

15th Weekend After Pentecost September 18 & 19, 2022

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and PreacherPastor Brian Adams
OrganistMiss Heather Schmidt
Junior Choir Directors..... Miss Heather Schmidt & Mrs. Rachel Manske

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"

Christian Worship #416



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 In ev - 'ry con - di - tion, in sick - ness, in health,
3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dis - mayed,
4 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
5 "Through-out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
In pov - er - ty's vale, or a - bound - ing in wealth,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love,



What more can he say than to you he has said
At home and a - broad, on the land, on the sea—
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
For I will be with you your trou - bles to bless
And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
The Lord, the Al - might - y, your strength e'er shall be.
Up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

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



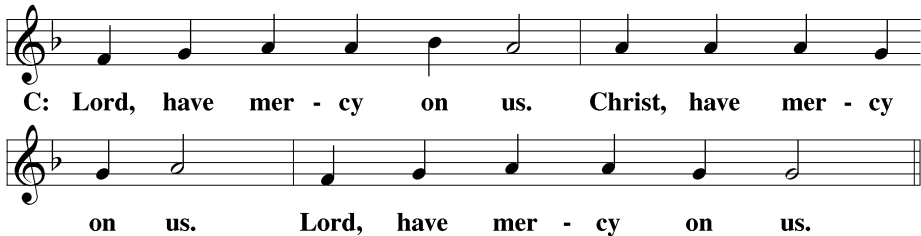
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: 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.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY..... Psalm 121A

Christian Worship 2021

The Congregation is invited to join on the Refrain and the Gloria

Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my
help? My help shall come from the One who has made the
heavens and the earth, the maker of heaven and earth.

Tone



Psalm continues on next page

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip
he who watches over you will not slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over Israel,
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my
help? My help shall come from the One who has made the
heav-ens and the earth, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY) “Hope in the Lord”

*Words and music by Jennifer Townswick Bassler,
Michael Hyun, Mitchell Kiecker,
Casey Pufahl and Kalli Sonnenburg*

*Though the road may be long and the journey so severe,
Over all you can fly; the Lord will hear your cry.
He waits for you in heav’n, watches over all you know.
He lifts up those in need; gives rest to their tired feet.*

*For God so gave his love to the people of the world.
He sent his only Son, who is the saving one.
He died to wash away all the sins of the world.
In peace, you may live your life, sure hope in all strife.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary.
They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*As I watch over you and guide your ev’ry step,
Keep on the narrow way, stand firm and do not stray.
There is a home for you where my blessings never cease.
Victory is yours, indeed; sing praise eternally.*

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary.
They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*Do you not know?
Have you not heard that the Lord is the everlasting God?
Do you not know?
Have you not heard that the Lord is the everlasting God?*

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings, like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary.
They will walk and not be faint.
Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
We will hope in the Lord and renew our strength.*

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 12:32-40



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE 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.

Please be Seated



THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Christian Worship #442



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear,
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer,
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts



lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 high a - bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -
 raise to God, For he stays close be - side you, In



give you the king - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

THE SERMON Luke 12:32-40

Please Stand



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: 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

P: 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."

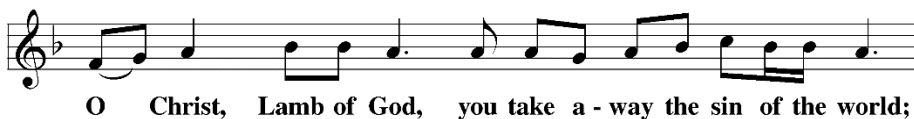
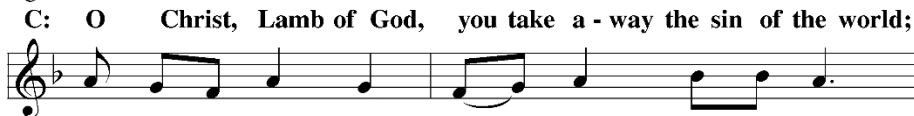
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact the pastor.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"

Christian Worship #405



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
 5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
 life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
 heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
 And then, whate'er may come,
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

Please Stand

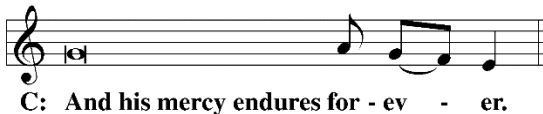
SONG OF SIMEON

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.

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



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

CLOSING PRAYER

P: 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.

THE BLESSING

P: 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.

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "His Mercy Is More"
Christian Worship #579 (CW21)



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more! Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn; our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Adult Bible and Sunday School classes are underway! Join us in between services each week, beginning at 9:15 AM. Adult Bible class meets in the Bible classroom and Sunday School meets in the After School Care room of the school.

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS: Girl Pioneers will begin this Monday night, September 19th, at 6:00 pm. This program is open to any girls in 1st - 8th grade. Registration forms will be available Monday night and need to be filled out for each girl. Dues are \$30 per girl for the year. Please come in with your daughter and take care of the paperwork before you leave. We will also be outside for part of the evening so make sure your daughter is dressed for the weather. Any questions, contact Nancy Adams at njadams86@yahoo.com or 414-610-1199.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: A new Bible Information class will begin on Sunday, September 25 at 9:15 AM (between the two worship services). The purpose of the class is to present the basic teachings of the Bible as well as to introduce you to the rewarding life of Christian discipleship. This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church, considering joining our church or anyone who would like to refresh their knowledge of God's Word. If you wish more information, please talk to Pastor Adams.

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW? – NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information on our new women's Bible study (extra copies on the narthex counter). Return the bottom half of the flyer to the bin on the narthex counter so that we can order the appropriate number of books. We begin on Tuesday, October 18th.

ST. PAUL'S MARY MARTHA SOCIAL EVENT: All St. Paul's women are invited to attend a Mary Martha social event on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 PM in the Bible classroom. Please bring a dish or dessert to share and your suggestions for future activities and speakers.

BENNETT PARATO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND: On December 27th, 2018, God called Jonathan Parato to his heavenly home. On June 8, 2022, God called his wife, Nicole Parato to her heavenly home. They are survived by their 4 children: Zachary (age 23), Brayden (age 17), Adrianna (age 15) and Bennett (age 4). The three older children have attended St. Paul's School in the past. The youngest son, Bennett, is starting 4K here at St. Paul's this Fall. In order to help the family with the cost of tuition for attending St. Paul's from 4K – Grade 8, St. Paul's Board of Elders has set up a Christian Education Fund for their son, Bennett. If you wish to donate toward this fund, please make checks out to **“St. Paul's Lutheran Church”** and mark the gift to be used for the Bennett Parato Education Fund. Any gift can be placed in the offering at church, mailed or dropped off in the office.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care: St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org or by phone at 414-421-1930.

WLHS WORK DAYS: Do you have yard work or fall cleaning that needs to be done such as raking, hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider engaging hard-working members of the WLHS Student Council for a few hours in exchange for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 2022-23 WLHS mission projects to provide support for Thailand and Central Africa mission efforts. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday starting September 24 & 25 through October 29 & 30, excluding October 8 & 9. To request a team, please E-mail workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

WLHS 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 2. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with a program at 1:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and learn more about tuition assistance, scholarships, and the Choice Program. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life! Interested families should register to attend at wlhs.org/openhouse.

WLHS TEMPORARY ACCOUNTANT NEEDED: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for an accountant for a temporary assignment. This assignment will assist during a transition period in the business office. Experience needed with general ledger, journal entries, reconciliations, month end processes and audits. CPA certification is a plus. At least 3-5 years of experience in an accounting firm or similar environment is helpful. Please send a resume to hr@wlhs.org. Assignment will last 3-6 months.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #2 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Sept 14-20 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

Sept 21-27 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

September 18: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

September 25: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

GRASS CUTTING (CHURCH)

September 21-24 – CREW #1 – Gordy Lesser

September 28-Oct 1 – CREW#2 – Dave Qualmann

GRASS CUTTING (CEMETERY)

September 21-24 – CREW #1 – Gary Boldt

September 28-Oct 1 – CREW #2 – Gary Tosic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 18

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| Worship Service with Communion | 8:00 AM |
| Adult Bible Class/Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| Worship Service with Communion | 10:30 AM |

Monday, September 19

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| Lutheran Girl Pioneers | 6:00 PM |
| Worship Service | 6:30 PM |

Tuesday, September 20

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| Mary Martha Social Event..... | 6:30 PM |
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Sunday, September 25

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| Worship Service | 8:00 AM |
| Adult Bible Class/Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| Worship Service | 10:30 AM |

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 68

10:30 AM – 70

6:30 PM – 36

Total Attendance – 174