

Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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Our Mission:

True to God's Word, We Walk with Christ:
Welcoming, Loving, Serving, Sharing.

Good Morning and Welcome! What a great joy to have you here with us today praising God and receiving His gifts. If you are a guest or visiting with us, toss one of those Welcome cards in your pew into the offering basket--we'd love to connect! Should you need it, there is a "cry room" next to the church office on the main level. Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance. Welcome!

A Word about Holy Communion
We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday at ORLC. In this meal, instituted by the Lord Himself, we receive the True Body and True Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We believe that the Lord is truly present during this Holy Meal, and we approach the altar in humility and gratitude. Baptized believers in Christ who also share our confession at this altar are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION CUPS The center, gold-colored cups are alcohol-free.
GLUTEN FREE WAFERS Available upon request; simply ask the pastor or an elder.

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Welcome

Hymn of Invocation
Before You, Lord, We Bow LSB 966

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen!**

onfession and Forgiveness

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. *1 John 1:8-9*

(We silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

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. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

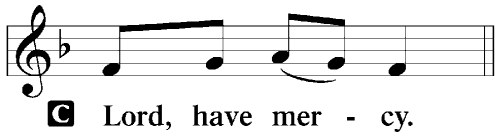
Introit ~ Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are your works, O Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep!
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
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.
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Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

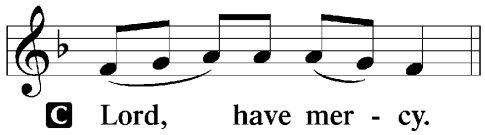
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C:



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

C:



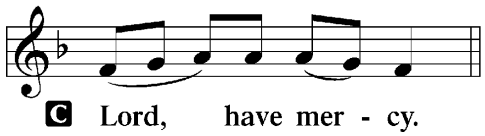
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C:



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

C:



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

C:



Hymn of Praise ~ This Is the Feast





Salutation and Collect of the Day (2 Timothy 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray, O God,

C: from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament…… Ezekiel 33:7–9

[7]"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. [8]If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. [9]But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

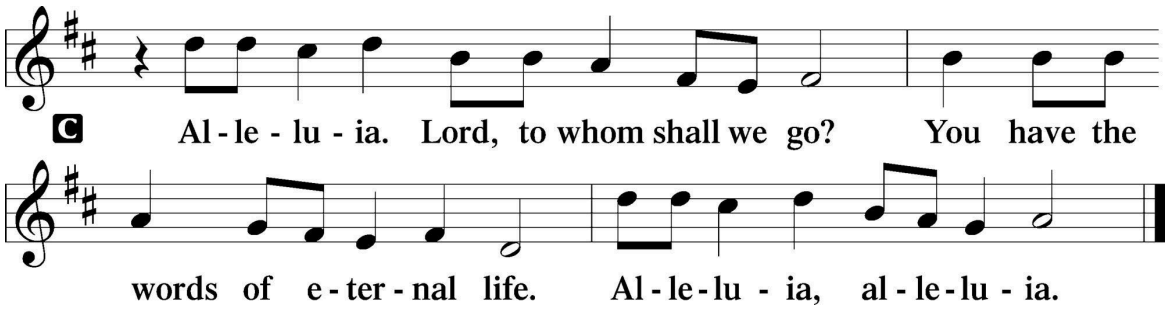
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading…… Romans 13:1–10

[1]Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2]Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3]For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4]for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5]Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6]For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7]Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. [8]Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9]The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10]Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Eighteenth chapter.

C: 

The Gospel Reading……..……..……..……..……..…… Matthew 18:1–20

[1]At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" [2]And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them [3]and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4]Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. [5]"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, [6]but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. [7]"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! [8]And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. [9]And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. [10]"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. [11]For the Son of Man came to save the lost. [12]What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? [13]And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. [14]So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. [15]"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. [16]But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17]If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18]Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. [19]Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [20]For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

The Law of God is Good and Wise LSB 579

Sermon

Why We Do Good as Citizens/Laborers" Romans 1:1-10

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C:



P: Lift up your hearts.

C:



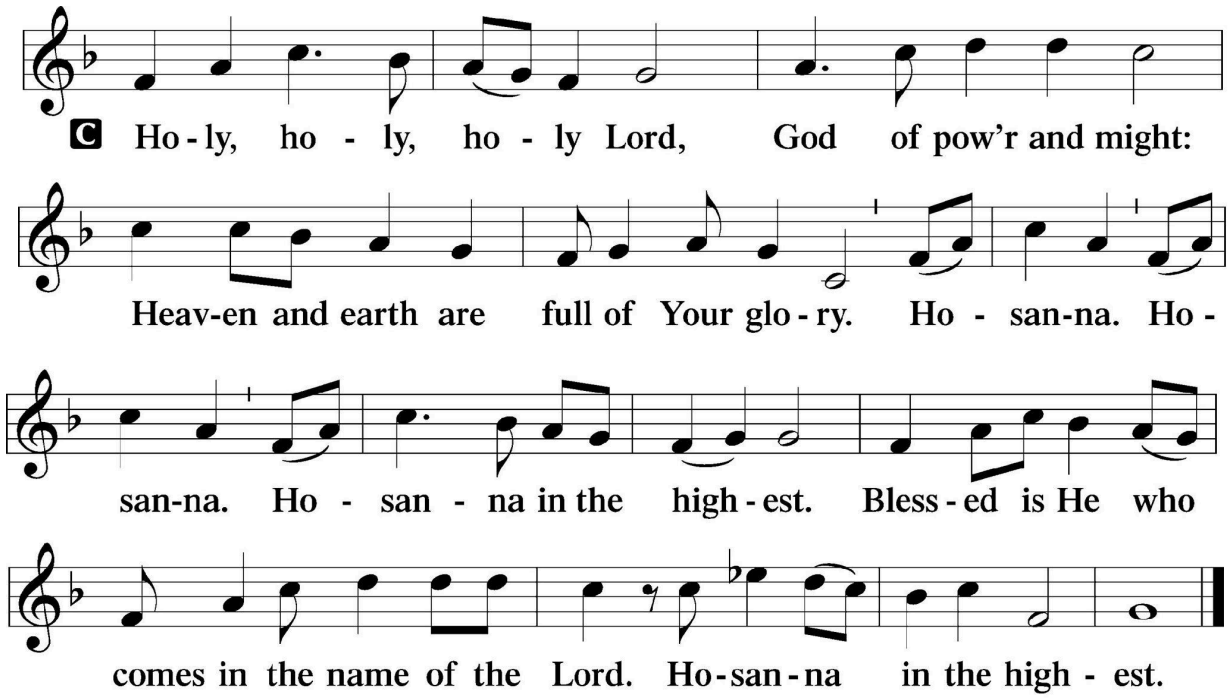
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C:



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.
Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

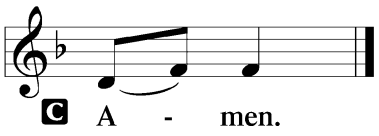
C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

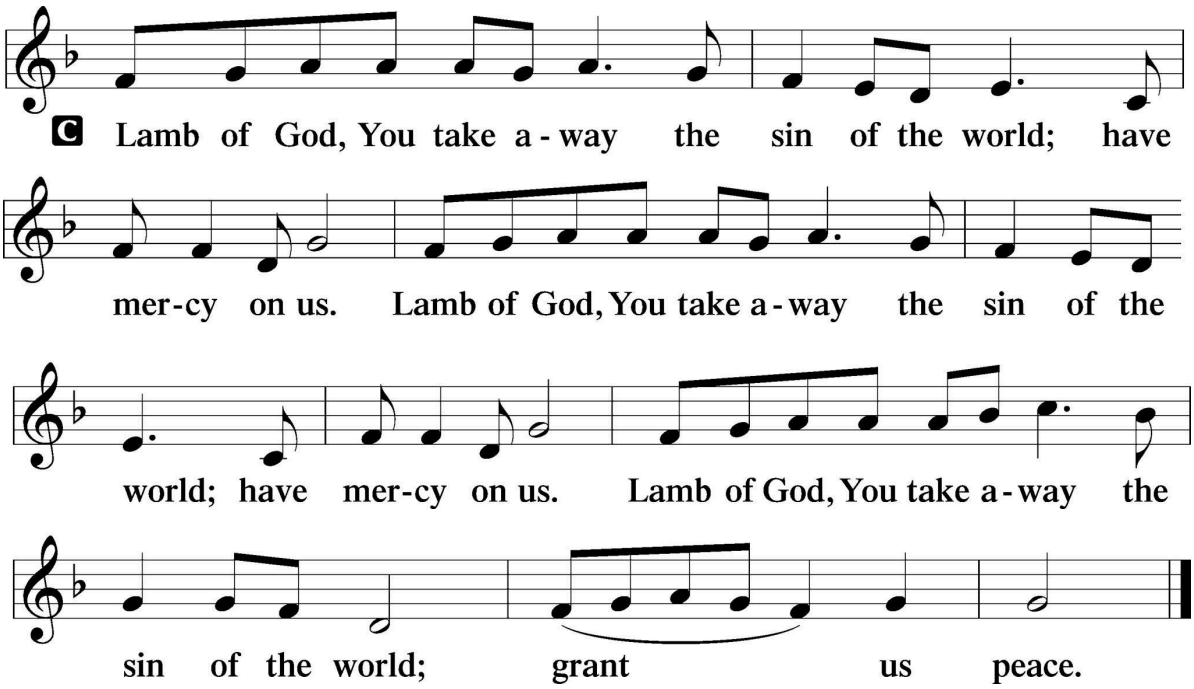
Pax Domini - The Peace of the Lord

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

C: 

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*

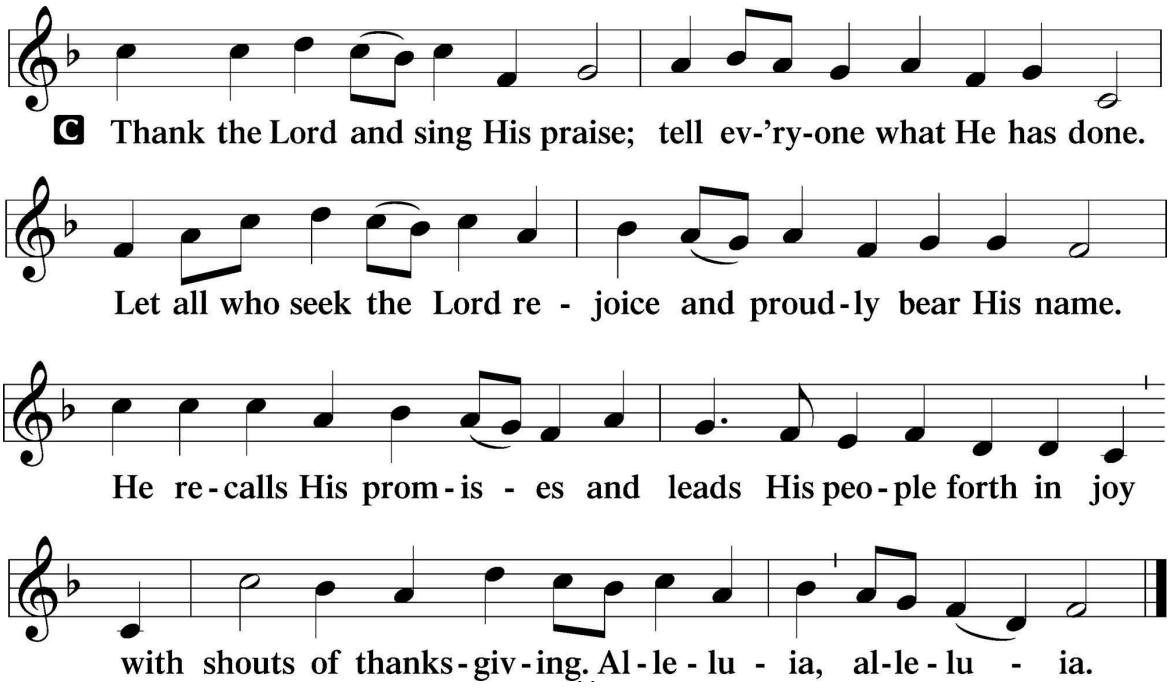


The Distribution

Distribution Hymns

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace	LSB 580
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	LSB 709
Children of the Heavenly Father*Hymn selected by member	LSB 725

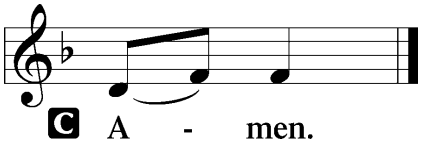
Post-Communion Canticle ~ *Thank the Lord*



Post-Communion Collect

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C:



Announcements

Departing Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus *Hymn selected by member LSB 770

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Deadline for bulletin announcements is 9:00am Wednesday.

Church Member Updates - Help us keep our records up to date and keep you informed with what's happening at Our Redeemer. Please contact the office if your email, phone number or address has changed. You can also download the "Church Center" app on your phone to update your own info, learn some new faces, find contact information, and more.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a prayer request? Share it with the ORLC Prayer Chain, and we will lift your needs in prayer. Submit online at www.orlc-ak.org/prayers, via the Church Center app, or by scanning the QR code. Want to join the Prayer Chain ministry? Just send us a request and we'll add your email to the list.

OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri 1:30-4:30 PM

MOMS GROUP

Calling all moms! Join us at the church every 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, starting Sept 18th at 9:30am. We're going take a closer look into "Knowing Jesus as King" studying the book of Matthew. Please contact Ashley Shaw or Heidi Enlow with any questions. Childcare will be provided if known in advance.

BE NOT AFRAID: SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN THE LIFE OF THE

September 15 & 16, 2026 | 5:30 PM

Star of the North Lutheran Church
216 N. Forest Dr., Kenai, AK

Star of the North Lutheran Church in Kenai will host **Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett** for a special two-day seminar exploring spiritual warfare in the life of the Christian. Dr. Bennett will discuss the reality of spiritual warfare, the challenges Christians face in today's culture, and the weapons God has given His people through **His Word and Sacraments**.

This seminar is **open to everyone**, and the cost is a **freewill offering**. *Scan the QR for complete details.*

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS 09/06- 09/13

Sunday, September 6

Bible Study Hour | No Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am

Monday, September 7

Tuesday, September 8

Chayon Ryu Martial Arts Class	8:30 am
Elder Momentum Marital Arts	10:00 am

Wednesday, September 9

Thursday, September 10

Chayon Ryu Martial Arts Class	8:30 am
Elder Momentum Marital Arts	10:00 am
Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Friday, September 11

Memory Café	10:00 am
Ladies Night	6:00 pm

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

Bible Study Hour | Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am
Mingle & Munch	

Serving our Lord and Each Other this Week 09/06	
Accompanist: Carol S. **Acolyte:** Ember R. **Altar Guild:** Marianne D. & Theo L. **Coffee Crew:** Jane W.	**Greeters:** Justin & Clarence H. **Lector:** Ryan E. **Sunday School:** No Sunday School **Ushers:** Chuck S. & **[open]**
Serving our Lord and Each Other Next Week 09/13	
Accompanist: Carol S. **Acolyte:** **Altar Guild:** Kristianna C. & Steph M. **Coffee Crew:** Kathy S.	**Greeters:** Kathy S & **Lector:** Chuck S. **Sunday School:** **Ushers: Bart S. & Thomas R.**

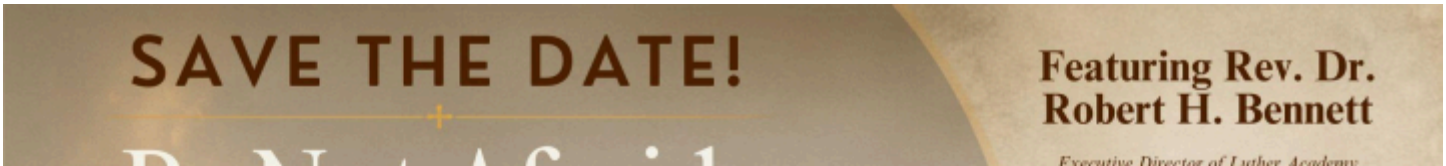
****Names in bold are unconfirmed volunteers****




Ladies Night
Potluck
Friday September 11th
@ 6:00pm at
Geri Wacker's House
SIGN UP


Welcome back to
SUNDAY
SCHOOL


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE
Mingle
&Munch
Get to know your church family a little better, stay for snacks and visiting!
Bring finger food to share!


SAVE THE DATE!
Featuring Rev. Dr.
Robert H. Bennett


MAX LUCADO
EXPERIENCING
THE HEART OF
JESUS
EXPANDED EDITION
A 10-Week Bible Study on the Life and Love of Our Savior
Deeply Rooted
SMALL GROUP
Meets the 1st and 3rd
Sundays of the month,
beginning September 20
4:00–6:00 pm
Talk to Jerry or
Kathy Simpson
for more details

THE BIBLE RECAP
KNOWING JESUS SERIES

KNOWING JESUS AS KING

A 10-SESSION STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

TARA-LEIGH COBBLE
General Editor, Creator of D-Group International

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Monday, September 14th
2:00PM - 7:00PM

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