



WELCA

A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who baked, bought, and enjoyed the many items offered at our Bake Sale in July. The sale generated \$191.00, which is being used to purchase backpack bags for Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

We will be collecting items or school kits throughout the month of August. A display and shopping lists are located in the Narthex.



Pot Luck Salad Invitation

An invitation to a Pot Luck Salad Lunch at Copeland Oaks in Sebring, from **Vangie McDorman**, on August 19th, at 12Noon. Bring a salad to share. A Sign-Up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate if you wish to car pool from Church.



CHOIR RESUMES!



Choir will resume on **Wednesday, September 9th** at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir should talk to our **Director of Music, Tim Elder**, for more information. No audition is required, only a desire to sing praises to our God.

Hope to see you there!

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:15 a.m.



Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses*

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.

C Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
All you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**



Rally Day

We will celebrate our new program year on Sunday, September 13 on Rally Day. *Come and join us!*

Do you have a favorite Chili recipe? Hot? Mild? Smoking Hot? Secret Ingredients? Have you always wanted to enter it in a chili cook-off? Here's your chance—enter it in the Lord of Life Chili Cook-Off coming in September. Details will follow soon.



WE HAVE A NEW PUZZLE!

Stop by to see if you're able to put some pieces in place. It's a fun puzzle, very colorful, and 500 pieces. Come check it out!

MORNING and EVENING PRAYERS RESUMING!

Evening Prayer will begin again on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** This simple service of prayer, readings and song will be broadcast live on our Facebook page each week.

Morning Prayer will begin again on **Friday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, this service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page.

We hope you can join us each week for these mid-week prayer events. You are so more than welcome to join us in person these prayer opportunities as well.

Lord of Life Book Club

“Between the Lines” Update

Please plan to join us. A time for fellowship and good discussions on assigned books,



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A CHANGE in SCHEDULING

Henceforth, instead of Saturdays, we have changed gatherings to the **Third Monday of each month at 10:00am.** We are off for the summer-starting back in September. If you want to do some summer reading and get ahead on the list, we will start back September

ber 21, 2026.

FORTHCOMING READINGS

September 21-	“The Dead Man Next Door” by Lucy Score
October 19-	“You Killed Me First” by John Marrs
November 23-	“West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge
December 21-	“The Red Bird Christmas” by Fannie Flag

Gathering Hymn

Oh, Worship the King

ELW 842

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

Glory to God



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God’s presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake,¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said,

BLESSING of BACKPACKS and SCHOOL WORKERS



It is hard to believe that the start of school is just around the corner! So youth of all ages are invited to start the school year with the Blessing of Backpacks during worship on Sunday August 23rd. Bring your backpack (but not your lunch!) packed as it will be for school. We will also ask for a blessing upon parents and those who work in the school system (administrators, teachers, aides, bus drivers, janitors, etc). Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

GriefShare Grief Support Group

The next session of our GriefShare group will start on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00pm. There are thirteen sessions, and all are on Tuesdays, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Please register for the group at GriefShare.org.



THE GATHERING PLACE SENIOR CENTER EVENT



Monday, August 10, 11:00a
The Gathering Place for August, usually held here at the Church, will be held at Fair Park. It will be a Pot-Luck Picnic. **Stefan Jones**, Civil War Historian, will provide a presentation of the WWI First Code Talkers. The Board will provide Sloppy Joes.

Watch for the Pot-Luck Signup Sheet.

We welcome and give a huge thank you to Dr. Daniel Laginya for supplying as our guest musician this morning. We are grateful for your willingness to be here with us and lead us in singing God’s praises in song. Please extend a warm welcome to him this morning.



New Church Directory

Plans are underway to update the church directory this summer. Please fill out this form if you have any changes. If you have any questions or comments, please call **Carol Ryan** in the church office, (330) 533-3531; Monday through Friday, 9:00a, - 1:00pm.

Household Last Name _____

Phone _____

Please make the following name, address, email address, or phone number corrections.

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

- L Word of God, word of life,
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse,

- L ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- C ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
- L ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have ¹kissed each other.
- C ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look ¹down from heaven.**
- L ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will ¹yield its increase.
- C ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Romans 10: 5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L Word of God, word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Daily Scripture Readings for August 10 through August 15

Mon August 10	Tues August 11	Wed August 12	Thurs August 13	Fri August 14	Sat August 15
Psalm 18 1-19	Psalm 18: 1-19	Psalm 18: 1-19	Psalm 67	Psalm 67	Psalm 67
Genesis 7: 11-8.5	Genesis 19: 1-29	Job 36: 24-33, 37:14-24	Isaiah 45: 20-25	Isaiah 63: 15-19	Isaiah 56: 1-5
2 Peter 2: 4-10	Romans 9: 14-29	Matthew 8: 23-27	Revelation 15: 1-4	Acts 14: 19-28	Matthew 14: 34-36

Serving in Worship in August

	08/02	08/09	08/16	08/23	08/30
Greeter/ Usher	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West	Bob Soles
Lector	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark-Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer					
Acolyte					

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Scan for August Calendar



Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

Sending Song O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in g minor Dietrich Buxtehude

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day My Life Flows on in Endless Song ELW 763

Apostles’ 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 to the dead. 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 life everlasting. Amen

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

Communion
Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent us to Jesus, you Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, 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.

Invitation to Communion

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

Prayers of Intercession

P With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

P For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer, especially those we name out loud or in our hearts:

Sean Bandelier, Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, and Patty Weiss.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

Merciful God,

C hear our prayer.

P For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Peace

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

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response Take My Life, That I May Be (Vs. 1 and 4) ELW 685

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Dialogue

.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 our thanks and praise.**

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,

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