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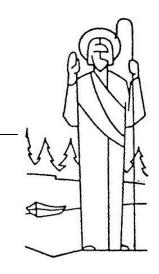
Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)

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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. Thank you for joining us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the voulube symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560

Or on the church website – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Readings for October 5, 2025 17th Sunday After Pentecost:

First Reading Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

Psalm 37: 1-9

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Holy Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

The Righteous Live by Faith

Faith is the theme for today's readings, but not just any faith. It is a life-transforming faith, one that demonstrates the very presence of God moving, alive, and active in God's people. In response to Habakkuk's oracle, the Lord answered him that "the righteous live by their faith" (Hab. 2:4b). But just what does it mean to be righteous? It's a righteousness imparted by God, who creates and claims each of us as God's own sons and daughters, bringing us into this family by our baptisms and by the faith God gives us makes us holy children. Being part of this divine family gives us our worth, even at those times we may not think of ourselves as worthy. In 2 Timothy, the author writes a history of the faith in Timothy's family, beginning with his grandmother and then passed on to his mother and himself. This is how many of us were first brought into the family of God: we had faithful parents who knew of their own God-given righteousness and then passed this gift on to their children. But again, it's all God's doing! Finally, Jesus' disciples boldly ask their teacher to "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). They knew that faith was something needed, and Jesus explains that even a small amount of faith can do great wonders. What does it mean to have this sort of faith, a faith that can serve God's purposes here to truly be God's work and yet it's done with our hands? On this Sunday, help the assembly experience this faith that God has given us. It's a gift and connection to our God.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 AM:

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Community Room after church service. Fellowship brunch is held every second Sunday, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

DOG POLICY REMINDER

Please remember that we have a long-standing policy that unless your pet is a service animal, it does not belong in the church building. Someone's pet left a mess in the church office this week. The no pet policy was adopted to prevent this type of situation. Please do not bring your pets into church. Thank you.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school begins **Wednesday**, **October 22**, **2025**. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

THE CHURCH PHONE

The Church phone line (715) 542-3701 has now been forwarded to Sharon Brooker's phone, so it will be answered almost every time. The answering message has also been updated, in case anyone gets the answering machine message.

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

- 1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
- 2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

QUILTING

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help.

CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen (715) 892-3513

Karen Carter (715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733

Ginger Eade (608) 317-9563 Shawn McCormick (715) 605-2552 Joanne Pierce (414) 477-5804

Charlie Rice – Chairman (715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

LÔÔ KING FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Council meeting held on August 24th, there was discussion on some of the areas that we need volunteers to help. Please let one of the council members know if you would be interested in the following:

• Budget Committee – four volunteers to help put the budget together. We have two volunteers, but need two more please!

Thank you for considering this request!

BACKPACK PROGRAM

From Marsha Krieck: We now have 16 children in the backpack program. It has grown every week! Thank you to everyone who has helped with this program!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please keep in mind that the Pastor's Discretionary Fund collections will be starting soon. This program has helped many individuals and families in the past and plans are to continue for this year. Please contact Council President Mike Pockat with questions.

BIBLE STUDY FEATURING "THE CHOSEN" VIDEOS

Bible study featuring "The Chosen" has started back up on the second and fourth Tuesday's of every month at 10:00 am – please note the time change.

CONTACT INFO

In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344 Email: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u> Office Hours on Monday and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 6:00 pm
Wednesday from Noon - 4 pm
Thursday from Noon – 4 pm

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K., Mike, and Mary, (mother of Ahlborn Equipment employee)

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Special Prayers

Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we begin our search for a new Shepherd.

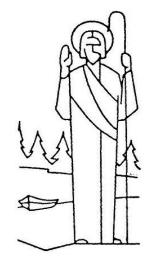
Please or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at <u>plclerk@gmail.com</u> or text her if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.

NEXT WEEK"S WORSHIP GUIDE WILL BE PRINTED EARLY AS I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN.
IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANY UPCOMING NEWS OR EVENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th.

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16th Sunday After Pentecost, Sept. 28, 2025

Greeting & Announcements



Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession And Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Dialogue

Be strong and full of courage:

for God is with you wherever you go.

The Spirit of God strengthens my hand: you make us bolder in our work together.

For in us all is the breath of life: you give true life to the people of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, as the mighty wind: as on the face of the waters at creation.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty and Eternal God,

You know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power, help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the peace as you are comfortable, then please be seated.

First Reading Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

- ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
- ⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

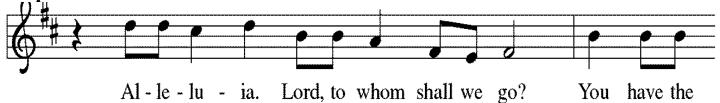
Second Reading 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation





The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

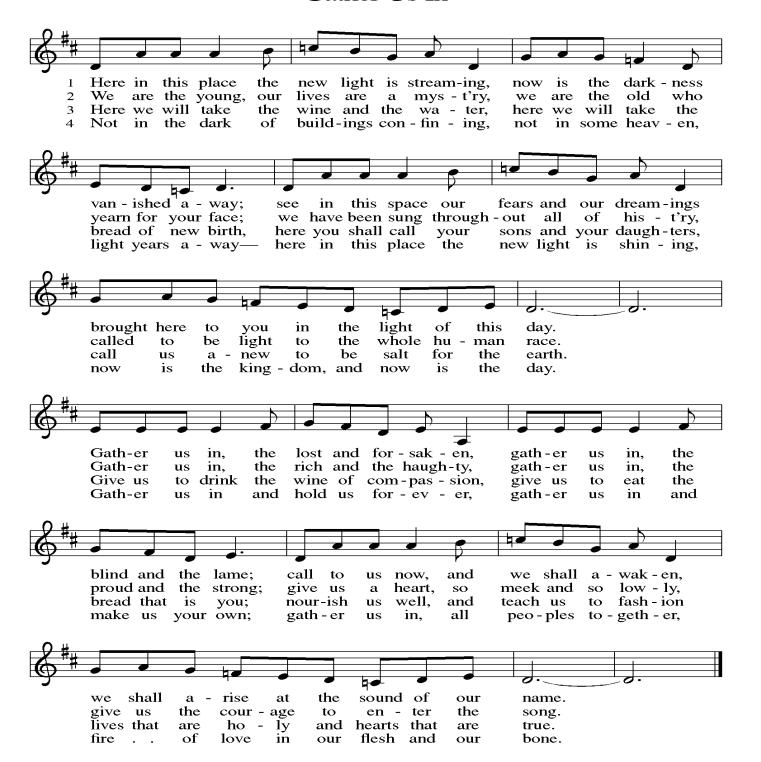
(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Please remain seated for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the Day

"Gather Us In" ELW 532 Gather Us In



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Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

Offering (We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

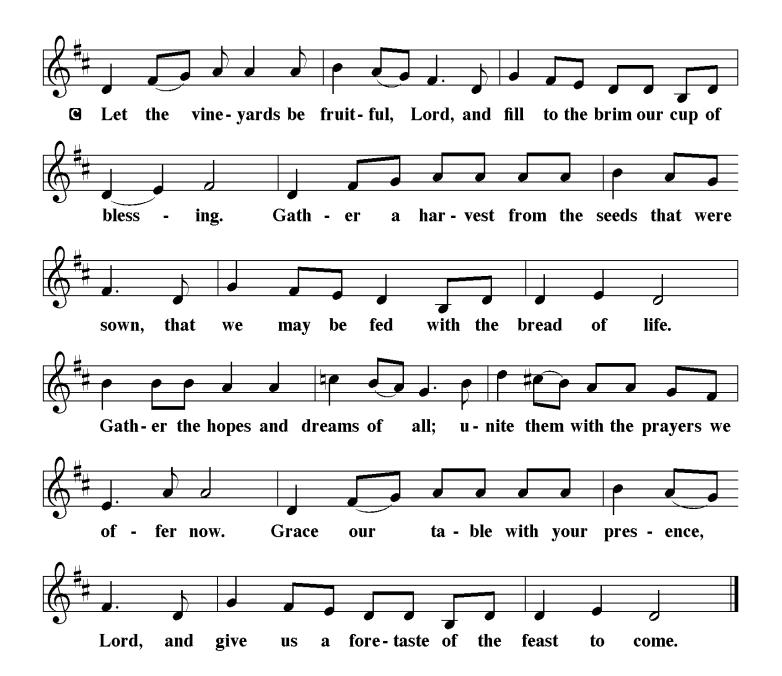
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Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live. We pray this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Service of Distribution)

As we gather before these <u>consecrated</u> elements of bread and wine for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. As we prepare to receive this bread of life and this cup of blessing, we pray that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

I invite you to join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave us.

Lords 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.

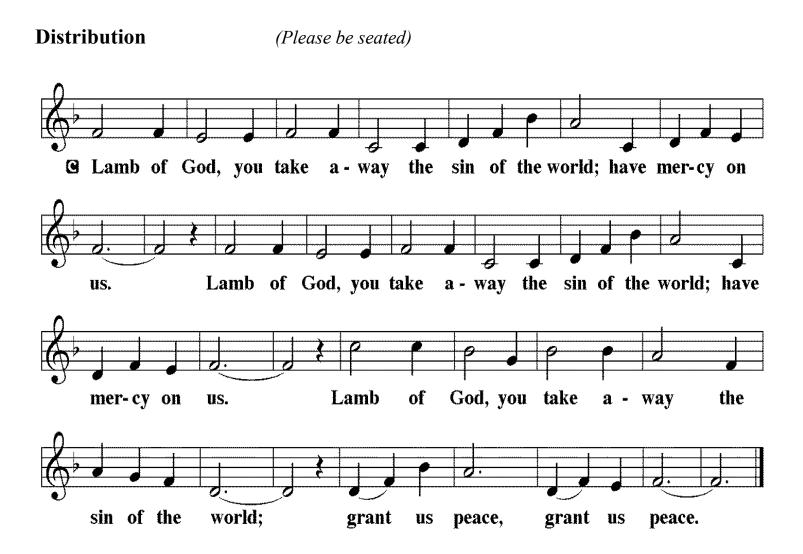
Invitation

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

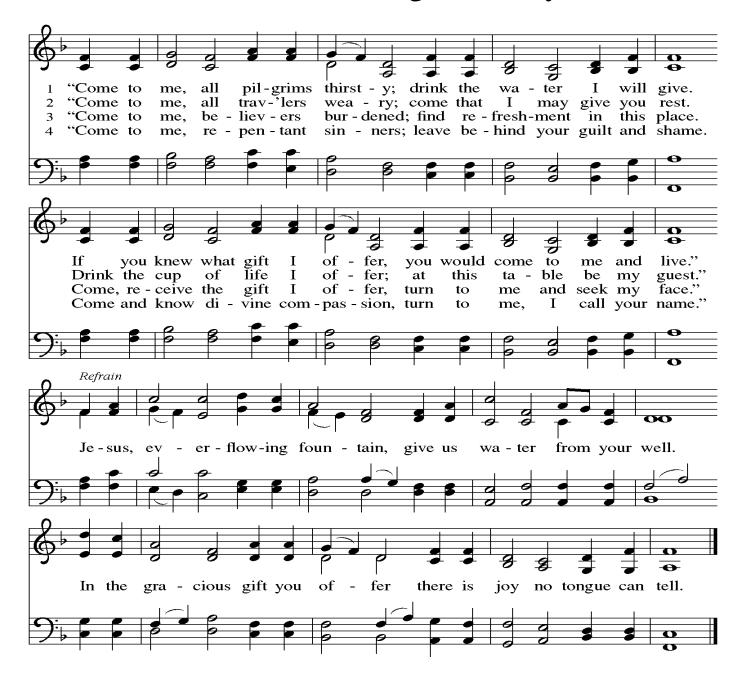
Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward.



Communion Hymns

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" ELW 777

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

 Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985 Text © 1992, 1996 Sisters of St. Benedict, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph, MN 56374. Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

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Now Thank We All Our God



- 1 Now thank we all our God
- 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God
- 3 All praise and thanks to God

with hearts and hands and voic - es, through all our life be near us, the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, with ev - er joy - ful hearts the Son, and Spir - it blest,

in whom this world re - joic - es; and bless - ed peace to cheer us, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, and keep us all in grace, the one e - ter - nal God,

has blest us on our way and guide us when per - plexed, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



free from all this world and and harm in the us next. for thus it shall be was, is now, and ev er more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer

Almighty God,

You gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing/Benediction

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.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of September 29 - October 5, 2025

Tuesday	September 23, 2025	Bible Study "The Chosen"	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	September 25, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 28, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

October 5, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Church School Begins October 22, 2025

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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