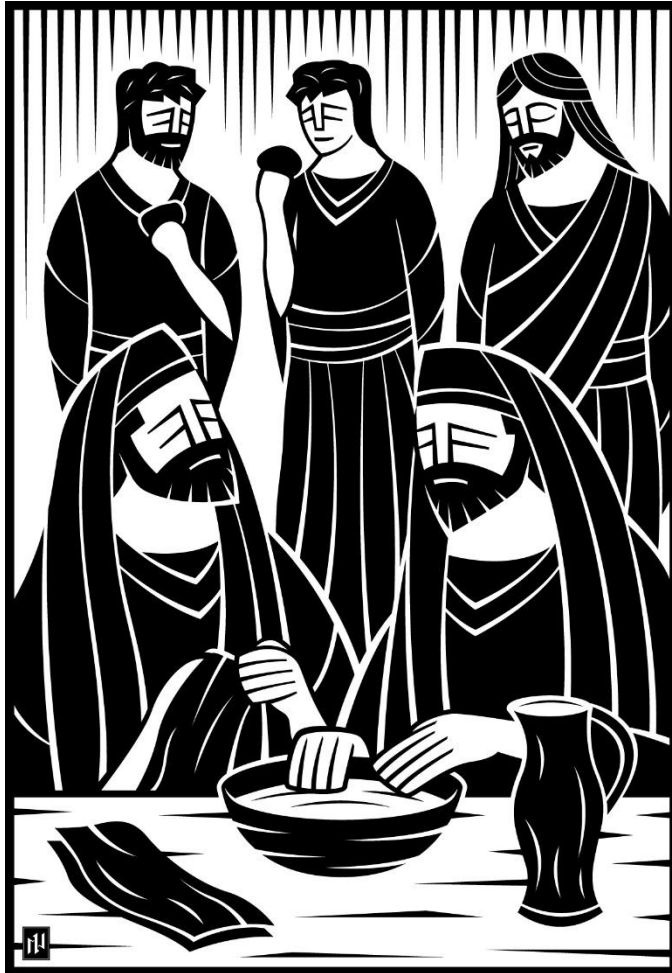




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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



God-Pleasing Obedience Begins in the Heart



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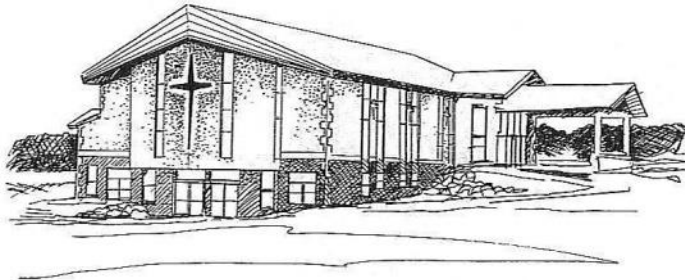
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 5, 2021

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 227)

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon -
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To



an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand thou - sand
be ex - alt - ed thus." "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
or and pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
bless the sa - cred name Of him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For he was slain for us."
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

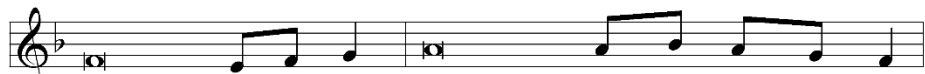


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-8

4 So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. ² Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you...

⁶ Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and

they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people,"⁷ because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him?⁸ What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.
(Jeremiah 15:15 cf. RSV)

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. 2 They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. 3 In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. 5 The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

6 He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:

These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

8 "You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

14 He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. 15 There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹ In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies, through his eternal Son.**

**Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty power.
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts, is more than conqueror.**

**Stand, then, in his great might, with all his strength endued.
But take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.**

**That, having all things done, and all your conflicts past,
You may o'ercome through Christ alone, and stand entire at last.**

**From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.**

SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-20

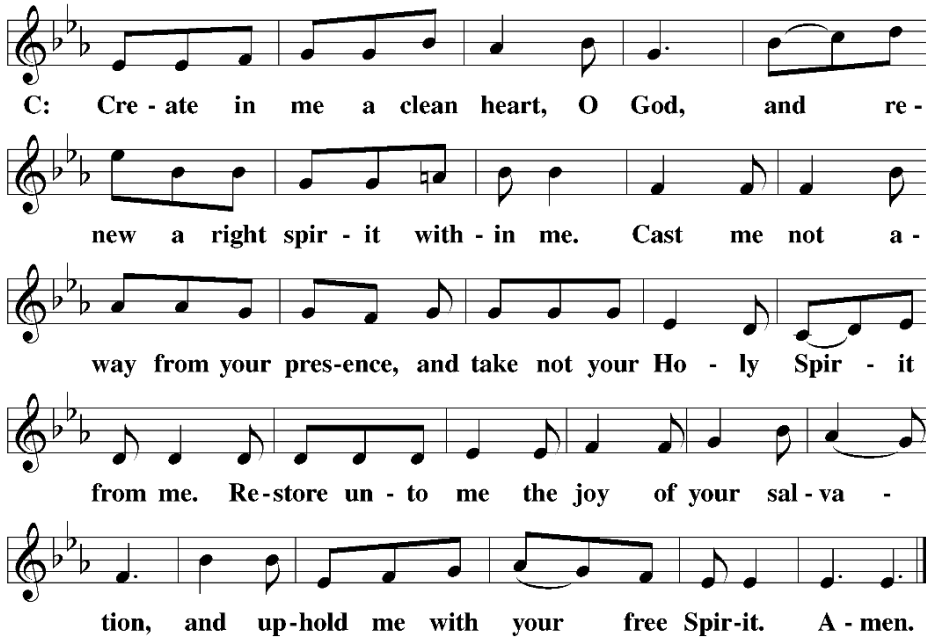
¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵ and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶ At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.

Into Battle, Fully and Heavily Armed

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."


M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei




C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

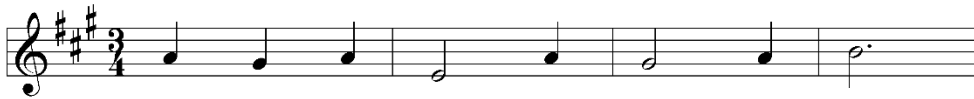
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DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 457)

Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.
Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 472)

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
 2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you
 4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
 feat you Lest with bold de - cep-tions hurled It be -
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

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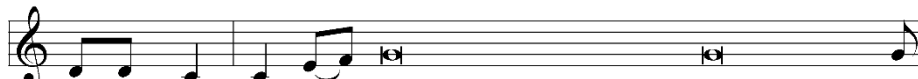
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

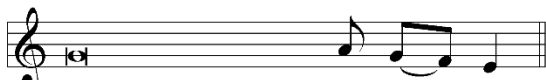


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 537 v. 1, 4)

Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday Service Times

Starting next week September 12

Sunday Worship service times will return to

8:00 and 10:30 am

Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School will be between services at 9:15.

Sunday School and Teen Group begin September 12

Our classrooms are getting cleaned, lesson materials have arrived and our teachers and teen leaders are excited to begin the school year. Children ages 4 years through 8th grade are invited to join us for Sunday school and 9—12 graders for teen group.

Sunday School and Teen Group meet from 9:15—10:15 each Sunday during the school year. This year, we will start with a short group devotion and then break up into our classes. Students 4 years—8th grade also have music time during the hour.

Parents are asked to join your students for the short devotion at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Please enter the building from the upper doors. This devotion is for all ages. Following The Family Altar devotion, all students and teachers will head downstairs for their lessons and music time.

You can still register your student for classes on our website lordoflovelutheran.org

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Sunday September 5: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am: The Family Altar Devotion, *sanctuary*

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: *TBA* (9:00) and *TBA* (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Usher 10:30 am: Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday September 12: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

Everyone meets in the sanctuary at 9:15 for a group devotion - The Family Altar.

Students head downstairs with their teachers following the devotion.

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: *TBA* (8:00) and *TBA* (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman and Joshua Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Mike Wilson and Lynn Biwer
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Rich Bauer (9/5), Joe Hornbeck (9/5), Stella Batz (9/7), Matt Bedker (9/8), Sherry Pribbenow (9/8), Kelly Anderson (9/9), Keith Minnameier (9/9) and Deb Reinhardt (9/9) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Sharon & Tom Wightman (9/6), Kim & Mark Braatz (9/7), Nikki & William Crary (9/7), Dale & Tami Essmann (9/7) and Jay & Sue Vinson (9/8) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).