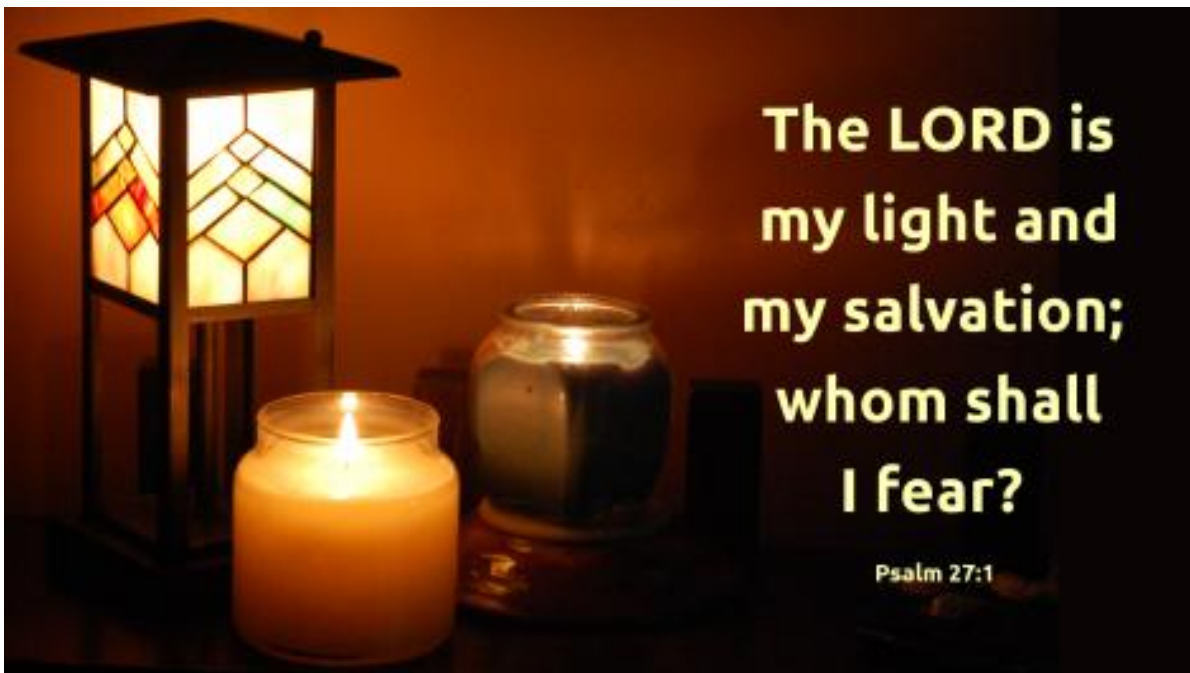




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The Order of Word and Sacrament
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

We Gather

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Proclamation of the Word Sam Giordanengo

We Respond to God’s Word

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- Postlude

We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. <i>Come and See!</i>
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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Psalm 27:1-13

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast. We are in need of more sponsors.
- Wednesday: Quilters at 8:30, Coffee about 9:30 or 10.
- Wednesday: Men's Fellowship at 6:30.
- Purchase your Butter Braids from a Let Me Shine student or online. Call Kacie Eayrs (406-989-1197) with questions.
- Sign up with Mark Joblinske by September 28 to be part of the FLC Table at the Outreach Fundraiser planned for October 9.
- Instead of having a fall rummage sale at the church, we will have a Facebook online sale starting in early October. Please call Anita Scheeler 307-680-7625 to arrange for getting your items pictured and posted.
- Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32