HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Little Church with a Big Heart"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP at HAINESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We're glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please sign a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We thank you for joining us in worship and pray that our time together is a blessing to you. And…. please join us for our weekly fellowship brunch after worship. There's always plenty and you are very welcome. If you are looking for a faith community, we would be pleased to have you call HVLC your "church home".

PRELUDE AND RINGING OF THE BELL
WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
CHILDREN'S CHAT AND NOISY OFFERING
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✢ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

Chorus
Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship

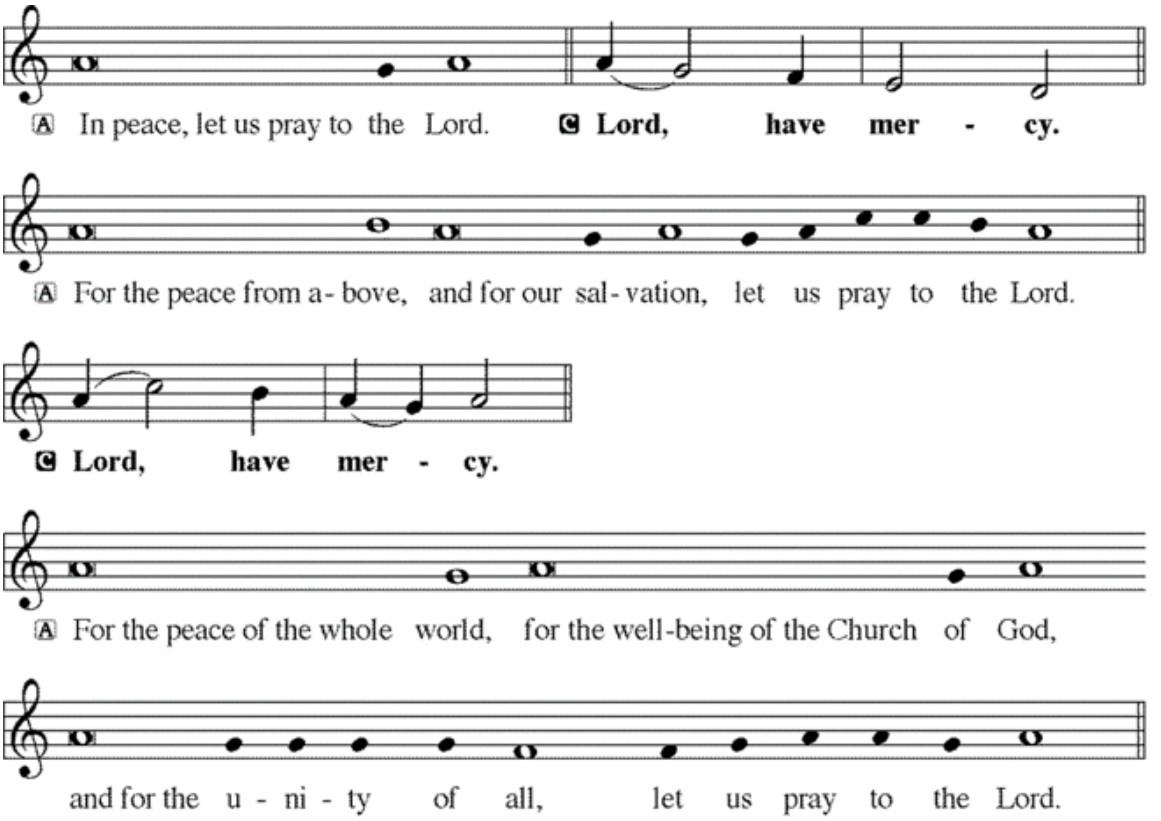
Come just as you are before your God
Come
Verse
One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now Chorus

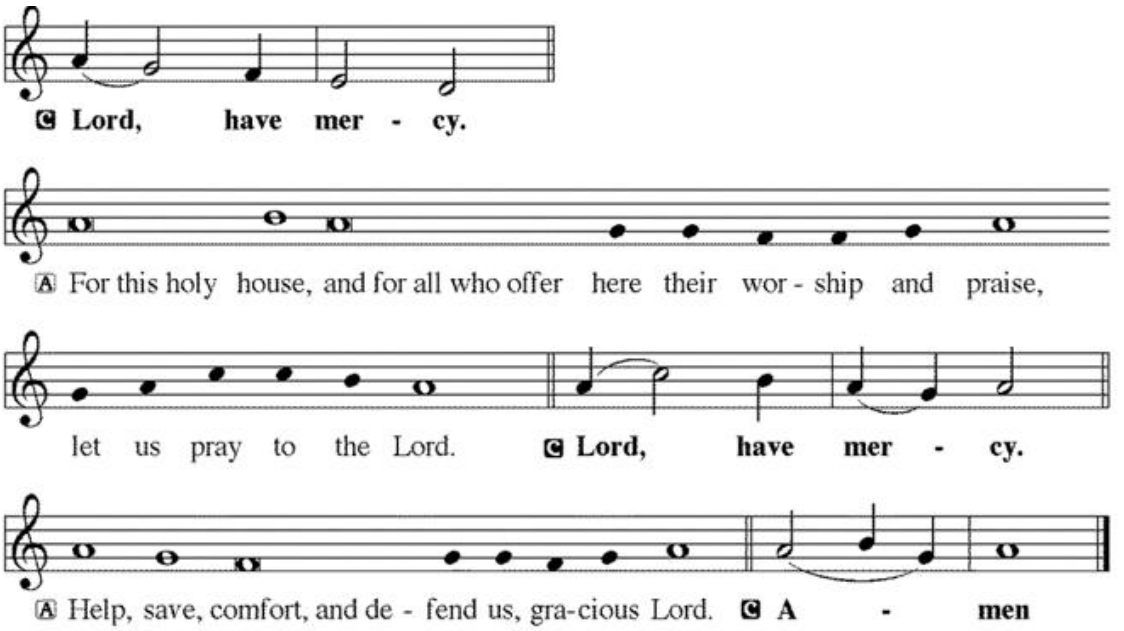
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

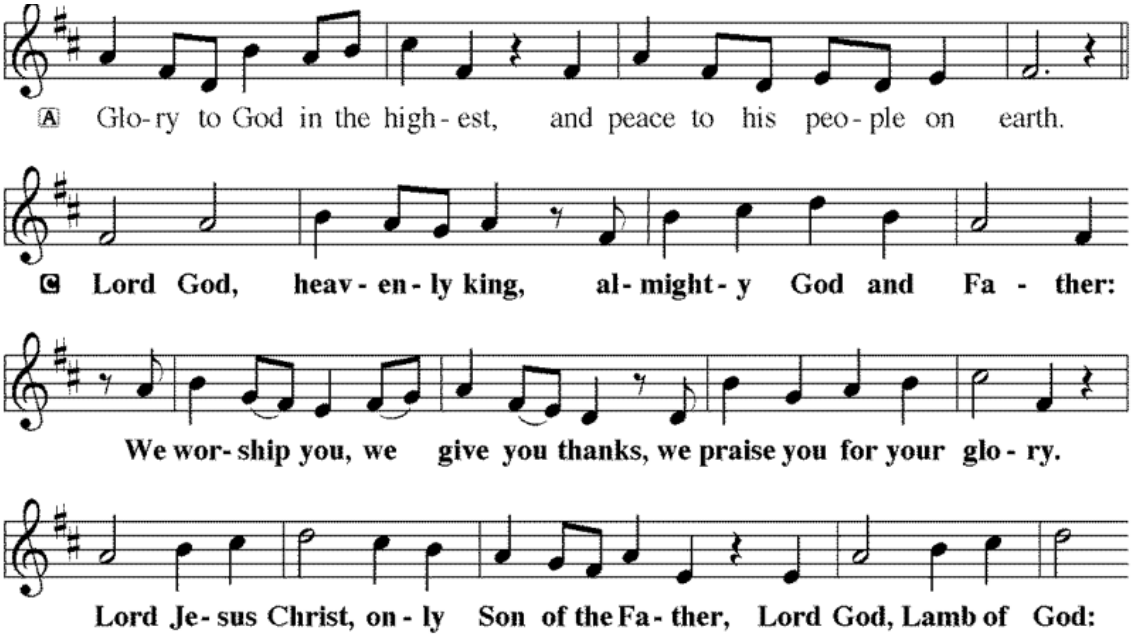
C And also with you.

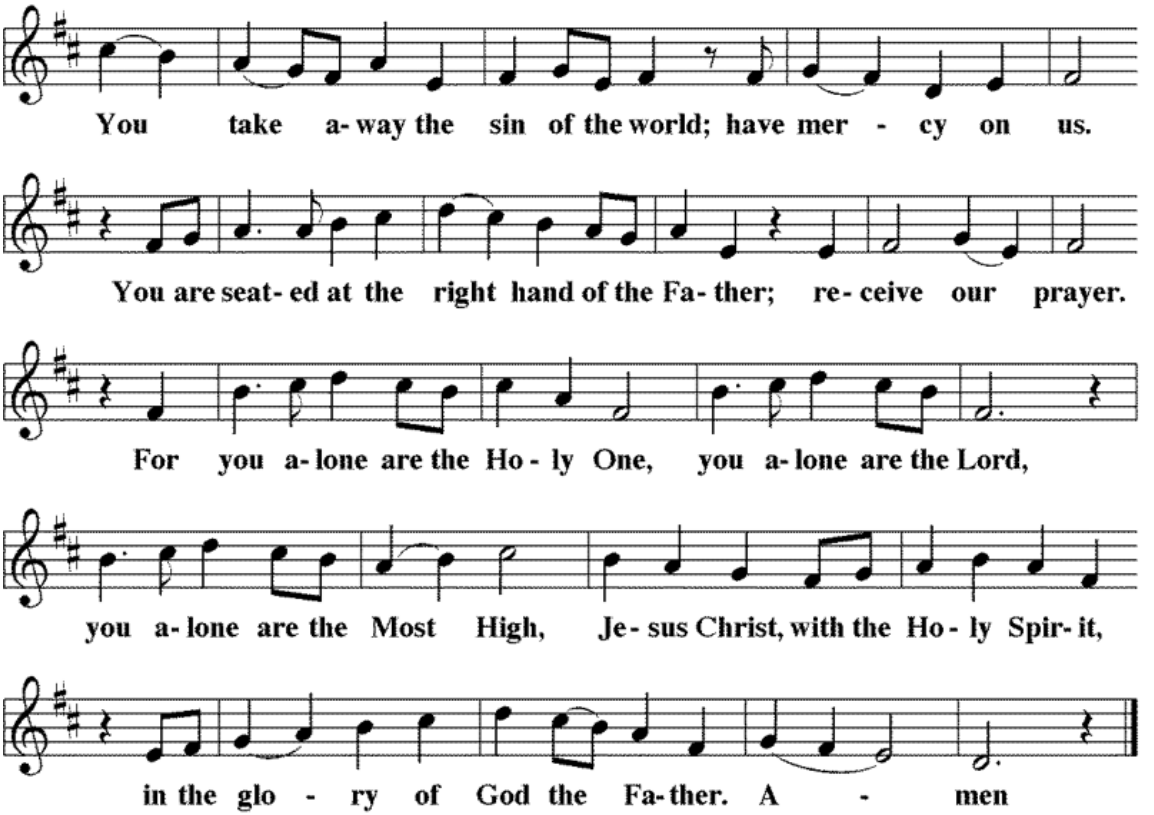
KYRIE *(setting 4 pp 147-148)*





HYMN OF PRAISE (*setting 4 pp 149-150*)





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

[1] The word of the LORD came to me: [2] What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? [3] As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4] Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only

the person who sins who shall die.

25 Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of
Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 26 When the
righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall
die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. 27 Again,
when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and
do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. 28 Because they
considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel
says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair?
Is it not your ways that are unfair?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to
your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions;
otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the
transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a
new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I
have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and
live.

R The word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 *(read responsively)*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,**
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
3 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
4 **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**
5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
6 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,**
for they are from everlasting.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember
me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,

O LORD.
[8] **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
[9] You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

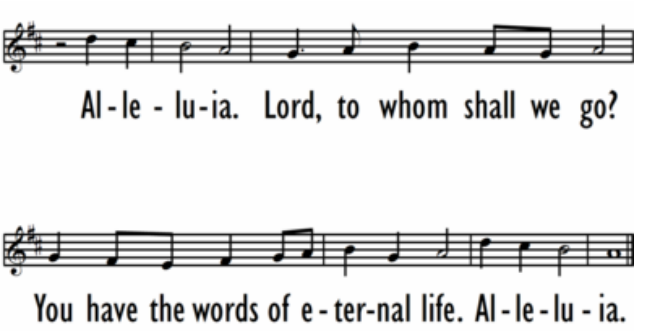
SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13
[1] If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, [2] make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. [5] Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6] who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
[7] but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
[8] he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

[9] Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
[10] so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
[11] and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

[12] Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

R Word of God, Word of Life **C Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(please stand as you are able)*



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[23] When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" [24] Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. [25] Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' [26] But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." [27] So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing

these things.

[28] "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' [29] He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. [30] The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. [31] Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. [32] For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord **C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY Pastor David Raben

HYMN OF THE DAY "*Let All Things Now Living*" **HYMN 881**

APOSTLES CREED

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you. *(please share Christ's peace with one another)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "*We Give Thee but Thine Own"* **HYMN 686**

C We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS P Hear us O God **C your mercy is great**

Sharon (Albert), **Linda** (Anderson), **Tom** (Angermeier), **Bill & Sue** (Aune), **Cindy** (B), **John** (B), **Mike & Rina** (Clumpner), **Elaine** (Caelwaerts), **Dan** (Fenrich), **Pam** (Freiberg), **Alan** (G), **Pastor Hankermeyer, Betty** (J), **Charlotte** (K), **Patricia** (Kehl), **Cindy** (Knapp), **Keith** (Knapp), **Don** (L), **Joel** (L), **Kenny** (Meyer), **Beth** (Pachniak), **Monika** (Perry), **Kristin** (Reinert), **Matthew** (Rocque), **Delores** (Schuyler), **Irene** (Thorson), **Arnie** (Zahn), **Brixanna, Marley, Carole, Russ, Christina, Gretchen, Joanne, Katlyn, Marissa, Sophia, and the family of Debby Zahn.**

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

P Let us pray together the table blessing.

C Come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* **HYMN 860**

SENDING FORTH

P Although we may be a little church…

C …we will carry God's big heart into the world. AMEN!

POSTLUDE

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Church envelopes for 2027 are now available downstairs. Any questions, please see Ellen Klister.

A huge THANK YOU to the many people who have put in countless hours here at church in the last couple of weeks. First to those who helped in any way for the Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon this last Wednesday. It was a big success and enjoyed by all. Then to those who worked to make God's Work Our Hands happen as well. We were able clean the ditches, tied 8 blankets for children in need, and packed 101 school kits. A special thank you to Peggy Odegaard who assembled all the bags that were used. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

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We are looking for people who would be willing to learn to record our worship service perhaps once a month. It is not a difficult thing to do, but very important part of our ministry because there are some who are not able to make it to worship. There will be a schedule where you will be able to choose the Sunday(s) that you are able to help with, much like ushering. As with everything else, many hands make the load less for all. Please see Dean Larson to volunteer. Thank you for stepping up.

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Did you know that there are large print bulletins each week for worship? If this would make your enjoyment and participation in the service better, please ask an usher for a copy. There are also large print copies of the words for the hymns that we are singing. The ushers have these as well.
On the table by each entrance to the sanctuary you will find several things:

1. The current Christ in Our Home
2. Brick order forms
3. The current directory (pictorial as well)
4. The current newsletter

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Is getting to church on Sunday morning difficult? We are in the process of working on rides for those who would like to attend but for whatever reason aren't able to because of transportation. Please let the church office know if this is a service that would be of help to you or if you are willing to provide a ride. Know someone who would like a ride? Let the church office know please.

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New to Hainesville. We are starting a lending library. We have been gifted 2 copies of Tallak!, 3 CD's from Janet Anderson, and 1 CD from Peggy Odegaard. These will be on the mantle in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name when you borrow something and the date. Please also indicate the date when it is returned. Thank you for your cooperation.
The new pictorial directory is now available. We are asking that you limit it to one per household. This was done with the intention of helping to put a face to a name to those that we see here on Sunday mornings. Hope this helps.

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Looking ahead ~ we will be having a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th. If you are in need of decorations for your trunk see Joanne Adlon.

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	Aug 2026					
				TOTAL		
	Aug	Budget	Variance	YTD	Budget	Variance
Offerings	9,826	8,375	1,451	71,034	67,000	4,034
Total Income	10,919	10,067	852	79,050	80,536	(1,486)
Total Expenses	13,746	8,645	5,101	80,898	69,160	11,738
Special Project Expenses						
Church Windows	0			2,314		
Outdoor Sign	(1,768)			23,578		
Siding	0			17,500		
Outdoor Steps	3,245			4,705		
Landscaping	0			3,000		
Seal Coating - cracks	0			1,800		
Black Top	14,020			14,020		

Serving in worship today (Sept 27th)
Presiding minister: Pastor David Raben
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Mary Ann Leary
Ushers: Russ & Ellen Klister
Keyboard: Janet Anderson
Video Tech: Elliott Brown

Serving in worship next week (Oct 4th)
Presiding minister: Pastor Mary Lou Plummer
Liturgist: Jim Hanstad
Reader: Marie Weber
Ushers: Joanne A & John M
Communion Assist: Lana Ferry
Keyboard: Janet Anderson

Readings for next week (Oct 4th)
Isaiah 5:1-7
The song of the vineyard
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ
Matthew 21:33-46
The parable of the vineyard owner's son

Stewardship Opportunities Sept 27-Oct 4
Today the fellowship meal today is being provided by the folks who's last name begins L-Z. Next week the fellowship meal will be provided by the folks whose last name begins A-K.

Week at a glance Sept 20-27
Tuesday Quilting at 9:00
Wednesday Men's Bible Study at 8 at Tanum Forest
Friday 9-11
Office hours for Lana
Saturday Family Choir 9:30

Attendance last week: 38

Birthdays in September
Sept 5th Heidi Gutschow
Edward Sawyer
Sept 7th Jon Klister
Sept 10th George Sincock
Liam Schultz
Sept 11th Julia Jacobson
Sept 12th Arne Odegaard
Sept 15th Taylor Brunette
Sept 16th Carolyn Melland
Sept 18th John Borkovetz
Charley Carey
Bransen Sawyer
Sept 22nd Matt Dixner Young
Sept 24th Tim Hanson
Sept 29th Alice Angermeier
Lana Ferry
Sept 30th Jerry Langer
Sue Peterson

Anniversaries in September
Sept 5th Bob & Deb Larson
Sept 15th Sam Sund & Heather Haese
Sept 16th Dan & Cathy Lindal
Sept 22nd Don & Ardy Lauscher
Sept 30th Jerry & Lori Langer (Flick)

Birthdays in October

Oct 2nd	Heather Haese
Oct 4th	Debra Larson
Oct 5th	Linda Kohn
Oct 8th	Jill Degrave
	Emery Freiberg
Oct 9th	Clint Hanson
	Wyatt Hanson
Oct 10th	Brock Aune
	Gordy Hughes
Oct 12th	Bill Aune
Oct 17th	Joanne Adlon
Oct 21st	Richard Dunlap
	Lora Schaefer
Oct 25th	Gloria LaPlante

Wedding Anniversaries in October

Oct 2nd	Tim & Rachel Hanson
Oct 10th	Pete & Marlene Larson
Oct 10th	Riley & Meggie Sawyer
Oct 16th	Bill & Sue Aune
Oct 21st	Jeff & Valerie Espe
Oct 23rd	Kraig & Amy Aune
Oct 25th	Robert & Sue Peterson