



ATONEMENT

LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom"



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday** and discover God's love.

SERVICE TIMES

10:30 a.m. Unity Service

Watch us on the Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding
Assisting Minister

Pastor Scott Lindner
Steve Colson

Reader

Ann Frillman

Keyboardist

Ken Hanks

Contemporary Music Director

Brian Lindner

Celebration Choir Director

Sally Schaefer

IT/ Live Stream
Music Technician

Scott Giesking
Su Lindner

WELCOME STATEMENT:

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, and to accept, welcome, and embrace all people without exceptions.

We commit to social and racial equity, creating a safe, supportive worship space, and making inclusivity a reality for our community.

We invite you to join us, no matter your race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, education, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic situation, political affiliation, citizenship status, family status, background, or where you are in your faith journey.

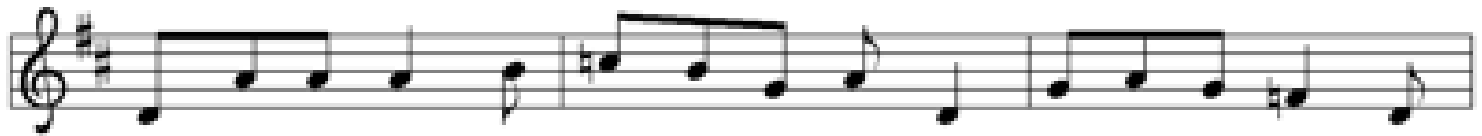
You are a unique and beloved child of God. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are - with all your gifts. Jesus loves you and so do we!



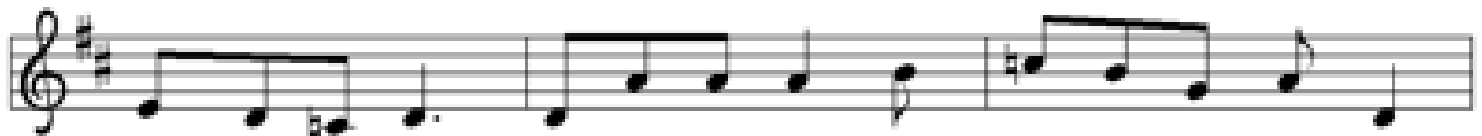
WELCOME

PRELUDE “In the Upper Room” by Don Carroll &
“Till He Comes” by David Horton
Soloist, Mary Nevismal

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Gather Us In”



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,
 we shall a - rise at the sound of our name,
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GATHERING

When all are gathered the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

KYRIE (Now the Feast)



Leader
 In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 Assembly
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
 For the reign of God, and for
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

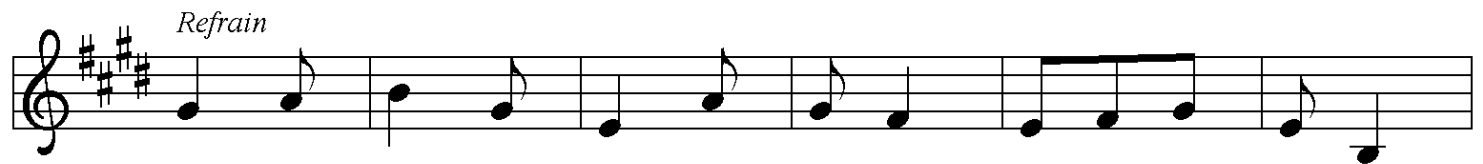
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy.

A - men.

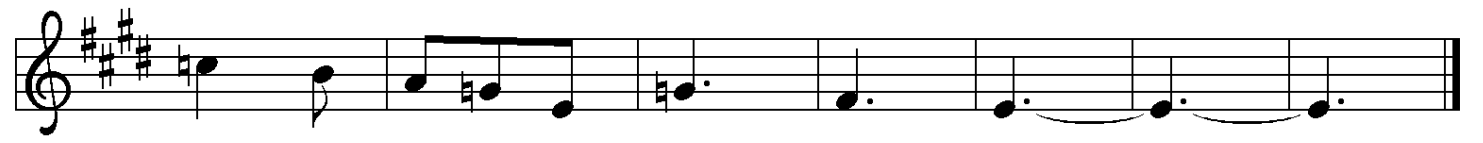
NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



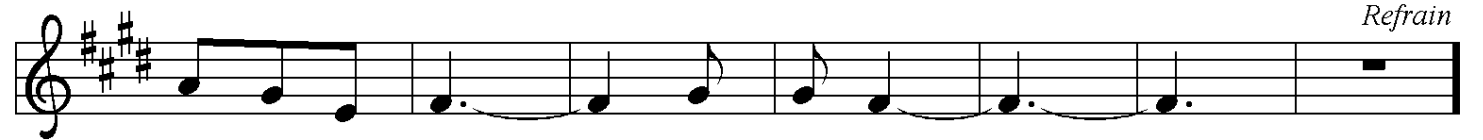
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

READER: Ann Frillman

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3: 5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

PSALM: 119: 129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM: “Hard Fought Hallelujah”

By Ben Hastings, Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, and Steven Furtick

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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.

Amen.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. (*We pray especially for...*) God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you,
 Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world
 you gave your only Son,
 that all those that believe in him
 should not perish,
 but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
 for the salvation
 you have prepared
 for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit
 into our hearts,
 that we receive our Lord
 with a living faith
 as he comes to us
 In his holy supper

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night
 in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it,

and gave it to the disciples,
 Saying: Take and eat;
 This is my body, given for you.
 Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in - hea - ven, - Hal - lowed be your name, Your

king-dom-come, Your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to-day our

dai - ly bread, For - give us our sins as we for - gi - ve those who sin a - gainst

us. Save us from the time of - trial and de - liv - er us from - e - vil. For the -

king-dom the pow - er and glo - ry are yours, Now and for - ev - er. A - men, -

26 F C Dm G C

A - - - men, A men I sing A me - en.

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.

COMMUNION/ DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG: "All My Hope"

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
 I've felt fire from above
 I've been down to the river
 I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood
Come on and sing

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

Bridge

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man
Break him down to his knees
God I've been broken more than a time or two
Yes Lord then He picked me up and showed me
Who I am
Come on and sing

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood
(Come on and sing)

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
Oh I've been washed by the blood

COMMUNION SONG: "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ One God,

Bless, heal, and hold you

Today and always.

Amen

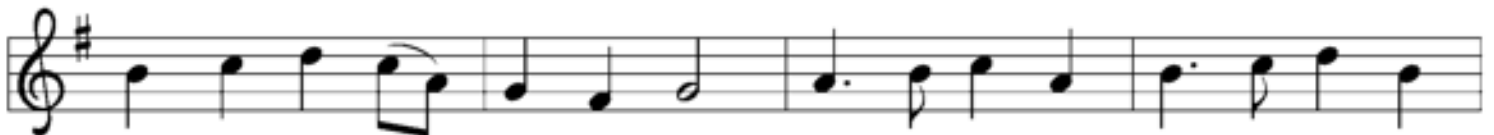
SENDING SONG: “God of Grace and God of Glory”



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Tricia	Ron K.	Cindy
Maria	Reuben	Chris
Jeff	Rob	Jean
Cherie	Jordy	Ron W.
Yvette	Joe	Matt
Fitzroy	Scott C.	Steve
Victoria	Greg	Chuck
Ardell	Maybello	David
Laurie	Howell	Marianne
Matt	Tommy	James
Marsha	Scott A.	Katherine
Linda	Virginia	Debbie
Cheryl G.	Susan Rae	Macie
Aishlyn	Marsha	Rebecca
Carol	Debbie	Don & Tine
Otto	Dorothy	

Rich, Sheryl & Family

PRAYER LIST

There are three ways to add a name to the prayer list:

Call the Office (813)973-2211

Email office@discoveralc.com

Fill out a form after church



SAVE THE DATE

JULY & AUGUST	EVENT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 11 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
THURSDAY, JULY 30	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 3	HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING, ZOOM, 10 am
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 11 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	RALLY DAY, 10 AM, POOL PARTY TO FOLLOW
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY LUNCHEON, TBD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SEPTEMBER 2026	EVENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	LABOR DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	WELCA HARVEST LUNCHEON, 10:30 AM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING, 10:00 AM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	MEN WHO COOK PANCAKE BREAKFAST QUILTS OF VALOR, 10 AM-4 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	CPR, AED, & EMERGENCY RESPONSE EVENT, 1-4 PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL, SPONSORED BY HEALTH MINISTRY



CPR, AED & EMERGENCY RESPONSE EVENT

**MONDAY, SEPT. 21
1-4PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL**

**Questions: Contact Dianne Borovies, Faith
Community Nurse, @ dlborovies@gmail.com.**

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



**Sponsored by Atonement
Health Ministry**



Health Ministry Tip

Supporting Those with Dementia and Their Caregivers

Supporting Someone Living with Memory Loss

- Greet them warmly and with patience—a familiar, friendly face goes a long way
- Use their name, speak slowly and clearly, and keep conversations simple and calm
- Sit with them during worship so they don't have to navigate the space alone
- Stay connected even as the disease progresses; your presence still matters

Supporting a Caregiver

- Ask how they are doing, not just how their loved one is doing
- Offer specific help rather than a general "let me know if you need anything"—bring a meal, offer a ride, or simply sit with them
- Check in consistently—caregiving is a long journey, not a single moment of need
- Let them talk without trying to fix anything—sometimes being heard is enough

Courtesy of Advocate Health Care and Aurora Health Care

Contact Dianne Borovies, Faith Community Nurse, at dlborovies@gmail.com

— JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER! —

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Most Needed Items:

JELLY

RICE

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**

**MASHED
POTATOES**





COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 9-11 AM



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Children 12 and under FREE**

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