

June 11, 2023  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!


## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

## Old Testament Canticle

*Isaiah 12:2b-6 LSB 261*

*Refrain*



**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



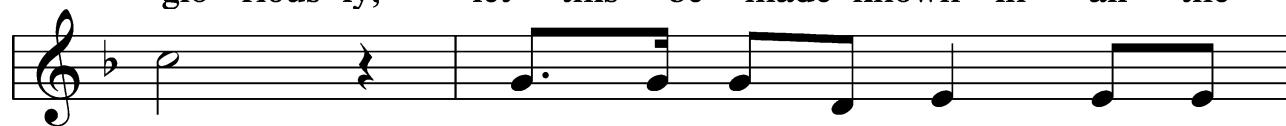
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



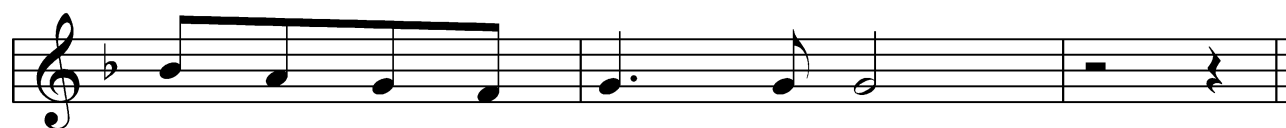
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

# Readings From Holy Scripture

## Psalm 119:65-72

*antiphon v. 65*

- <sup>65</sup>You have dealt well with your servant,  
**O LORD, according to your word.**
- <sup>66</sup>Teach me good judgment and knowledge,  
**for I believe in your commandments.**
- <sup>67</sup>Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
**but now I keep your word.**
- <sup>68</sup>You are good and do good;  
**teach me your statutes.**
- <sup>69</sup>The insolent smear me with lies,  
**but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;**
- <sup>70</sup>their heart is unfeeling like fat,  
**but I delight in your law.**
- <sup>71</sup>It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
**that I might learn your statutes.**
- <sup>72</sup>The law of your mouth is better to me  
**than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

**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.**

*You have dealt well with your servant,  
 O LORD, according to your word.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Hosea 5:15–6:6*

**[L]** A reading from Hosea, chapter 5.

- <sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place,  
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
 and in their distress earnestly seek me.
- <sup>1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
 for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
 he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
- <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
 on the third day he will raise us up,  
 that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
 his going out is sure as the dawn;  
 he will come to us as the showers,  
 as the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
 What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
 Your love is like a morning cloud,  
 like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
 I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
 and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
 the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**and his greatness is unsearchable.**  
 On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
**and I will declare your greatness.**

## Epistle

*Romans 4:13-25*

**L** A reading from Romans, chapter 4.

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

<sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So

shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9-13*

**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 9.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Catechism

### Ten Commandments

- L** What are the Ten Commandments?
- C** You shall have no other gods.  
 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
 Honor your father and your mother.  
 You shall not murder.  
 You shall not commit adultery.  
 You shall not steal.  
 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Creed

- L** What do you believe according to the 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.

## Lord's Prayer

**L** How has your Lord taught you 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.

*Sit*

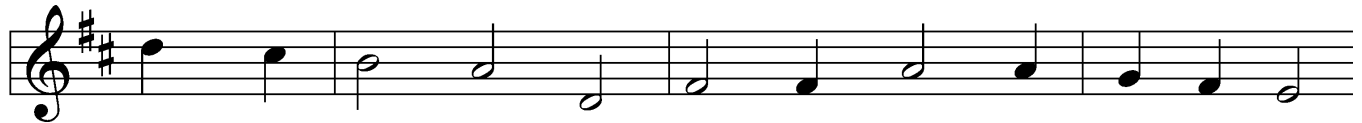
## Announcements

# Sermon Hymn: “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

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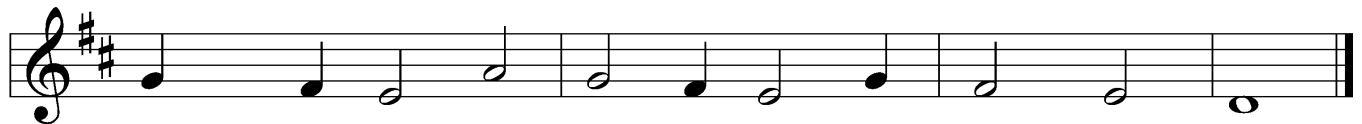
1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695  
 Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.  
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## Sermon

**Rev. Chris Streeper**

## Offering

*Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.*

# Hymn: Let Me Be Thine Forever

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1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
 3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
 My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
 Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
 For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
 Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
 Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt  
 Tune: Musika Deutsch, 1532, Nürnberg  
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*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You strike down and You heal. Though we justly deserve Your wrath for our sin, revive us and raise us up, that we may live before You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You desire steadfast love and that Your people would know You. Bless pastors, teachers and all church workers, that Your Word would sound forth in abundance. Open the ears of all who hear to acknowledge Your steadfast love. Be also with those who work this weekend to prepare for our Synod's convention. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father in heaven, by Your grace Abraham did not weaken in faith but trusted Your promises. Strengthen parents to persist in their callings and train their children in Your Word and ways. Defend them from discouragement and apathy, and convince them that You are able to do what You have promised. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Creator of all things, You call into existence what does not exist and govern it for good. Remember those You have given authority among the nations, that the laws they administer might reflect Your order and maintain peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son came to heal the sick and forgive sinners. Hear our prayers for those who suffer in any way [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Restore them according to Your gracious will, and strengthen their faith in Your faithfulness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father in heaven, You made childless Abraham the father of many nations when his body was as good as dead, giving him faith to trust in the promised Christ. Strengthen our faith also to trust Your promises despite our weaknesses and troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Father, receive our thanks for Your kindness to Abraham, Sarah and all the saints who have gone before us. Preserve us in faith and in righteousness, that we, too, may give You glory now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

**L** Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**L** 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 take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

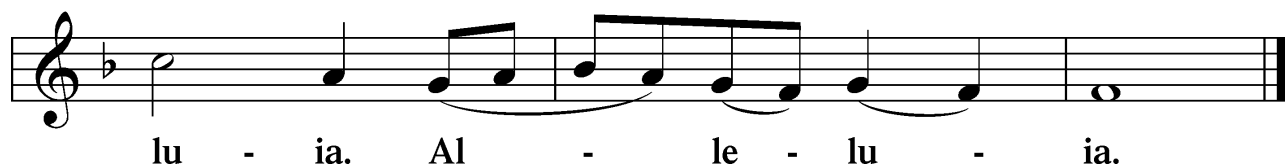
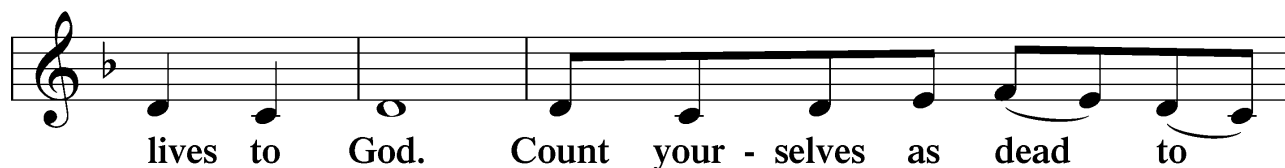
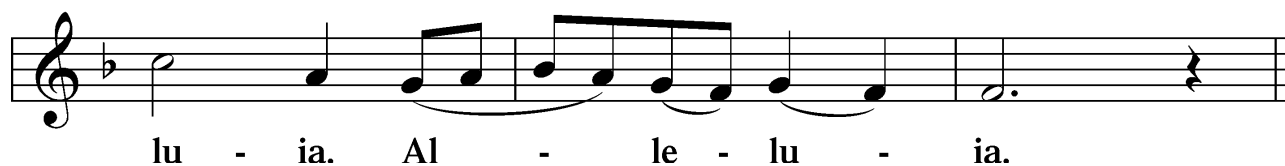
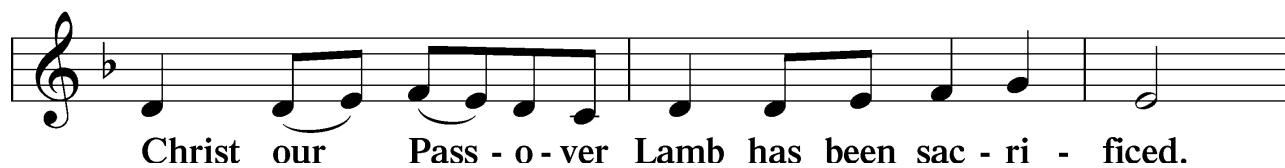
## New Testament Cantic

*1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11 LSB 266*

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

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1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;  
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su-preme com-mand  
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all-suf-fi-cient grace  
 △ 9 The whole tri-um-phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days And God of love.  
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil-grim days In all my ways.  
 "Hail, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost!" They ev-er cry.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;  
 I all on earth for-sake, Its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him-self my God.  
 Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n-ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa-cred name For-ev-er blest.  
 And Him my on-ly por-tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je-sus' blood.  
 All might and maj-es-ty are Thine And end-less praise!

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today		NO Communion
Tuesday	5-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elder Meeting
Wednesday		Bible Study - Summer Break
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Quilters

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER! - ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM** An email was sent out for you to formally register for the Summer Adventure trip. Again, please register as soon as possible. **Registration closes on June 11th.** See Rev. Streeper if you have any questions or need assistance.

**GIFT CARDS FROM THE HEART** today is the last day that the LWML is accepting donations before going to the LWML National Convention this June.

**QUILTERS** will be meeting this Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the church basement. We have 3 quilts in progress and will be working on all 3 of them at the same time! This is made possible with a Thrivent gift card allowing us to buy two gently loved machines. Pins and Needles in Middleburg Heights worked with us to find 2 machines to fit our needs, also thread, needles, bobbins and seam rippers! Thank you Jan Brostek, owner of Pins and Needles, for your generosity and helping us make the best decisions. Before going on our quest for a new machine, 7 quilters stopped for lunch and had some great fellowship. If you would like to check us out, join us for a few hours on June 14th ... no sewing experience necessary!

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP HOUR** Between worship services on the last Sunday of the month we will gather together to enjoy fellowship and food! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Thank you. **Fellowship dates:** June 25th, July 30th and August 27th.

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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** is taking a summer break and will return back on Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** the 2023 July-September devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take your copy home today.

**FREE HEALTH & BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** Have you signed up yet? We need a minimum of 25 to hold this event on **Sunday, June 25th.** Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. For questions, please contact Beth Bremke.



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** If you have any questions about the ONLINE version that launched, please contact the church office. You should have received an email with your username (firstnamelastname) and create your own password. This will allow you to view the directory. Print copies will be available.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP** Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

**WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS** You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place **ONLY the bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs) and the unused attendance slips.** Thank you.

**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

### **COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

#### **"Walk-In" times at Church:**

Sundays, 12 – 2pm

Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

#### **Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:**

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times

Call Pastor 440-458-0189

Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click on "Give Online" - you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to [prayer@spvc.org](mailto:prayer@spvc.org) (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

## June 2023

	SERVICE	June 4 SUNDAY  Communion	June 11 SUNDAY  <i>No Communion</i>	June 18 SUNDAY Father's Day Communion	June 25 SUNDAY  Communion
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle	Chris Duran	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle
	10:30am	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson	Steve Kato	Sam Jakabcic
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	David Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh
	10:30am	Joe Bennett	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Erich Gottl
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Barb Pijor	Joe Bennett	Barb Pijor
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Chris Duran 216-577-5164

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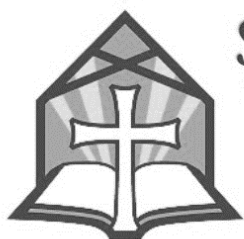
Bi-Monthly

Date: June 2nd &  
August 11th

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: The Streeper Residence  
5578 Spencer Rd (OH-301)  
Spencer, OH 44275

# Pipe & Cigar Fellowship



SPVC Lutheran Men

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## SPVC SUMMER ADVENTURE JULY 6TH & 7TH

BUS TRIP TO THE ARK & CREATION MUSEM

REGISTER BY JUNE 11TH

SEE REV. STREEPER FOR MORE INFO



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REGISTER IN PERSON OR ONLINE @ [WWW.SPVC.ORG](http://WWW.SPVC.ORG)

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART** LWML Lorain-Medina Zone will be sharing our blessings with others in need at the LWML National Convention in June. Sandy Turner and Ethel Schiemann would welcome gift cards in any denomination to Walmart for Phil's Friends. They are a Christ centered support and hope group for those affected by cancer. Only gift cards please, because they will fit in our suitcases and collected at the national convention. Please place them into the container by the welcome center indicating the amount of the gift card. Thank you.

## Walmart Gift Cards



### Walmart gift cards for Phil's Friends

Christ centered support and hope agency  
for those affected by cancer.

Cards will be taken to our LWML National  
Convention  
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Please drop them in by June 11, 2023

# VBS 2020

## July 10 - 14



July 10-14  
9am - 11:30am

This summer at Vacation Bible School, we're covered in Jesus' grace! Our theme for this year, God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace, is inspired by 1 Timothy 1:14, which says, "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ.

Student and Volunteer Registration is OPEN  
[www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)

## Prayers for Worship

### On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

### After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.