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James 2:14, ESV



✝ **Sunday, September 8, 2024** ✝
✝ **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost** ✝
✝ **Traditional Service – 8:30 am** ✝

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's

Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

***Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God
by the LWML***

Prelude: "Prelude on Hyfrydol" (opening hymn) by Phil Lehenbauer

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Hymn - Lord of Glory

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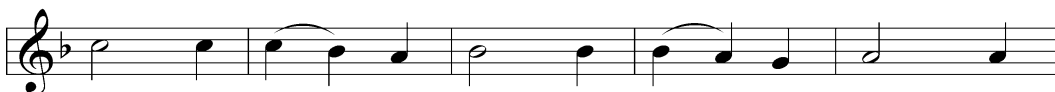
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



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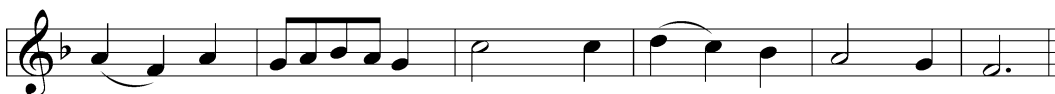
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

C **who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

- P** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- C** **The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
- P** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament

Isaiah 35:4-7a

- A** Vengeance is mine! No, this morning, Isaiah promises that God will come with vengeance. This means we do not need to plot, scheme, or plan vengeance, instead we should let God take care of this, and we should practice forgiveness. The Old Testament lesson is from Isaiah chapter 35:

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 2:1-10, 14-18

- A** Partiality, faith, works, according to James they go hand in hand. To fulfill the words of "Love your neighbor as yourself," we must truly look at all people as a child of God regardless of their stature, clothing, or financial status. Instead, we should hold all as children of God, in need of His truth, and show love in the same manner that God shows love to us. The Epistle is from James chapter 2:

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

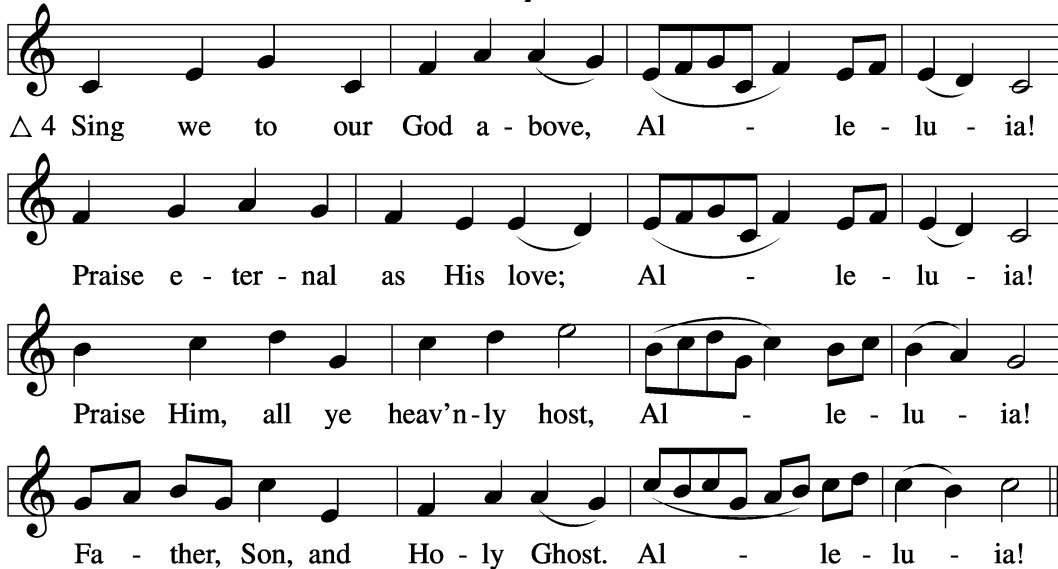
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia Verse - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB #457 st. 4



△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-88
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Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

P What does it take to receive God's true healing? Listen to this text and think about the situations, was it perseverance, grumbling, or faith that brought healing to these people? The Holy Gospel for today is from Mark chapter 7:

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn - How Sweet the Name

LSB #524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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Sermon

Vengeance, partiality, faith...

Prayer

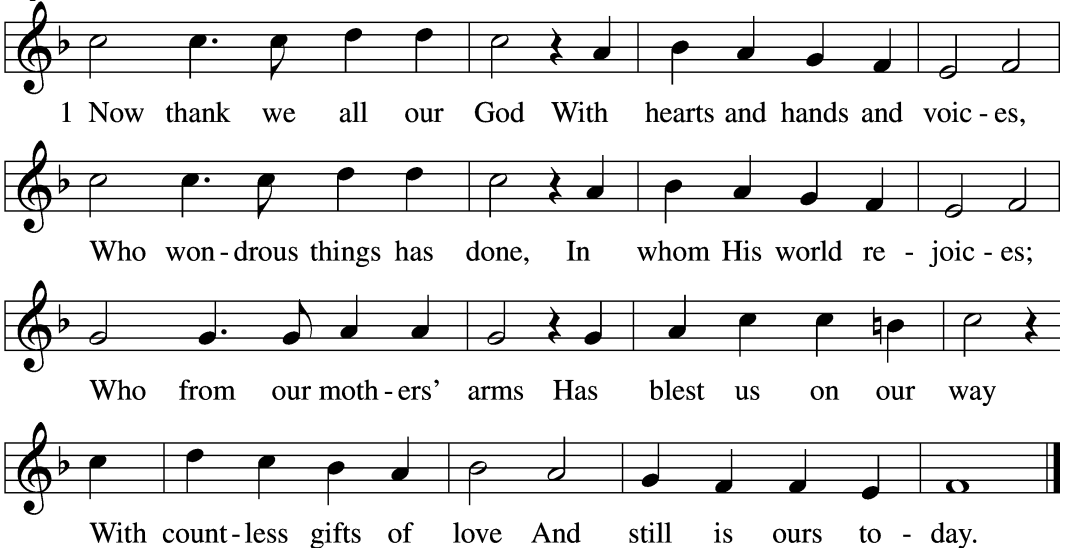
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Offering: "Now Thank We All Our God" by Johann Walther

Please stand

Offertory - Now Thank we all our God

LSB #895 st. 1



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joice - es;
Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
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Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Versicles

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- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C for You answer me.
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
C and blot out all my iniquities.

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C my lips will praise You.
- P** For You have been my help,
C and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

C **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Benediction

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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.

Closing Hymn - Jesus Shall Reign

LSB #832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
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The Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune" by Gordon Young

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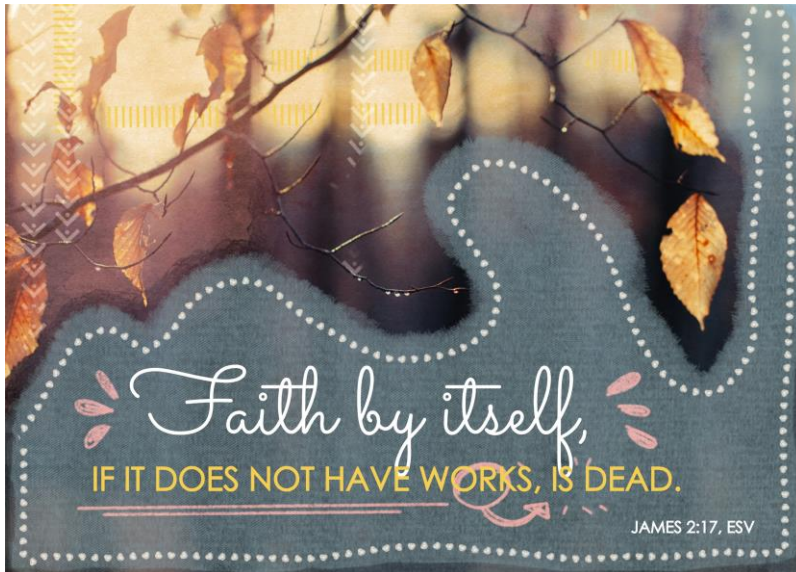
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- ✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.
- ✠9:30 am – Sunday School
- ✠9:30 am – Adult Bible Study
- ✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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