



Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.



"I Will Always Love You"

Pastor Erik Allen



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	“Prelude”	Camille Saint-Saens
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Announcements

Song	Salt and Light
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Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 26)*

Song	Make Me a Servant
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Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

please be seated

Lesson	Romans 12:9-21
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Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28
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Gospel Response

Children’s Message	Pastor Erik
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Sermon Erik	“I Will Always Love You” Pastor
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Hymn	Son of God, Eternal Savior	ELW 655
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The Apostles’ Creed

please be seated

Offering

Anthem	“In His Steps”	R. Kevin Boesiger
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Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray listed on the screens)*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Blessing

Song

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Dismissal

Postlude

"Sonata in D"

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

We've received an urgent request for blood. No appointment needed! The Blood Mobile is in our Parking Lot today until 12:30. Please donate if you are able.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 13

Next week is the last Sunday to sign up for God's Work Our Hands. Stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Place to sign up for projects and the small bulletin board by the entrance to sign up for lunch. Also, the bulletin board across from the Nursery has pictures Hans has submitted to show the various work to be done at the Sharing Place. See him with questions.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 16. The resource is The Wired Word which uses current events as lesson topics for each meeting. Relevant scripture is provided to guide the group's discussion in applying the lesson to our faith in today's world. There is no purchase necessary as each weekly lesson is emailed to participants in advance of the session. Meetings are held in the Cross & Crown area from 8:30 to 10:00. Come and join us as we dig into God's Word together!

WOW (Women on Wednesday)

Beginning September 16, we meet from 9:15-11:00 each Wednesday in the Parlor. Those new to and experienced with Bible Study are welcome. Feel free to bring friends, family and/or neighbors. We will be studying "Matthew, Together by Grace Bible Conversations" written by Pr. Amy Lindeman Allen. Yes, Pr. Amy is the wife of our dear Pr. Erik. If you have never studied with us before we look forward to walking with you through this study. Let either Becky Ellis – 317-460-4319 or Donna Frazier – 317-696-0236 know so we can order books. (both are textable phone numbers)

Preschool Begins Tomorrow

The new year begins tomorrow. For our Toddlers, the first few weeks can be a little rough. For our returning students, they are usually very excited to see their old teachers and meet their new ones. And speaking of teachers ... it's an amazing staff under Michelle's leadership. So, please keep the kiddos and the teachers in your daily prayers for the next few weeks.

KOG Women's Book Club

The group will be reading "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning this fall. We will discuss chapters 1-3 starting on Sept 11th at 9:15-11 am. Group meets 2nd Friday of the month in the Parlor. Contact for questions is Kathy Peterson 317 402-1847.

Lands' End KOG Swag

We think it's time to show our KOG pride! We are working with Lands' End where you can choose from a variety of clothing which will include our KOG logo. If you're interested in further details email Leslie.

Questions for Reflection

When Peter tries to steer Jesus away from the cross, Jesus does not send him away but calls him back to the place where a disciple belongs: "Get behind me." Jesus shows us that taking up the cross is not about seeking suffering or accepting mistreatment, but trusting God's self-giving love enough to follow where Christ leads. As Christ's people, we are called to turn our gifts outward and discover the life that is found when love is given away.

- Where are you tempted to ask Jesus to follow a safer or more comfortable road?
 - What gift have you received that God may be calling you to turn outward for the sake of others?
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