

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



**"Go and
do likewise."**

LUKE 10:37

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

August 29 & 30, 2026



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: Audrey (*Grandmother of Samantha Dehning*), Don (*co-worker of Joe Hart*), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue & John Cornett (*sister and brother-in-law of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Mandy Hines (*niece of Sharon Dummer*), Scott Horsch (*friend of Jeanette Pfeifer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Delwin & Frances Kilgo (*family of the Hart, Pfeifer, & Shute family*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Barbara, Jean, Mary (*daughters of Marianne Mau*), Donna Ohrt, Caleb Outerbridge, Jeanette Pfeifer, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Rita Ptacek (*sister of Barbara Schwark*), Kevin Schaumburg, Justine & Greg Schultz (*cousins of Sharon Dumer*), Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, Nicole Windsor (*friend of Rachel Taube*), and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).

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

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203** +
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

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.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 74:1–2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a*

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

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.
 Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.
 Arise, O God, defend your cause;
 do not forget the clamor of your foes.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 28:8–15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria.

⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle

Galatians 3:15–22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

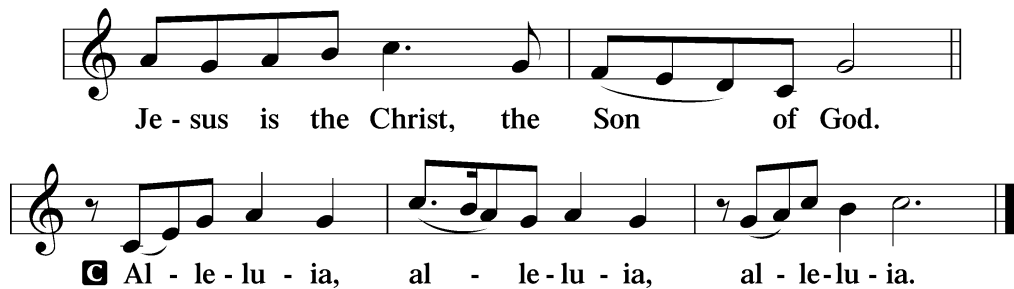
Alleluia and Verse



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



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

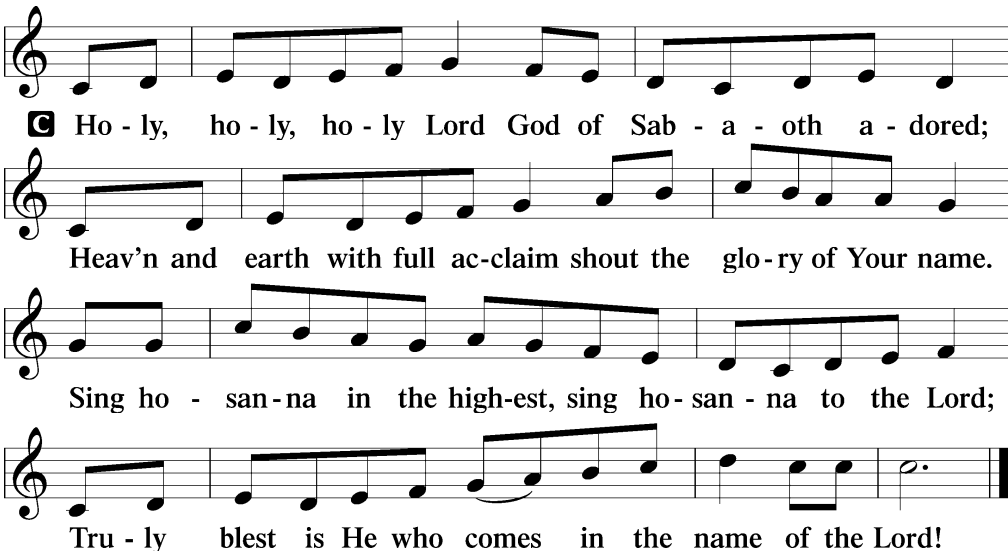
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- P** 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 Him thanks and praise.
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



C 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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

- 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 always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

Distribution Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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 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

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

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In Response to our Savior’s Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
August 16 th	36	72	108		\$ 2,841.00	\$1,210.00	\$ 70.00
August 23 rd	37	89	126		\$ 3,931.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 190.00
Bible Study	6	17	23				
Villas at Herscher Aug. 24							

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00
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.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary, or given online at trinitylutheranherscher.org, with this QR code, the link on the UCD Photo Directory App, or text "TRINITYHERSCHER" to 73256 (Standard text message and data rates may apply.) *Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2026 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity **Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’”** That’s just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don’t go together. What can you do to inherit the Rockefeller fortune? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the kingdom of God flows from this, from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around.

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Chuck & Dianne Baker on the occasion of their 54th anniversary.

Confirmation Class is forming: Confirmation Classes will begin again this fall on Sunday, September 13th at 10:30am. 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). Please get your kid's names in to Pastor Brown soon.

The Quilt Tying/Sewing Group will meet Tuesday, September 1st from 10:30am-3:00pm. Come when you can, stay as long as you can!

Martha Circle will meet Friday, September 4th at 8:30am at the Herscher Restaurant. Guests are welcome!

Handbells and Choir Rehearsals Begin September 9th! It's time for another season of ringing and singing! Rehearsals for both the Bells and Vocal Choir will re-start Wednesday, September 9th. Handbells will be at 6:00pm and Choir will be at 7:00pm. We're always open to new members joining! If you have any questions, see Kantor Dehning.



Tree removal/clean-up day: Please join our crew on Saturday, September 12th at 8:30am at the church. Help is needed and welcomed. Bring shovels, rakes, trailers/dump trailer etc., to help clean up the debris. Contact Dan Shute with any questions.

Labor Day Parade: We will need decorators on Sunday, September 6th after 10:30am. Ask Jane Benjamin how you may help. **Walkers are needed and welcome to join the parade and pass out candy to the children along the route.** **Our float will be in position #30, staging will be near the bus garage off of Rt. 115.**

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 Supply Donations: There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Copies of the supply list are available on the table. School bags will be packed on Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry): Hannah Circle & Martha Circle are collecting items for the Shoe Box Ministry through September. There are lists of suggested items on the table in the Parish Hall and there is a basket under the table for your donations. Thank you in advance.

Prairieview Fall Festival-Friday & Saturday, September 11th & 12th



Thank you! Special thanks to all that have donated and agreed to help with the Prairieview Fall Festival! Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Books for Prairieview: We are collecting books for the book sale at the Fall Festival. There is a box in the Parish Hall for your donations.



Pie/Dessert Donations for Prairieview: There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Trinity has been asked to supply eight 9" pies and 4 other 9" x 13" pan desserts (Bars, cakes, cookies).

Judy Witheft will take your pie/dessert to Prairieview on Friday, September 11th if it is in the church kitchen by 9:00am. Thank you!

September Newsletter correction: Please change Samantha's & Heather's birthdays to 9/11. They were incorrectly listed as 9/10. Thank you!

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 08/30	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
Monday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
	10:30am-3pm	Quilt Tying/Sewing Group
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Thursday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Friday	8:30am	Martha Circle @ Herscher Restaurant
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 09/06	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Float Decorating

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Stan Schwark (Sat.)

John Varvel (Sun.)

Next Week:

Dan Shute (Sat.)

Jeremy Thurston (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Brutlag (Sat.)

Brian Noffke (Sun.)

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

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& Judy Sharper

Donnette Meyer

& Donna Sharper