

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Bread that Gives Wisdom and Life



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



Today's 9:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

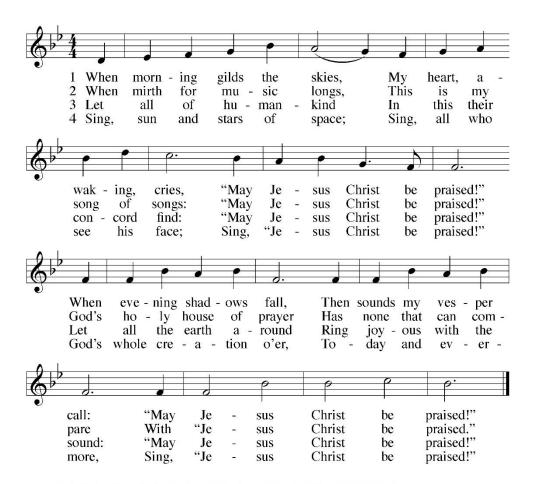
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

August 18, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 251)

When Morning Gilds the Sky



Text: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Würzburg, 1828, abr.; tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI (666 666) Joseph Barnby, 1838-96.

STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

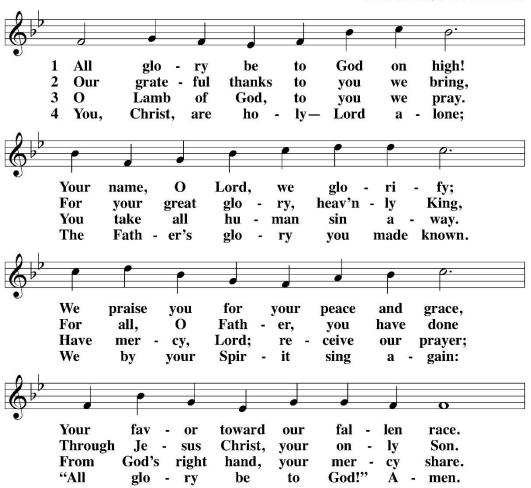
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 9:1-6

9 Wisdom has built her house.

She has carved out her seven pillars.

² She has prepared her meat.

She has mixed her wine.

She has already set her table.

³ She has sent out her servant girls.

She calls from the highest point in the city,

⁴ "Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."

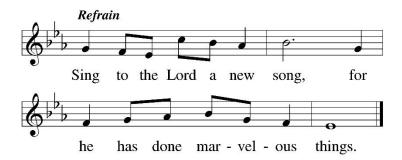
To someone who lacks sense she says,

⁵ "Come, eat my food,

and drink the wine that I have mixed.

⁶ Abandon your naïve ways and live.

Travel the road to understanding."





Great are the works of the LORD;* they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic <u>are</u> his deeds,* and his righteousness endures for<u>ev</u>er.

He has caused his wonders to be re<u>membered</u>;* the LORD is gracious and compassionate. **REFRAIN**

The works of his hands are faith<u>ful</u> and just;* all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his <u>people</u>;* he ordained his covenant for<u>ever</u>.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of <u>wis</u>dom;* all who follow his precepts have good under<u>stand</u>ing.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. REFRAIN

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. Alleluia.

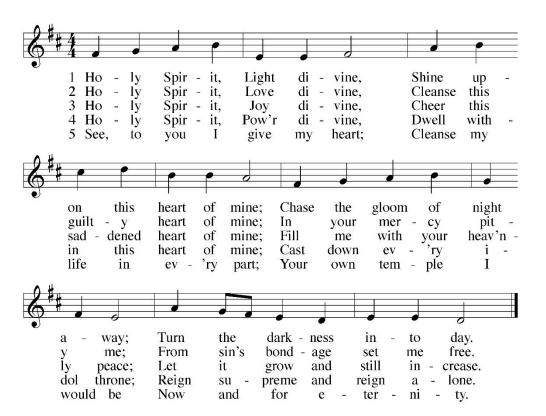
GOSPEL LESSON John 6:35-51

³⁵ "I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. ³⁷ Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day."

⁴¹ So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸ "I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



Text: Andrew Reed, 1787-1862, abr., alt.

Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625, alt.

SERMON 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷ Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹ But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰ But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

¹² What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. ¹³ We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. ¹⁴ However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. ¹⁵ But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. ¹⁶ Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Wisdom Revealed through the Spirit

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

During the gathering of the thank-offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant us always, O God, to work for the food that endures to eternal life. Bless the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe that he is the true bread of God who has come from heaven. Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and his righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, college, and seminary of our church. Bless all places where your people gather to teach and learn your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant wisdom to our president; our governor; our judges; those in law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow your power of healing upon the sick, that in accordance with your will, they may receive healing and relief. Give your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones. Strengthen their faith and assure them of your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, your Son assures us that his flesh is true food and his blood true drink, and that those who feed on him will live forever because of him. By your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome him as he comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in his promises and depart in his peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M:	The	Lord be	with	you.
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C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

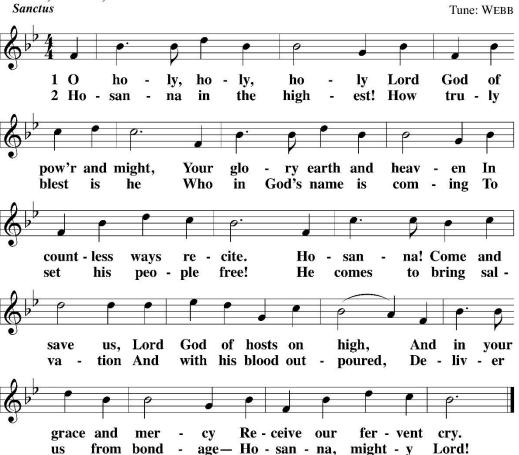
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

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: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD John 1:29



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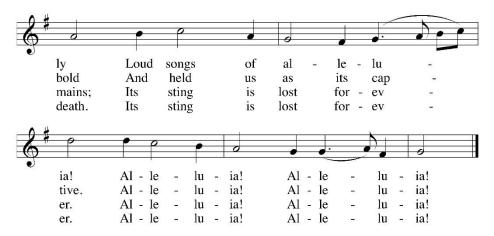
DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CWS 720)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands





- 5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursed tree—
 So strong his love—to save us.
 See, his blood now marks our door;
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
 And Satan cannot harm us.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival
 To which the Lord invites us;
 Christ is himself the joy of all,
 The sun that warms and lights us.
 Now his grace to us imparts
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
 The night of sin is ended.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.
 Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887, alt.

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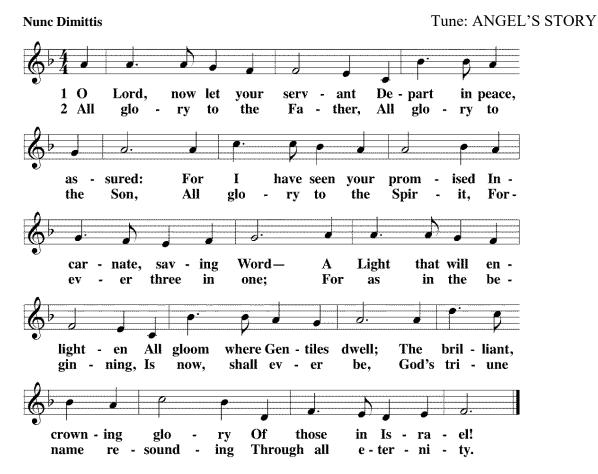


Text: Johann Niedling, 1602-68, abr., adapt.; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, alt.

Tune: O JESULEIN SUSS (10 8 88 10) Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesüng, Köln, 1623, alt.

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 327)

God Be with You till We Meet Again



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, abr., alt.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

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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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Worship Meditation

August 18, 2024

The Bread the Gives Wisdom and Life

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

There are many different theories about the healthiest way to eat. There's the old food pyramid, built on a foundation of whole grains. There's the Mediterranean diet, the Atkins diet, the Paleo diet, and many others. We can debate which is best, but what is undebatable is that whatever your diet, you are going to die. Perhaps a vegetarian diet is indeed easier on your heart. Still, your heart is going to stop eventually. But in his Bead of Life discourse, Jesus offers food that enables us to live forever.

There are foods you might never have tasted without someone working hard to convince you to try them. Likewise, this spiritual food that Jesus describes is something no one finds appealing at first, but distasteful. And so today Jesus explains that we need God to work within us, so that we have the wisdom to see that this food gives life and the faith to find this bread most delicious.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday 8:00 am: Exodus, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, lower level

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, lower level

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, lower level.

<u>Friday 6:00 am:</u> Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **Matthew** DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

<u>Sunday August 18:</u> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

<u>Sunday August 25:</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Dave Olson
- Ushers: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, and Kayden & Courtney Zech
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Kelly Oughton (8/21), and Daniel Turnbull (8/21) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversaries</u> We wish God's blessings to Christian and Brooke Rimmert (8/19), Rob and Linda Jordan (8/21), and Andy and Sheri Holzman (8/23) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Rose Lund, Steve Rehberg Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Steve Tobison, who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

First Choir Rehearsal

The first choir rehearsal of the 2024-2025 season will be on **Tuesday**, **August 27th**, **at 6:00 p.m.** The choir meets for rehearsals in the worship area from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening. If you have ever thought about singing with the choir and if you are interested in joining the choir and adding your voice, we encourage you to do so. Please talk with the choir director, Elaine Wilson, so that she can have a choir folder ready for you. You can also contact Elaine at 608-692-9830 or ewilson4519@gmail.com.

Member in need:

We have a member looking for assistance with bi-weekly morning transportation from DeForest to Sun Prairie East High School throughout the school year due to work schedule conflicts. If you feel your schedule might allow for ride assistance, please notify the church office for additional details.

July Financials

Monthly Budget Report	July. 2024	Year to Date	
Income	\$32,916	\$32,916	
Expenses	\$30,690	\$30,690	
Excess Income/Expense	\$2,226	\$2,226	

Budget year July 2024 – June 2025

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

August 19: Quilting Group Meets | 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm – lower level

<u>August 22:</u> Elders & Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 pm – *fellowship hall*

August 24: Adult Euchre Night | 6:00 pm - fellowship hall

August 25: Installation of 2024-2025 Council Members

<u>August 27:</u> 1st Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm – *sanctuary* **September 8:**

- ❖ 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service Schedule Resume
- ❖ Installation of Sunday School Teachers 8:00 am service
- First Day of Sunday School lower level
- First Day of Teen Class lower level
- ❖ Bible Study 9:45 10:15 sanctuary

<u>September 19:</u> Ladies Friendship Circle Meeting | 6:30 pm – *sanctuary* (first meeting of 2024-25)

<u>September 21:</u> Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee at 8:00 am