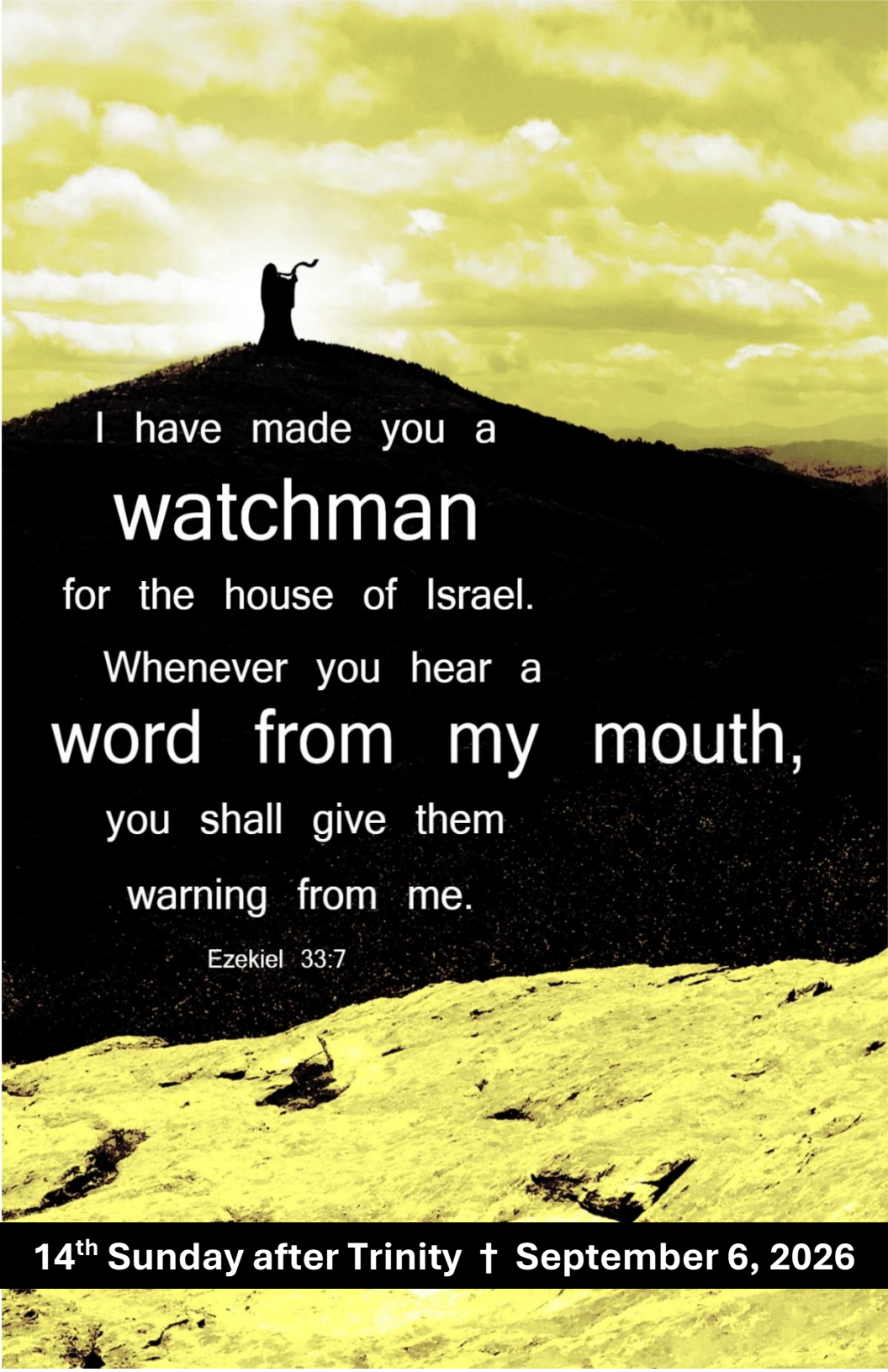


A silhouette of a watchman stands on the peak of a dark, rounded hill. The watchman is facing right, with a long, thin object (possibly a staff or a horn) held in their right hand. The sky above is a pale, hazy blue with soft, white clouds. The foreground is a dark, textured surface, possibly a rocky or sandy slope.

I have made you a

watchman

for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a

word from my mouth,

you shall give them

warning from me.

Ezekiel 33:7

14th Sunday after Trinity † September 6, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's order of service follows the Worship Supplement Setting 1 (tan hymnal p. 1ff).

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 906 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ **C** *Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ **C** *Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.*

*Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Return to God

THE SCRIPTURE

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:10-20*

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹ ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 32:1-7*

- [P]** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- [C]** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- [P]** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- [C]** **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- [P]** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- [C]** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- [P]** Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- [C]** **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. ³ For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴ When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵ you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
*These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C 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 on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Hymn LSB 697 *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: Ezekiel 33:1-11

The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, ³ and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. ⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

THEME: YOUR BROTHER'S WATCHMAN

God uses a parable to teach Ezekiel (and us) about the Christian's vital role as his brother's watchman. It takes tough love to warn against the deadly damage of sin. It also takes humble love to trumpet God's call to repentance. We pray that God would grant us courage and love to responsibly watch out for the spiritual wellbeing of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

1. What is the answer to Cain's question from Genesis 4:9?

2. In simple terms, what is the job of a watchman?

3. How is the warning alarm of a watchman similar to a tornado siren?
4. When you become a member of a church, what are saying about yourself and your relationship with the other members?
5. Why does God give us commandments to follow? (hint: danger of sin)
6. Why is it important to be both tough and humble in our loving warnings to straying Christians?
7. How did Jesus display humble love? What does it mean for us?

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☐ Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

Hymn LSB 614 As Surely as I Live, God Said

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☐ 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.

THE SACRAMENT

We approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3)

 **C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord’s Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.

 **C** O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,

whose blood, once shed, true life restored,

Impart Your joy, our faith increase.

Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communicant members of Grace Lutheran Church or a sister CLC congregation may now come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn LSB 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Close Communion Announcement

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Cor. 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

1 Cor. 11:26-30 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

♪ **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,**

For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;

For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

♪ **My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed holy Trinity.**

With angels I, Your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.

Lord, may Your body and You blood Be for my soul the highest good!

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Service for the 50th Anniversary of Grace School: Next Sunday, September 13 at 10am, join us in celebrating 50 years of God's grace in our Christian day school! We'll gather for a special anniversary worship service with Grace alumni Pastor Neal Radichel as our guest preacher, followed by a potluck picnic, a memory-filled slideshow, and joyful fellowship. All students, alumni, families, staff, church members, and friends are invited to come give thanks for God's faithfulness.

Notes from the Anniversary Planning Committee:

1. Dorcas Guild Committee 3 will take responsibility for setup; Committee 1 will take responsibility for cleanup.
2. We ask that church members please bring sides and salads for the picnic meal (hot dogs and cake will be provided).
3. We ask for volunteers to help open/close the classroom wall.
4. We continue to request photos of past school events, activities, and students. Please add your photos to the shared Google album.
5. We are hopeful for a large attendance! All alumni in attendance will receive a free commemorative pen and be invited to sing "Go Now in Peace" at the end of the service.

School Field Trips and Parties: If you are interested in volunteering to drive/chaperon for school field trips and/or parties, please sign up on the sheet by the guest book. Thank you!

Member Visits: Pastor continues to schedule home visits with church members alphabetically by last name. If you'd like a visit sooner rather than later, please let him know and we'll make it happen!

CLC Women's Retreat West is Sept. 18-20 at Arrowhead Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Cost: \$140. Register at tinyurl.com/WR-West2026.

CLC Man Up! Weekend is Sept. 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Cost: \$75. Register at www.manup.clclutheran.org.

CLC Call News: Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew, Dallas, TX, has **received** the call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul, Lakewood, CO, has **received** the call to Living Hope, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's, Melrose, WI, and Trinity, Millston, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN. <> Mr. Nick Naumann has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Steve Kuehne	Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson
Usher Team 2: Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandan Paplow; Pat Paplow	Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Janelle Hein	Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson
Usher Team 3: Alex Baker, Kevin Baker, Dan Kelley, Ryan Oman, Bob Vandever, Eli Wales, Uriah Wales	Counting Team 4: Kyle Aymond, Thomas Graham, Kevin Hulk, Clint Welker

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Sun. 9/13	10:00am	School Anniversary Special Service
	11:15am	Picnic Meal (in place of Church picnic)
Wed. 9/16	7:00pm	Budget Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/20	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service (Regular Schedule Begins)
	11:15am	Boards and Council Meetings
Wed. 9/30	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study Begins
Sun. 10/11	10:00am	Mission Festival (Guest Preacher: Pastor Luke Bernthal)
M-W 10/12-10/14		Minnesota Pastoral Conference Hutchinson, MN
Wed. 10/14-		CLC Teachers Conference (No school 10/12-10/16)
Fri. 10/16		Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Cindy Bruckbauer remains mostly homebound due to chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last Week Attendance: Worship = 89

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,802	CLC:	425			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,599	CLC:	-1015			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	187,083	CLC:	57,895			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	189,000	CLC:	50,400			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-1917	CLC:	7495			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	1,025	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	25	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	50
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	50	IIF:	100	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	10,638	Sanctuary:	22,159		

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home?** Ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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