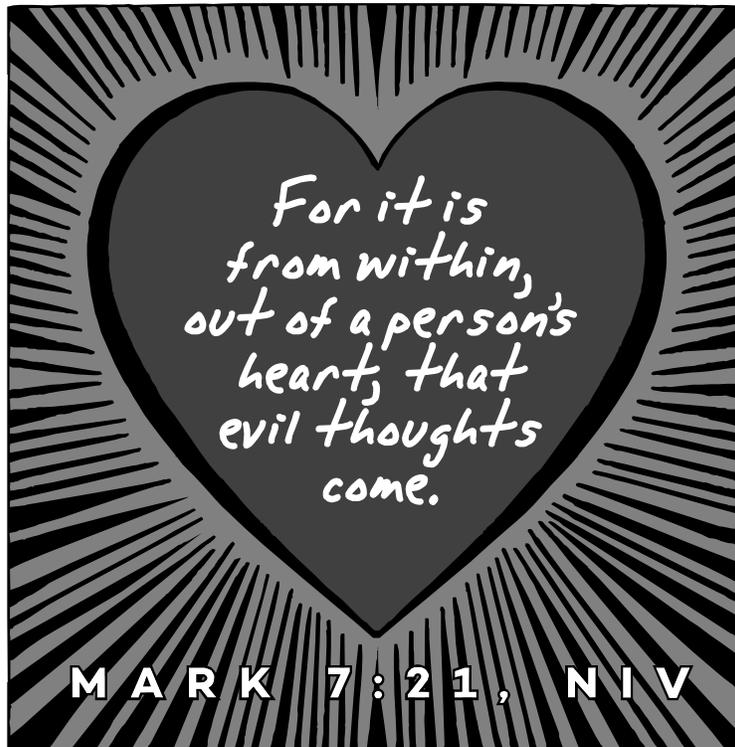


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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND! MAY OUR TIME TOGETHER STRENGTHEN US
SO WE CAN SERVE GOD IN WHATEVER WORK WE DO.

REV. MELODI HAGEN

ORGANIST: Linell Hertenstein

ACOLYTE: Kara Lochard

CANTOR: Kyle Frische

LAY READER: Samantha Stienecker

ALTAR FLOWERS: Linda Lee

Welcome & Announcements

Prayers of Praise, Pain, & Protest

Prelude *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Gathering Song *Dearest Jesus at Your Word* # 520

Confession & Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,**

³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

⁶**He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

Special Music

Here's My Heart Lord

David Crowder

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

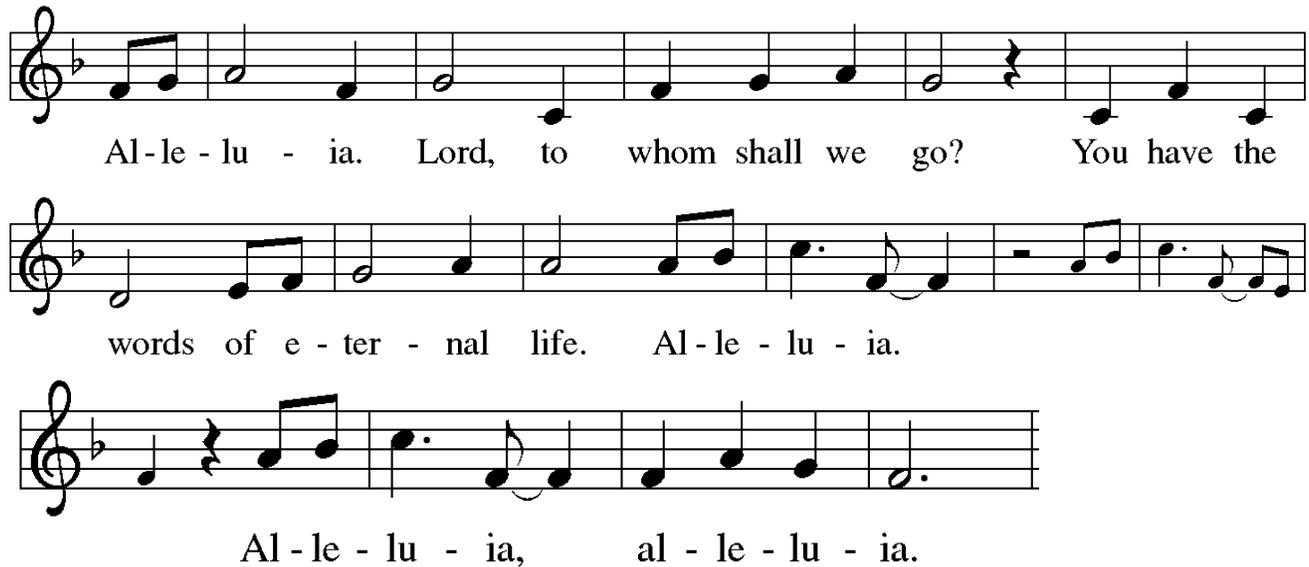
²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away,

immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Announcement of the Gospel

The Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and

there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

This is the good news for you today. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

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Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and all people according to their needs.

C: We seek joy in hope, patience in suffering, and faith through prayer.
(Romans 12:12)

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Tithes and Offerings *(Kid's offering to support VBS)*

Offertory *Here, at Your Table, Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Response

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

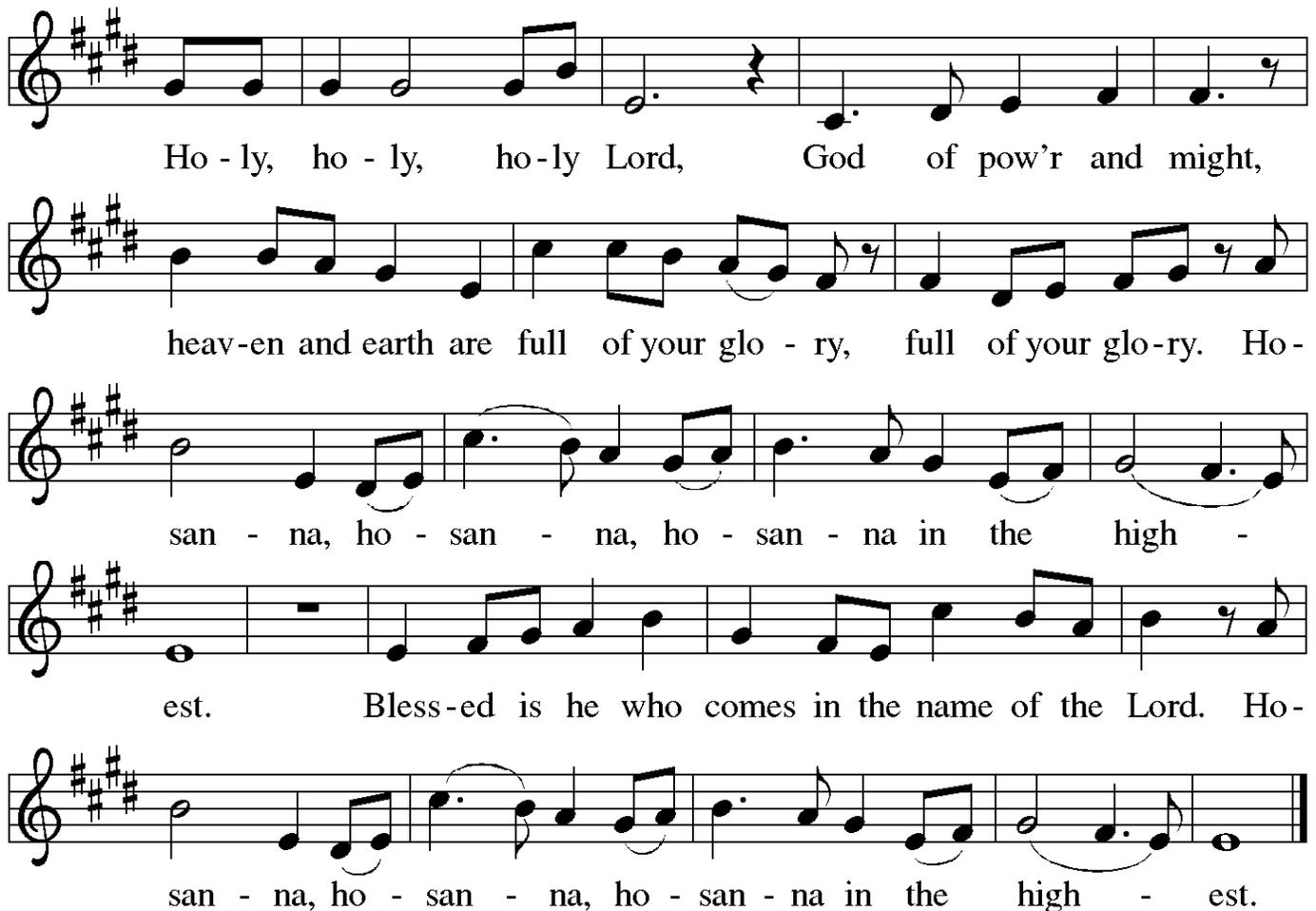
The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save
us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

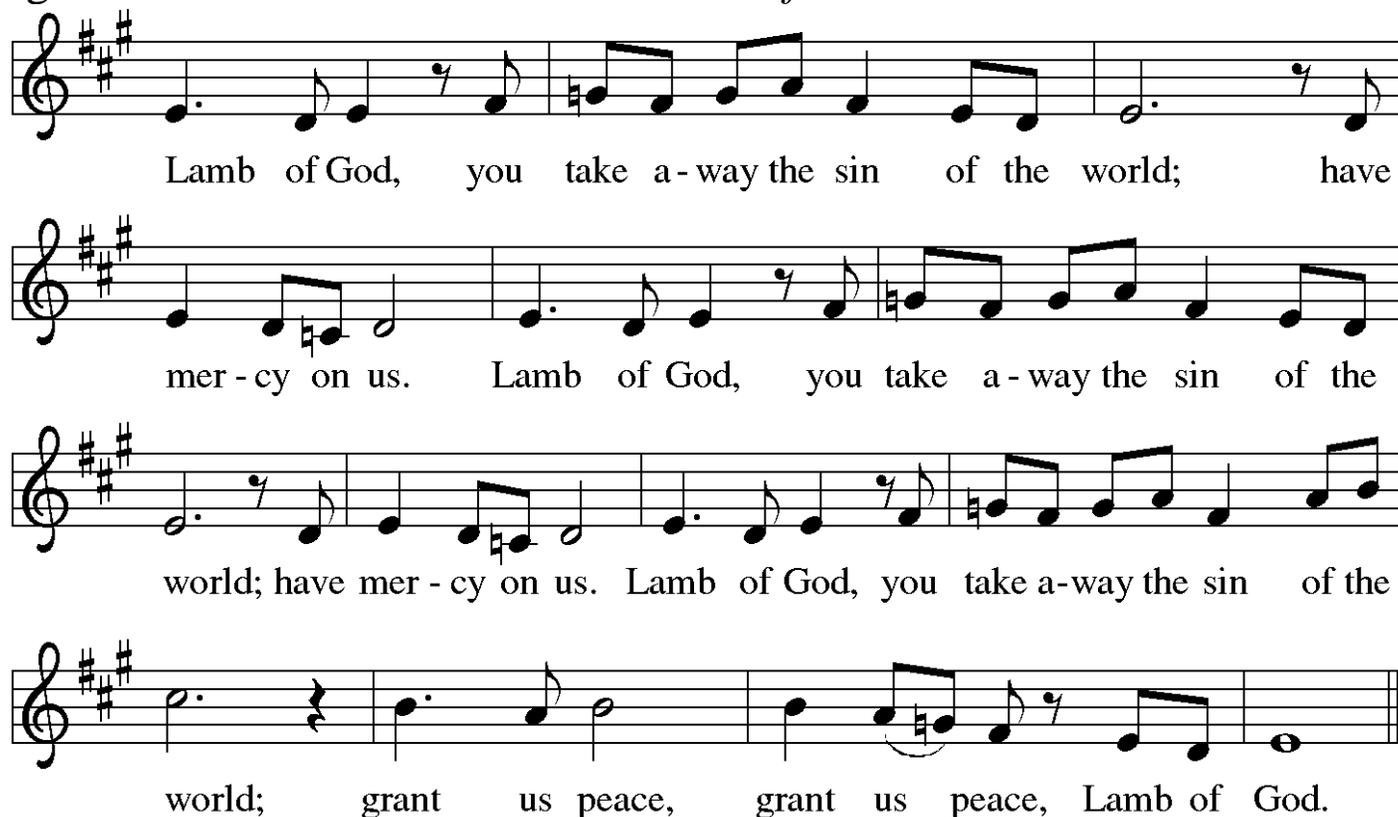
Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Continuous Holy Communion

Song

O Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Song during Distribution

Just as I Am without One Plea

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* # 534

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

God Loves Me Dearly

John A. Behnke

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Worship Has Ended...The Service Begins

You are invited to sign the register each week. People in each pew nearest the black book are asked to sign it & pass it down the pew.

Thank you to Olivia & Eric Hagen for providing special music this morning.

Today we are celebrating Holy Communion. We invite all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal to join us. We offer both wheat or gluten free wafers and red wine or white grape juice. If you prefer gluten free wafers or grape juice, simply ask. *All children who do not receive Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

The Altar Flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God in honor of Robert & Shirley Ann Engel's 23rd wedding anniversary, which is today. The flowers are given by Donald & Carolyn Henschen, Marie Heintz, Evelyn Wagner, and Richard & Dorothy Krites.

Thank you for supporting our Kid's offering and the 2018 Vacation Bible School program. We received over \$1,280 in gifts to support over 80 youth and adults in faith in our community.

Prayer Concerns: David Blackburn, Corey Crawford, Terry Tangeman, Lila Schroer, Rose Casazza, Joann Feldwisch, Nelson Smith, Halle Meyer, Paul Wibbeler, Sue Geis, and our shut-ins.

{Persons will remain on the Prayer List for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.}

Birthdays this week: Kaiser Taylor, Eric Pfenning, Bill Troy

Anniversaries this week: Bob & Shirley Engel, Lawrence & Karen Dietz

Youth Activity Bags are located in the cry room. These bags include activities for the youth to be used during worship and a snack. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

We have various collection boxes under the coat rack at the main entrance. If you have items for Redeemer, the Crisis Center, Agape, and other special collections you will find the appropriate box in our "collection corner".

Hands in Mission donations requested: Fabrics, sewing thread, monetary donations to purchase these items for the World Relief Quilt Project. Fabrics must not have any religious symbols, holiday references or military related prints/patterns.

September Prayer Practice: Sacred Reading of Romans 12: Anyone is welcome to stop in the prayer room during the week, or join our prayer group on Wednesdays at noon. If you can't join us face to face, we still encourage you to practice prayer where you are at noon on Wednesdays either at work, at school, or in your car. You are also welcome to text Pastor Melodi at 701-331-9412 by noon Wednesday and we will lift up your prayer concerns with you.

Rally Sunday is next week, Sept. 9th at 9am, beginning in the basement. A cross-generational Sunday school for all ages. Doughnuts and discussion, music, bible time, and a service project that supports our community. Join us as we rally around our young people and the word of Christ!

August 26, 2018

Attendance 97

Current Offering received: \$3,490.80

Budget Needed: \$3,672.00

This Week's Schedule

Monday	<i>Labor Day – Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Sunday School Staff
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Prayer
	6:00 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Catechism Parent Meeting
	7:30 pm	Choir
Next Sunday	<i>Rally Day</i>	
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship

*Deadline for information for the weekly bulletin is Thursday at 11 am.
Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.*

Next Sunday

Dallas Smith, Acolyte
Teri Hirschfeld, Cantor
Nancy Myers, Altar Flower Care
Bonnie Greve, Lay Reader

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Response Form Information

1. Our next opportunity to host **Loaves & Fishes** is September 13. Please sign up if you can help by preparing, serving, cleaning up, or providing desserts. Any questions can be directed to Susan Lengerich.
2. **College Students/Families:** It's that time of year. As you get your new mailing address, please let us know. You can put it on the Response Form or contact the office by phone or email. 419-738-6547, secretary@trinity-moulton.com

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No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ~ Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)