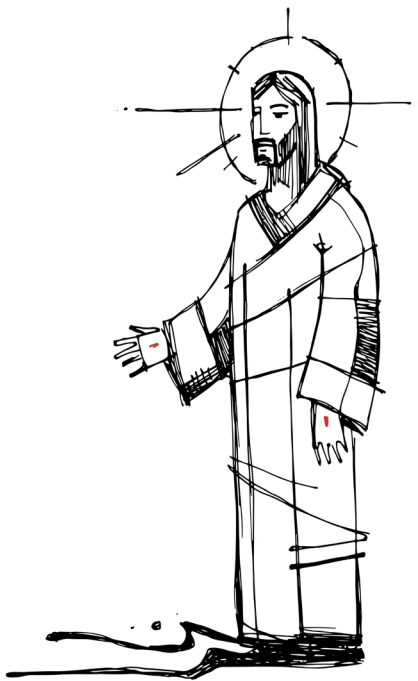


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026



In him we have redemption through his blood

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God still cares for us.

But Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. We have foundation truths to hold on to: we are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. He has given us innumerable spiritual blessings and promised us an eternity of peace and joy.

If God has already given us that much, how can we doubt he will give us everything we truly need, at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

We thank Pastor Michael Lindemann for preaching God's Word to us today.

Hymn #481

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Please stand for the last verse.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
God we sing, in whom we are e - lect - ed.
Ghost we sing for our re - gen - er - a - tion.
God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!



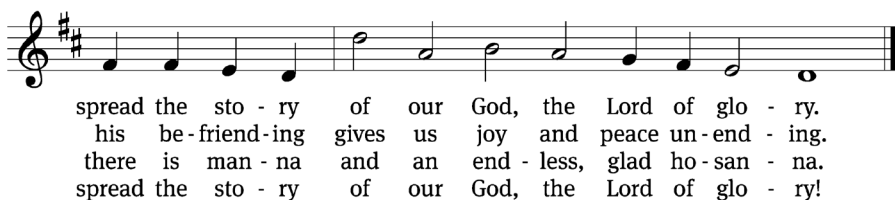
To him through ev - er - last-ing days be wor - ship,
He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her
The sav - ing faith in us he wrought and us un -
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his



hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus-tains cre - a - tion.
in that bless - ed flood and as his bride se-lect - ed.
to the Bride-groom brought, made us his cho - sen na - tion.
prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly is our un - ion and com-mun-ion;
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



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In the name of the Father and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Hymn to Joy

Gloria



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 17:1-6

In dark times with a wicked king, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107C

Give Thanks unto the LORD our God

This psalm is the prayer of people at the end of a particularly difficult season.

Looking back, they can't help but proclaim: God is faithful. Give him thanks!



1 Give thanks un - to the LORD our God. How
2 Let God's re - deemed re - peat these words and
3 He gath - ered them from out the lands, from
4 Their wea - ry soul with - in them faints when



good and kind is he, whose ten - der mer - cy
give him thanks and praise who res - cued them from
north, south, east, and west. They strayed in des - ert's
thirst and hun - ger press; in trou - ble then they



shall en - dure through all e - ter - ni - ty.
hos - tile hands, pre - served them all their days.
path - less way, no cit - y found to rest.
cried to God; he saved them from dis - tress.

- 5 He made the way before them straight,
and he became their guide,
that they might to a city go
and there in peace abide.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–10

God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:32

*The congregation sings the **Refrain** before and after the verse.*

Refrain



He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Refrain

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Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great multitude.

³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn #603

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -

love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols

balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
 un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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Sermon

Ephesians 1:3-10

By God's grace, I am...

I. Chosen to be a child of God

II. Redeemed by the blood of Christ

After the sermon, please stand for the creed.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your Word and proper administration of your sacraments, faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith, as those entrusted with a gift not their own.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*special petitions may be included*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Living Hope is transitioning to a new giving platform. Online offerings may now be given at bit.ly/LHgive.

Offerings are one way that our members support our gospel ministry. Visitors should feel no obligation to contribute.



Offering Prayer

Creator and preserver, your goodness can fail us never. Save us from the pride and greed of our own hearts. Still such restlessness that overlooks the graciousness of your gifts. Grant us quiet faith which clings to your every word of promise, even as material blessings come and go. Out of your goodness to us, we offer these gifts to you, content in your loving care.

Amen.

The Sacrament

Please stand

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Oh Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution

A personal preparation for Holy Communion is on page 19.

In order to foster spiritual unity (1 Corinthians 10:17) and guard against spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), Living Hope follows the historic Christian practice of Close Communion. Confirmed members of Living Hope and those in fellowship with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

We ask that visitors speak with one of the pastors or ushers before joining us at the altar.

Hymn #566

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

The congregation sings the hymn during the distribution.



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us, chose us, named us
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you, and our guilt was
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised from the Fa - ther
 4 Lord, your change-less Word has fed us, span - ning time, tran -
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low, drawn by Word and



as your own, through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
 crim - son red. Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
 and the Son right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
 scend - ing space. Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
 prom - ise true: "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;



to re - deem us in your Son. Praise the Fa - ther,
 crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head, died our death, now
 free for - give - ness, heav - en won. Praise the Spir - it!
 when the dark - ness hid your face. Keep us with you,
 I am ev - er - more with you." Keep us faith - ful!



God who loved us ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 live tri - um - phant: praise the first - born from the dead!
 He as - sures us our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 faith - ful Shep - herd, by your sav - ing means of grace!
 Then, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come; make all things new!

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Following the distribution, please stand.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

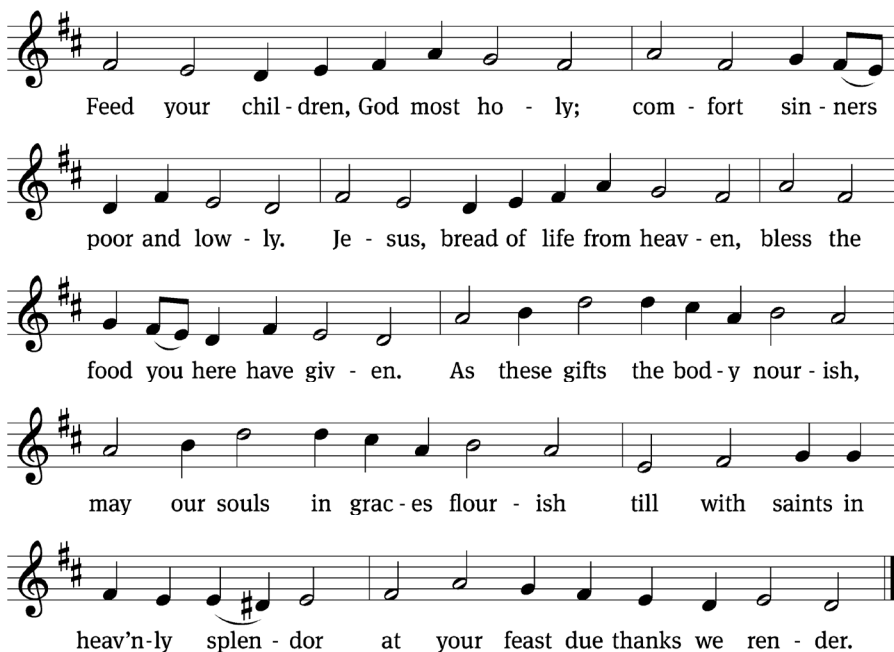
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor + and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn #509

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy



Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners

poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the

food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,

may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in

heav'n - ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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This week at Living Hope

Today

- 10am Refreshments
- 10:30am Family Bible Lesson
- 3:30pm Josh Wordell Ordination *Amherst, New Hampshire*

Tuesday

- 1:30pm Assisted-living Service at Brandermill Woods

Next Sunday

- 9am Worship
- 10am Refreshments
- 4pm Jonah Schulz Ordination *Wilmington, North Carolina*

Gathering around God’s Word

Family Bible Lesson

Today: Baptism-What It Is. Your baptism was more than a past event. It is a present blessing that follows you each day.

Next Sunday: Baptism: What It Does. The old sinful Adam in you is a strong swimmer, fighting to resurface every single day. God gave you a daily way to drawn him.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Preparation for Holy Communion

What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

I have his own words spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

I will daily thank and praise him for his love for me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Serving in worship today & next Sunday

Musicians

Dave MacDonald
Sarah Seifert

Ushers

Morris Hayes & Mike Saur]
Bob Harrison & Jon Krueger

Acolyte

Tishann Charles
Cora Lacey

Church Cleaning

still needed
Rathje Family

After-worship Snacks

still needed
still needed

Livestream

Seifert Family
Lacey Family

Offering Caretakers

Donna Bosma & Morris Hayes]
Beverley Henley & Barbara Byrd

Mowing

Pastor Seifert & Dave MacDonald
Brian Lacey & Kyle Rathje

Assisted-living Leader

Livestreamed
Phil Nawrocki

Please join us for refreshments after the service. We would love to get to know you better!

To our guests: Thank you for worshiping with us! We would appreciate the opportunity to connect with you. Please share your contact information with us by scanning the code with your phone or speaking with an usher in the back.



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God has given us new birth into a *Living Hope*.
- 1 Peter 1:3

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