

Evangelical Covenant Church

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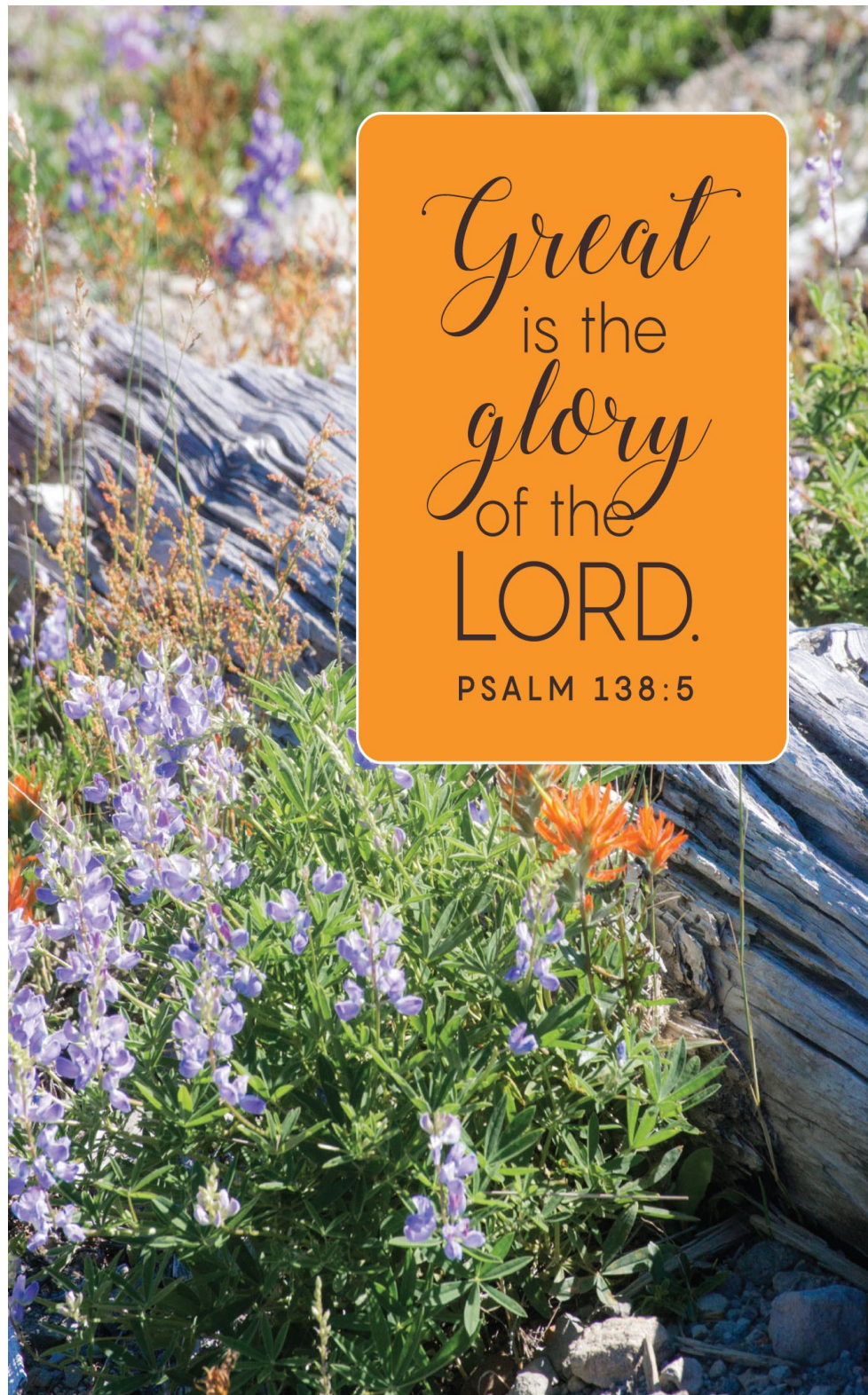
This Week in Our Church Family

Today, Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Scripture	Diane Gustafson
Ushers	Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer

Next Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.	Joint Worship Service w/ Methodist Church
Scripture	Alaina Kief
Ushers	Glen Foss, Melanie Harms





Evangelical Covenant Church
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2026

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Greeting Time

Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-8b

L: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

P: Before the gods I sing Your praise;

L: I bow down toward Your holy temple

P: And give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your steadfast faithfulness;

L: For You have exalted Your name

P: And Your word above everything.

L: On the day I called, You answered me,

P: You increased my strength of soul.

L: All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD,

P: For they have heard the words of Your mouth.

L: They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

P: For great is the glory of the LORD.

L: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly;

P: But the haughty He perceives from far away.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

P: You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

L: You stretch out Your hand,

P: And Your right hand delivers me.

L: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

P: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Praise Song: "Forever"

Invocation

Praise Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Scripture Reading:
Genesis 4:17-5:4

Diane Gustafson

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #23 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

Sermon: "Genealogies, Why Bother?"

Hymn: #407 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Benediction

Hymn of Response: #428 "He's Ever Over Me"

Postlude

Long Term/Home Care

Betty Lesus

Missions

Cathy Campobello

(Medellin, Colombia)

Joe & Tammy Faulkinbury *(Covenant*

Mountain Mission Bible Camp;

Jonesville, VA)

Ted & Sharon Wingo *(South*

Carolina)

Greta Henry *(Merci Ministries;*

Champaign, IL)

Announcements

Next Sunday, August 30 we will have a joint worship service with the Methodist Church at 10am in the Federated Church yard. There will be a potluck following. Main dish will be provided please bring a side dish or dessert to share and chairs.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, in lieu of the Sunday School Kickoff breakfast, we will have a lunch following the Worship service. The meal will be provided by David Durham. If you would like to help set up tables and chairs, please see David Durham.

**Offering plates are located in the back of the church*