

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



“YOU CANNOT SERVE
GOD AND MONEY.”

LUKE 16:13, ESV

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 16 & 17, 2025



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, **guests** who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



In our prayers: Judy Bankey (*friend of Deb & Kim Weerts*), Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Naomi Freeman (*dear friend of the Hart/Shute families*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Bonnie Matherly, Teddy Mazor, (*husband of Tammy, a co-worker of Joe Hart*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Edith Schwark, Stan Schwark, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), and Lorraine Whitwell.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

**+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151 +
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

Hymn of Invocation: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

Stand

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.
- [P]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- [C]** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- [P]** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

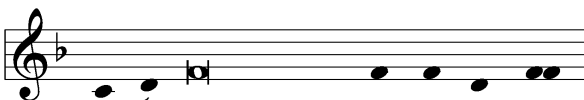
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5*

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
 He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.
 O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
 O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
 For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.
 For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
 He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

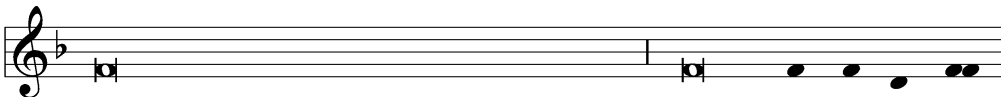
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



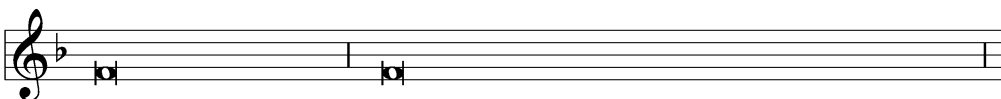
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



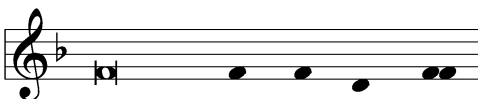
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



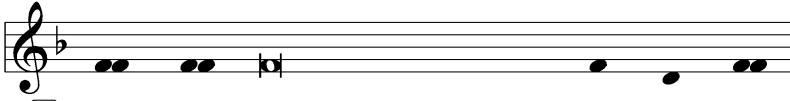
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22:26–34

- ²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?

³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.

³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

Psalm 8:1

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
above the heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

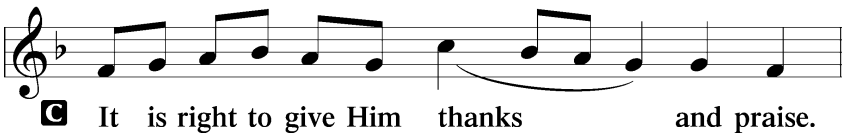
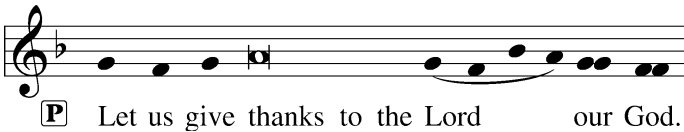
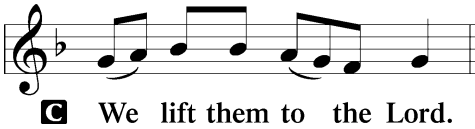
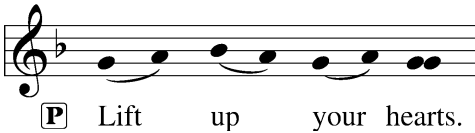
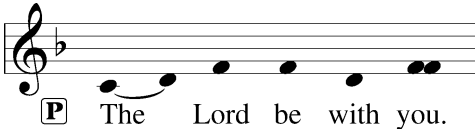
After each petition

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- 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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

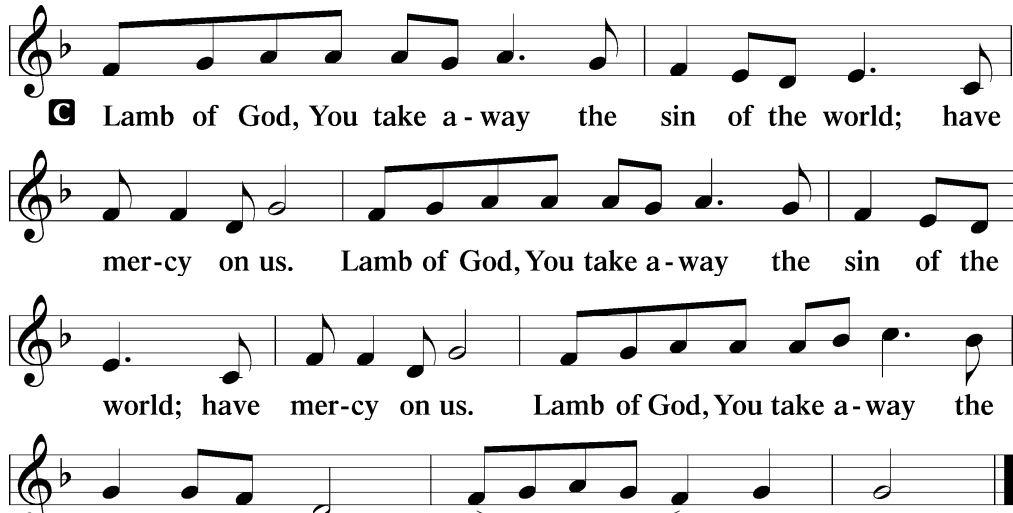
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ 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.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

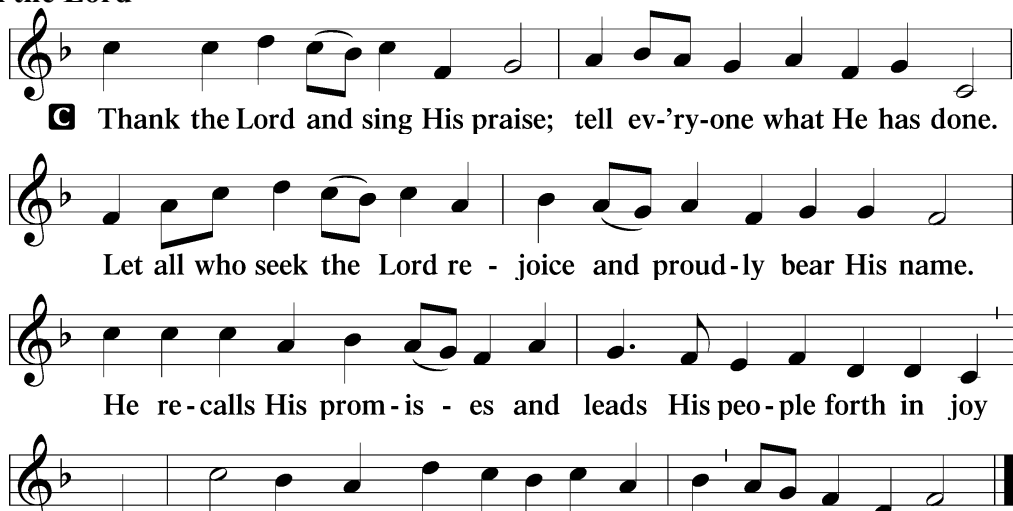
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Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

Stand

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



Benediction



Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ruth Kruse in memory of her parent's birthdays.

Offerings: Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.

Quilt Tying/Sewing Group will be tying quilts Tuesday, August 19th from 10:00am-3:00pm. (*This is a time change from the newsletter calendar*). Whatever time works for your schedule. We are working to reach our goal of 200 quilts.

September Newsletter deadline is Thursday, August 21st by 9:00am.

August Trini-Teen “Takeover” Night

Our first ever “Trini-Teen Takeover” Night will be Wednesday, August 27th at 6PM. Join us in Trini-Teen HQ (aka the church basement) for games, snacks, and our first-ever community project! Questions about the Takeover Night or joining the Trini-Teens can be directed to Caleb Dehning.

Get Ready For Ringin’ and Singin’!

The first rehearsal for Trinity’s music groups will be Wednesday, September 3rd! Handbells will be at 6PM, and the Adult Choir will meet at 7PM. New members are always welcome! See Caleb Dehning for any questions.

Confirmation Class Forming: Confirmation Classes will begin again this fall after Labor Day. Remember that Pastor Brown does not put a specific year or age on Confirmation. Rather, if you think your child is mature enough to take their place with the adults of the congregation, then they are welcome to join the Confirmation Class. Also, parents are welcome to sit in (Pastor Brown tries to get at least one adult to sit in).

Class day/time to be decided. It will be one of the following: Sundays immediately after Sunday School; Sundays at 1:00pm; Wednesdays after school. This is why it's important to get your kids' names into Pastor Brown soon, so scheduling may be set up.



you! :))

College/Service Addresses: If you have not already done so, please submit your (your child’s) college/service address to the church office by August 21st. We like to keep in touch and Martha Circle arranges to send them a goodie box late in the fall. Thank

Labor Day Parade: We will need decorators on Sunday, August 31st after 10:30am. Walkers are welcome to join the parade and pass out candy to the children along the route.

Parade Candy Donations: We are asking for donations of small wrapped non-melting candy for the parade. There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!



LWR School Supplies: We continue to collect school supplies for the LWR School bags. The list of needed items is in the Parish Hall and in the newsletter. Thank you for your donations. Bags will be packed on Rally Day, Sunday, September 7th.



Books for Prairieview: We are collecting books for the book sale at the Fall Festival. There is a bin and crate in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!

Prairieview Lutheran Home Community Enrichment Project: *See the flyer in the Parish Hall and/or Trinity's August newsletter for more information.* For more information, and to find out how you can contribute to our fundraising efforts, contact Prairieview at 815-269-2970 or email jlauritson@prarieviewlutheran.com

In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
August 3 rd	42	55	97		\$3,386.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 45.00
August 10 th	46	60	106		\$6,462.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 265.00
Bible Study	7	16	23				
Villas at Herscher Service 8/11		8					

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 5,950.00

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments \$ 692.00

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. **Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2025 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.***

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts August 17 – Trinity 9 **Luke 16:8** – **“For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”** The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we “sons of light” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be for God's purposes in the roles He has given us to play in church, home and society? Don't we have more to live for, more to work for, and more to give toward?

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 8/17	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	10am-3:00pm	Quilt Tying/Sewing Group
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:00am	September Newsletter Deadline
Friday	5:00pm	Little Lambs Pre-K 3 Open House
	6:00pm	Little Lambs Pre-K 4 Open House
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 8/24	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

Al Janssen (Sun.)

Next Week:

Jeremy Thurston (Sat.)

John Varvel (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Barb Kruse & Judy Sharper