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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Persistence Pays

October 19, 2025



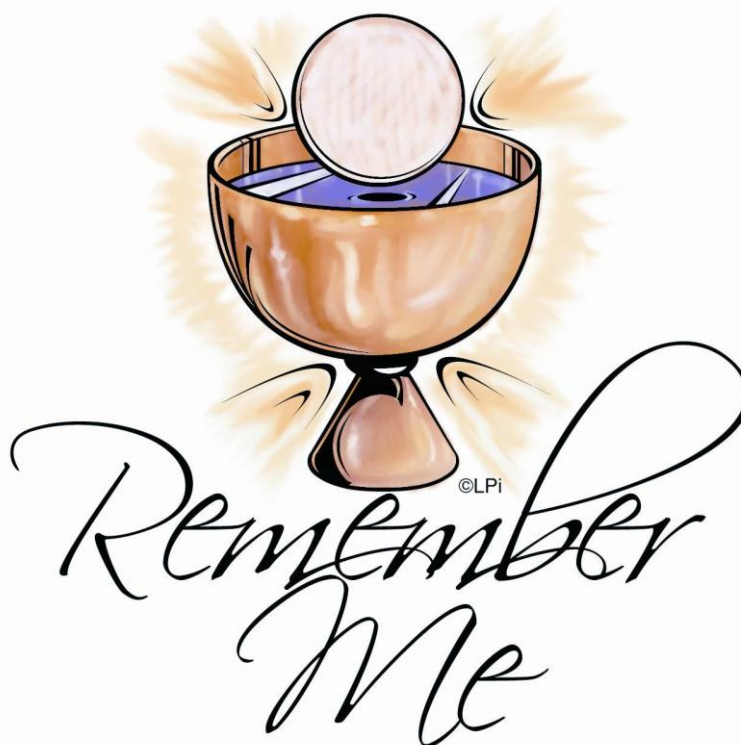
AS WE GATHER

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1–8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship service today. In 1 Corinthians Chapter Ten, Paul writes about the Lord's Supper saying, "The bread that we break, isn't it a participation in the body of Christ? The cup that we bless, isn't it a participation in the blood of Christ?" That's why we believe, teach, and confess that Christ is truly present as we receive the bread and the wine. In this Supper we are participating in the true body and blood of Jesus in a real yet mysterious way and by faith we receive Him in the bread and wine. Therefore, we ask all who commune, including our own members, to examine themselves before reception:

- + I am a baptized believer in Jesus Christ.
- + I believe that, because of my sin, I am not adequate to make myself acceptable to God.
- + I believe that God forgives and accepts me by His grace through Jesus Christ who died for my sins.
- + I believe that in this Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the risen Christ comes to me in, with and under the bread and wine, assuring me of the forgiveness of my sins.
- + I want to receive this Sacrament today to renew my baptismal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to rededicate my life in Christian faith, hope and love.



✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Abide with Me”

Hymnal page 878, verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Pastor: This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

People: **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

People: **The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9

Pastor: Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

People: We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.

Pastor: Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: As in Jesus’ parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a

Pastor: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

**People: Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles Your name.**

Pastor: Do not deliver the soul of Your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

**People: Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise Your name.**

Pastor: Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend Your cause.

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

KYRIE

Hymnal page 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymnal page 702

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

(Jacob wrestles with God.)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then He said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." ²⁷ And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 121; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

121 ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 3:14–4:5*

(Continuing in and preaching the Word)

3 ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **4** ¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:1–8*

(The parable of the persistent widow)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

18 ¹ And [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

CHILDREN / YOUTHFUL MINISTRY MOMENT

SERMON

CREED

Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" Hymnal page 779, verses 1 and 2

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| 1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away. | 2. Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much. |
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Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" Hymnal page 779, verse 3

- 3.** With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

Pastor: Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

Hymnal page 779, verse 4

4. Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

Pastor: Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

Hymnal page 779, verse 5

5. While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

Pastor: Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

Hymnal page 779, verse 6

6. Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CATECHISM

The Third Petition

Pastor: As we persevere in prayer and pray persistently to the Lord who hears, we also pray the prayer taught to His disciples and to us. In our persistent petitions, we know the Lord answers His people according to His will as we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What does this mean?

People: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Pastor: How is God's will done?

People: God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come;

Pastor: and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

People: This is His good and gracious will.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Seek Ye First"

Hymnal page 712, verses 1 and 3

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

3. Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Hymnal page 178

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal page 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED IN OBSERVATION OF REFORMATION NEXT SUNDAY)

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” Hymnal page 725

1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2. God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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BLESSED TO BE SERVING TODAY

Pastor:	Reverend Frank Matthews
Greeter:	Sharon Corey
Reader:	Richard Swanson
Musician:	Christine Geltz
Ushers:	Craig Boehne, Donald Lammerts, & Dave Lassanske

PRAYERS OF CARE & CONCERN FOR OUR FLC FAMILY

Nancy Poser: Continuing prayers for Nancy and her family during their time of grief with the recent passing of her husband, Walter Poser. (Please refer to the next page for more info about Walter's Memorial Service.)

Rachel Whitcher: Continuing prayers of healing from her broken wrist after the surgery.

Debbie Morrow: Prayers for the niece of Tom and Pat Grabowski as she continues to receive chemotherapy at the City of Hope.

Sandy Sussman: Continuing prayers of healing for this niece of former members Bruce and Lynn Bertram.

Perry Singleton, Jan, and Keith Edmunds: More prayers for Pastor Frank Matthews' friends and cousin as they continue deal with many health issues.

Patricia Caballero: Continuing prayers of healing after her recent surgery. We give praises to our Lord that she is healing nicely.

Betty Nelson: Pray for this shut-in member as she continues to deal with the challenges of aging. Pray that she would be comforted knowing God is with her and caring for her. Pray for her family and caregivers as they minister to her.

Gregg Ruiz: Prayer for Tom's younger brother who is fighting for his life against cancer. Pray also for Penny's strength as she supports Gregg in his serious illness.



Sunday Worship at Home

Although the Lutheran Hour no longer airs on KBRT 740 AM, you can find other airings at: lhm.org/guide.

Also, listeners can hear the weekly sermons whenever and wherever they are, and daily devotions are available which come in a daily email to read or listen to. Just go to:

<https://familytalktoday.com/programguidedaily>.

Or you can listen to Lutheran Hour podcasts any time by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@LutheranHourMin>.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at: 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana.

You may also access or review the sermons online by going to:

<https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

TODAY – OCTOBER 19

Fellowship time

Bible Study & Sunday School

Board of Directors meeting

UPCOMING EVENT

FRIDAY

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 31

Trunk and Treat (for more details, please refer to the next page)

MEMORIAL FOR WALTER POSER

There will be a service for Walter Poser at First Lutheran Church in Monrovia, CA on *November 8th, 2025* – Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon reception afterwards.

Please call the telephone number listed below to RSVP for the luncheon.

The church address is: 1323 S. Magnolia Ave., Monrovia CA 91016.

The church telephone number is: (626) 357-3543, extension 1.

From the Monrovia Church: “It is with deep sadness that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Nancy Poser** who lost her beloved husband, **Walter**, on October 7th – Tuesday. Walter will be remembered as a man of quiet strength, always well-dressed, respectful, and deeply committed to his faith. We continue to lift up Nancy and her family in our prayers as they prepare to celebrate Walter’s life and legacy.”

Trunk and Treat

Halloween Trunk & Treat has become a fun activity for members and friends of the congregation. The festivities begin on October 31st, 2025 – Friday at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. All you need to do is purchase some treats, decorate your trunk and wait for the children and families to come. Jo Tschopp has access to trunk decorations, so ask her if you are interested. We know that some people have never been inside a Christian church so we open the church and encourage people to visit and view the beautiful stained-glass windows. Please consider volunteering for this neighborhood outreach.

