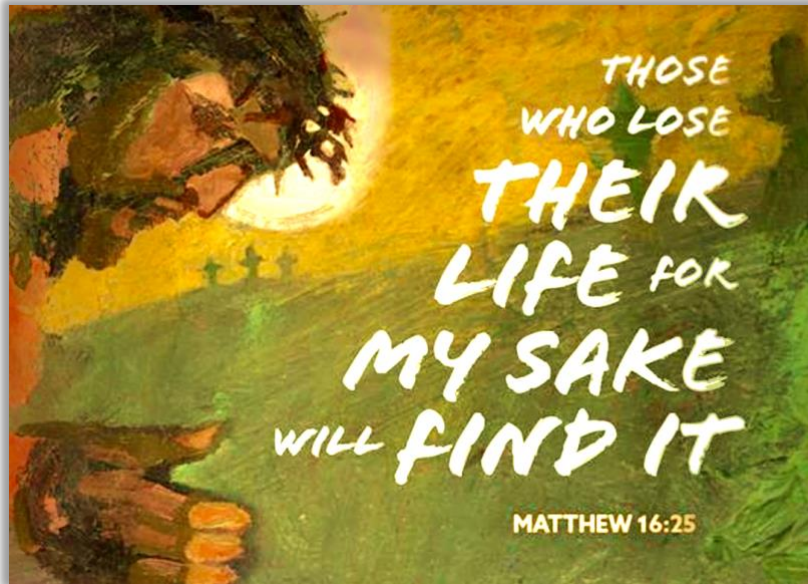


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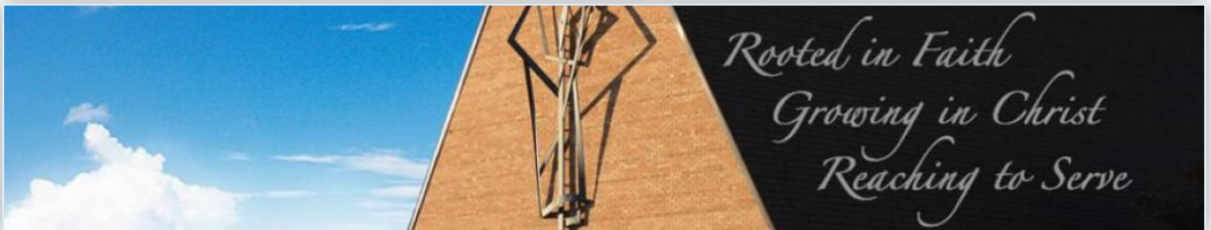
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW# 879

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



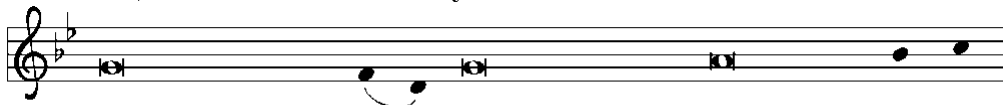
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



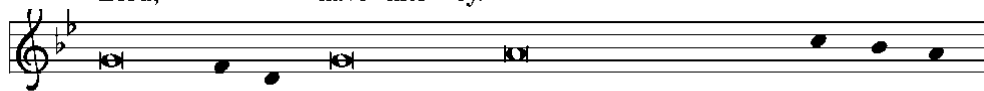
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



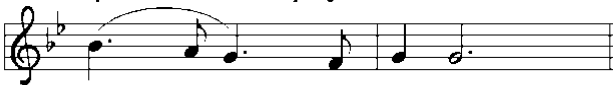
Lord, have mer - cy.



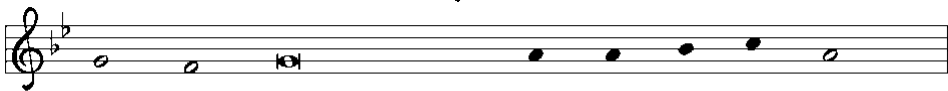
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



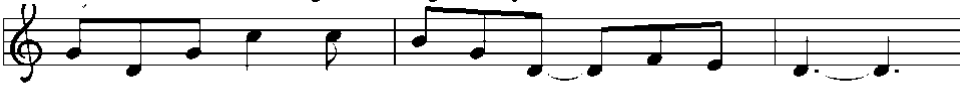
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of
all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lector, Kristi Ongalo

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8 ***Please respond with verses in bold print.***

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice;

weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CONGREGATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

PASTOR



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
 who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
 work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
 you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

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APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Please respond after each petition: (Pastor) "Merciful God,," (Congregation) "receive our prayer."

Concluding prayer: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

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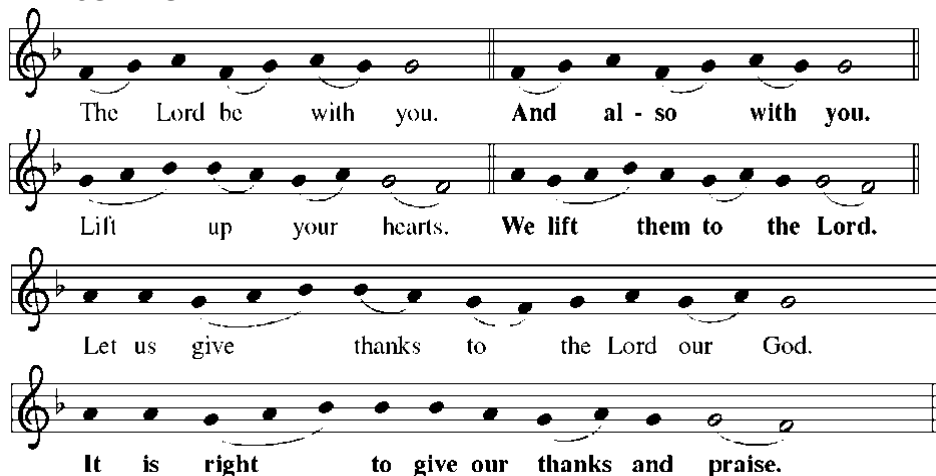
Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring, Vs. #1

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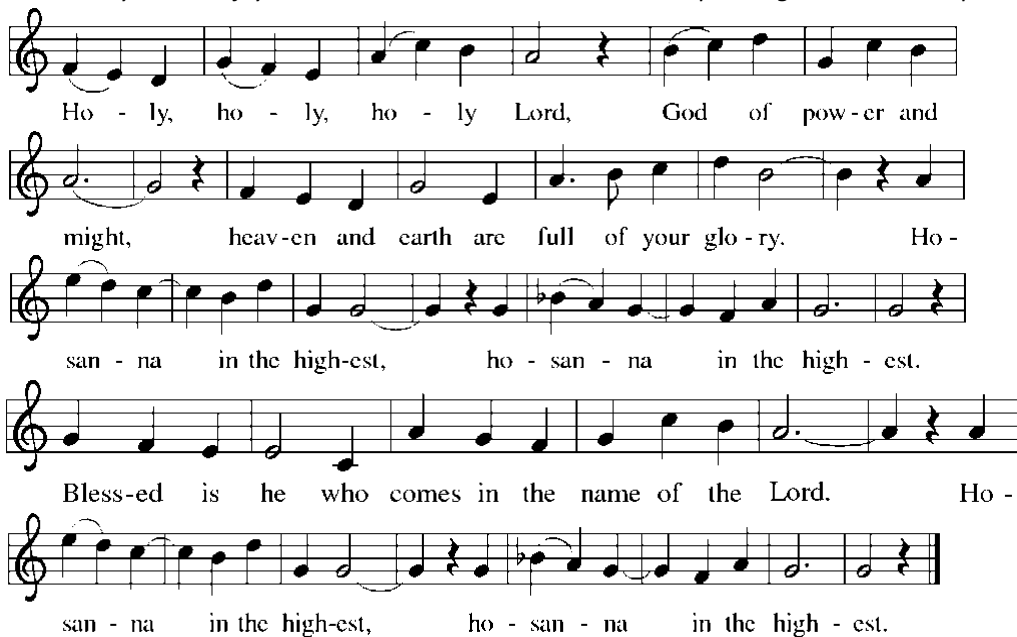


OFFERING PRAYER Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

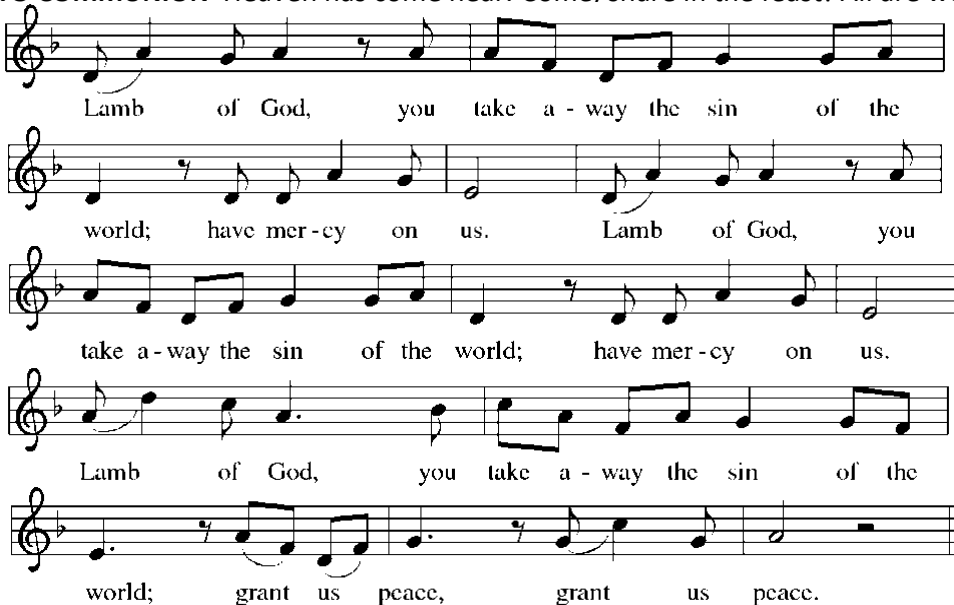
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! All are welcome.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song***

**ELW# 656
ELW# 808**

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Day Full of Grace

ELW# 627

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Jim, Butch, Tom, Gordy, Paul, Jean, Dan, Fred, Megan, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th, 2026

VLM NEWS Camp staff will be @ OSLC for a listening session of all area churches for ideas in camp programming etc.. We need your voice if you have been to camp, sent your children, or were a VLM delegate. VLM would love to have your input. The session is Tues., Sept. 15th 6pm with Coffee An.'

WELCA NEWS * An All-Women's **General Meeting** will be Sunday, **Sept. 20th** after worship in the Fireside Room. *The area **WELCA Fall Gathering** is here **Thurs., Oct. 8th**. Registration is **at 9am**, with a silent auction, lunch, Habitat for Humanity presentation, worship & communion. Auction proceeds go to the LSS Youth Foyer. **RSVP is preferred by Oct. 1st**, childcare available- call the church office. ***WELCA Fall Fest** is being planned with a quilters corner, bake shop, coffee & lunch by youth, and crafters can reserve a table to sell their handmade items - talk with Pastor Liz if interested. It takes place **Oct. 24th**.

GIFT FOR PR. LAURA @ MLC There is a small basket in the Fellowship Hall with hearts to write your name, name of family, or a farewell wish on it that will be sewn on a stole for Pr. Laura @ Messiah Lutheran. If you've worked with her on youth ministries etc., take a moment to sign one. She will be working as *Asst. to the Bishop* at the Synod office.

BOOK STUDY GROUP! Join us as we study a wonderful classic titled, *"Falling Upward."* We will meet on **Sept. 10th & 24th at 12pm** in the Fireside Room.

WELCA & Fun-Duh-Mentals BIBLE STUDY The WELCA Study will be held **Sept. 1st & 15th @ 1pm**, and Fun-Duh-Mentals Bible Study will be **Sept. 1st & 15th @ 4pm**. Both studies are open & do not require you to be familiar with Bible Studies!

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today's Livestream is sponsored by George Croft, in loving memory of Marlene Kauppinen. Last week's was sponsored by Joy Toole in honor of what would have been Joy & Rick's 57th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 23rd. *Thank you for your support.* To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment.

<u>UPCOMING @ OSLC:</u> <u>MON. AUG. 31</u> 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR. 6PM SCOUTS 7PM NA	<u>TUES. SEPT. 1</u> 10:30AM AA 1PM WELCA STUDY IN FIRESIDE RM 2 PM ORGAN PR.	<u>WED. SEPT. 2</u> 9AM QUILTING 10:30AM AA 11AM FINANCE MTG FIRESIDE 12-3PM C.CLOSET 2 PM ORGAN PR. 5:30PM ALANON	<u>THURS. SEPT. 3</u> 10:30AM AA 2:30PM TOPS 6PM CUB SCOUTS 7PM NA W. WING	<u>FRI. SEPT. 4</u> 10:30AM AA 7PM NA W.WING	<u>SAT. SEPT. 5</u> 10:30AM AA
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Blessing

All Children,
Students & Teachers:
Join us Sunday
Sept. 13th for
Blessing of the Backpacks
as you start the new year!



L.I.F.T.
resumes
**Wednesday,
September 23**

Youth Group - Grades 3-6
Confirmation - Grades 7-8
Sr. High Youth Group - Grade 9 - 12

Fall Unit is at
Gethsemane
6-8 pm

All Ages Are

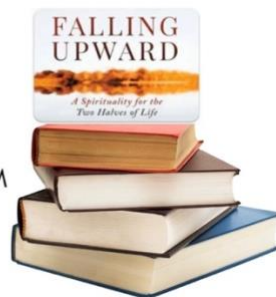
WELCOME

Lift is starting the year
with dinner & mini-golf at
Greens on 14th
Sept 23rd, 6-8pm



BOOK STUDY

OUR STUDY CONTINUES
ON "FALLING UPWARD"
JOIN US THURSDAYS @ 12PM
IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM.
SEPT. 10TH & 24TH



**THE HANSEN COUNTRY
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WED - SUN 10AM-6PM**



AVAILABLE IN THE
OSLC LIBRARY:

The Bible on cd
by Zondervon is on
our shelves if you enjoy
listening to the bible
while doing projects at home!
The library is located in the
fireside room.

COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we just provide examples of most commonly needed items for the week and give examples of spending \$10 or less. We appreciate all donations!

1. KRAFT BLOCK OR SHREDDED CHEESE @ SUPER ONE
4/\$8.88
2. PROGRESSO HEARTY SOUPS @ SUPER ONE
\$1.99 EA
3. BAR S FRANKS OR BOLOGNA @ SUPER ONE
4/\$5, 12-16OZ PKG
4. KRAFT MAC & CHEESE @ WALMART
\$1.25 EA
5. MILK @ WALMART
\$2.28 FOR 64OZ



***AS ALWAYS, PASTA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

[Read Matthew 16:21-28 on biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

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Devotion: It is intriguing, this call of Jesus to "take up (one's) cross." Certainly no one can add to or enhance the cross of Christ. That is a gift that is one and done. Perhaps the two verbs that accompany this call offer a clue for us: "deny" and "follow." To "deny" oneself is not to denigrate oneself. But embraced by Christ's love there is the call and the freedom to live beyond oneself and to see the neighbor. Perhaps then to "follow" is to be lost but totally found in the love of Christ, and thus to find oneself where Jesus is: proclaiming the good news of God's near presence and reign, curing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, casting out demons. Those places of need abound yet today, and Jesus often chooses to be there through our hearts and hands! Take up your cross...again today. Lose yourself—find yourself—in the love of Jesus and your neighbor.

Prayer: Today I seek to offer you all that I am and all that I possess to be used by you, Infinite Creator and Gracious Redeemer, in whatever way you choose. May your life-giving, healing grace abound...also through me. Amen

Phil Rue '72 M.Div.