# Welcome to Worship

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *September 27, 2026*



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18th Sunday of Pentecost September 27, 2026

**Welcome:** Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.




**Serving at Worship Today:**
READER: Michele Robles
ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

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**St. John's email address:** SJLCMcComb@gmail.com
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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 8
**Offering Last Sunday:** $315.00
**Direct Deposit:** $220.00
**Mile of Pennies:** 00
**Memorial Money:** $

**Food Pantry for September:** The Blessing Basket and CHOPIN Hall - in Findlay, requests are for eveyone to bring Single Rolls of Paper Towels and small bottles of Laundry Detergent.

**Please invite a friend or family member to come to church with you!**
**Let's try to increase our numbers and grow our church.**

**Our Mission Statement: Serving the community by sharing the love of God by example.**

# Order of Worship

Sunday, September 27, 2026

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

## PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."*

## THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

## *GATHERING HYMN #267 Joy to the World

## INVITATION TO SERVICE & INSTALLATION (see insert)

## *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **ALL: Amen.**

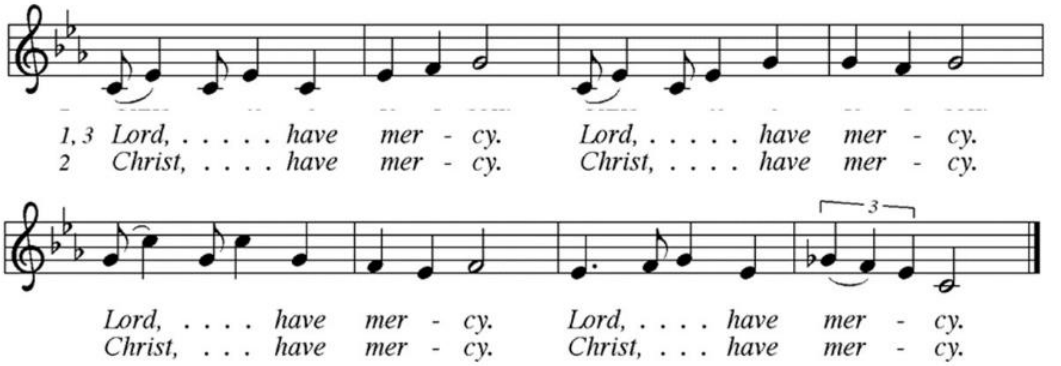
Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Compassionate God,

**ALL: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

## *KYRIE

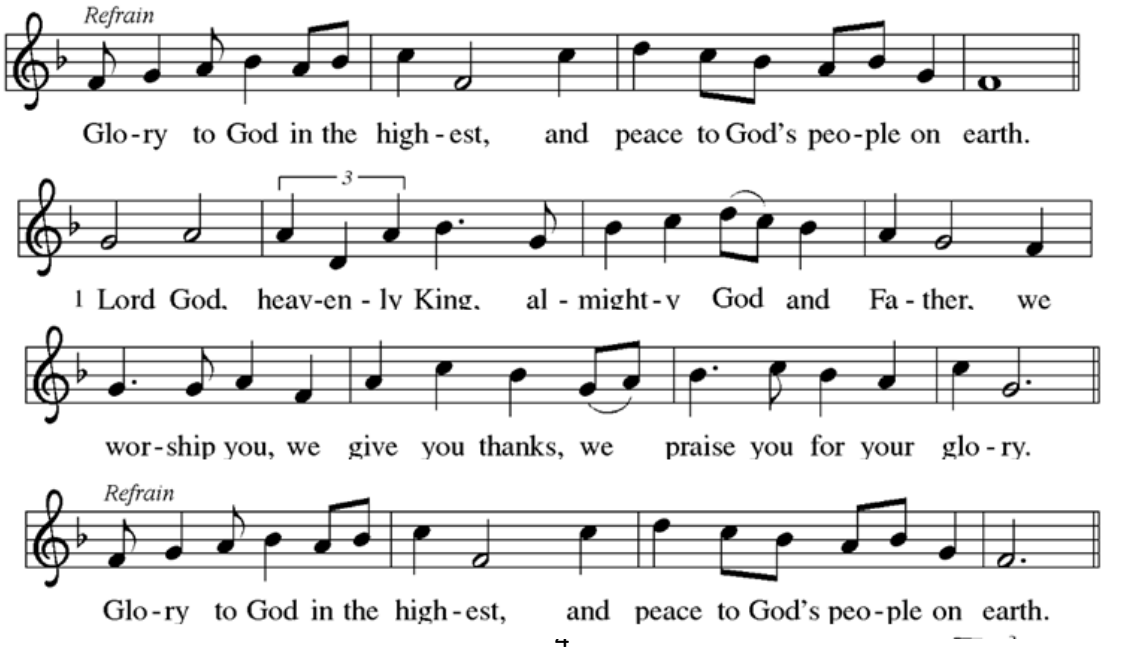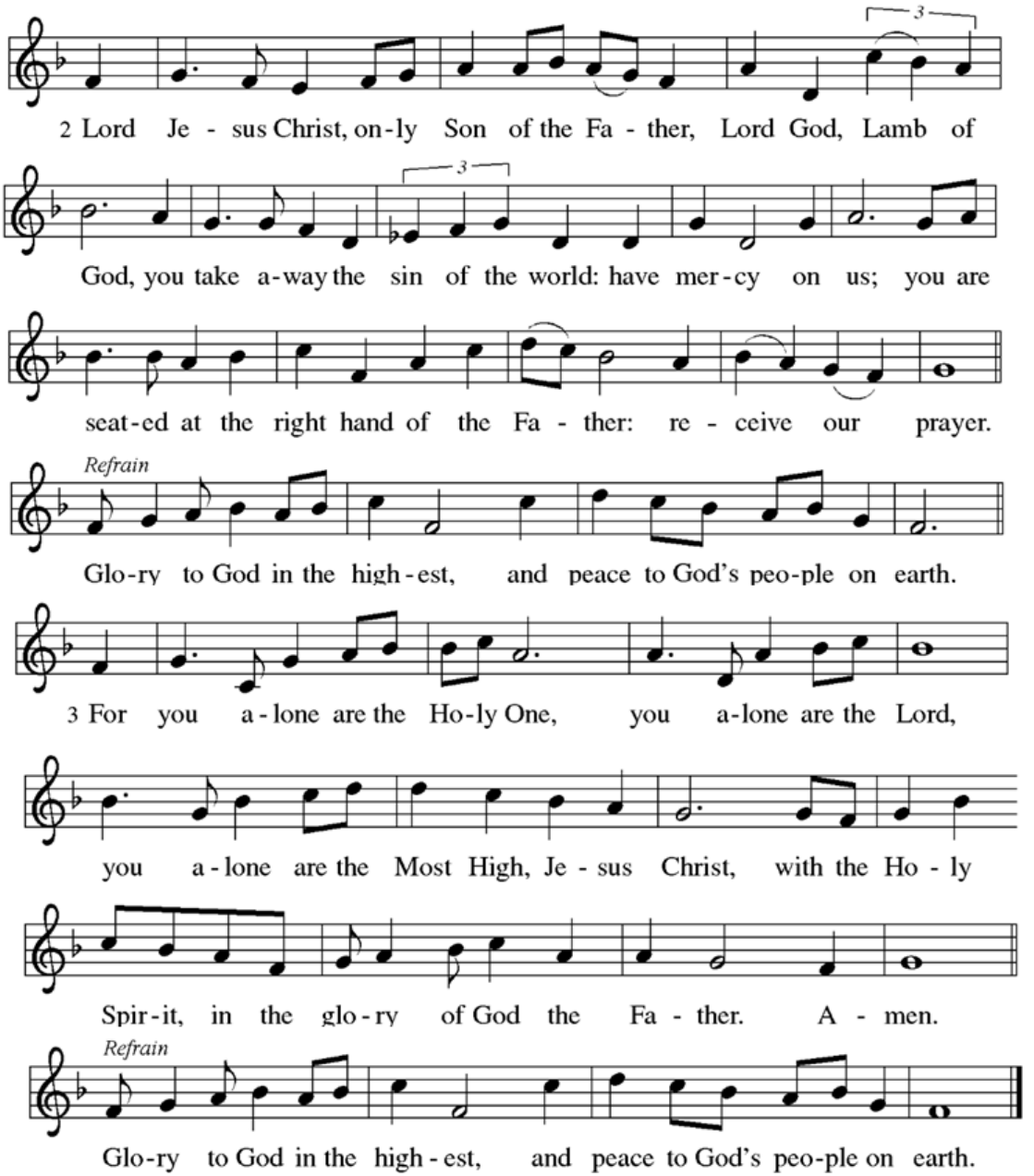



## *CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **ALL: Amen.**

## *CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD




2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## *PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Please join me in prayer, God of presence,

**ALL: you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING MATTHEW 5:11-12

Reader: "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING *(responsively)* PSALM 17:1-9

Reader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**ALL: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**

Reader: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**ALL: As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

Reader: My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

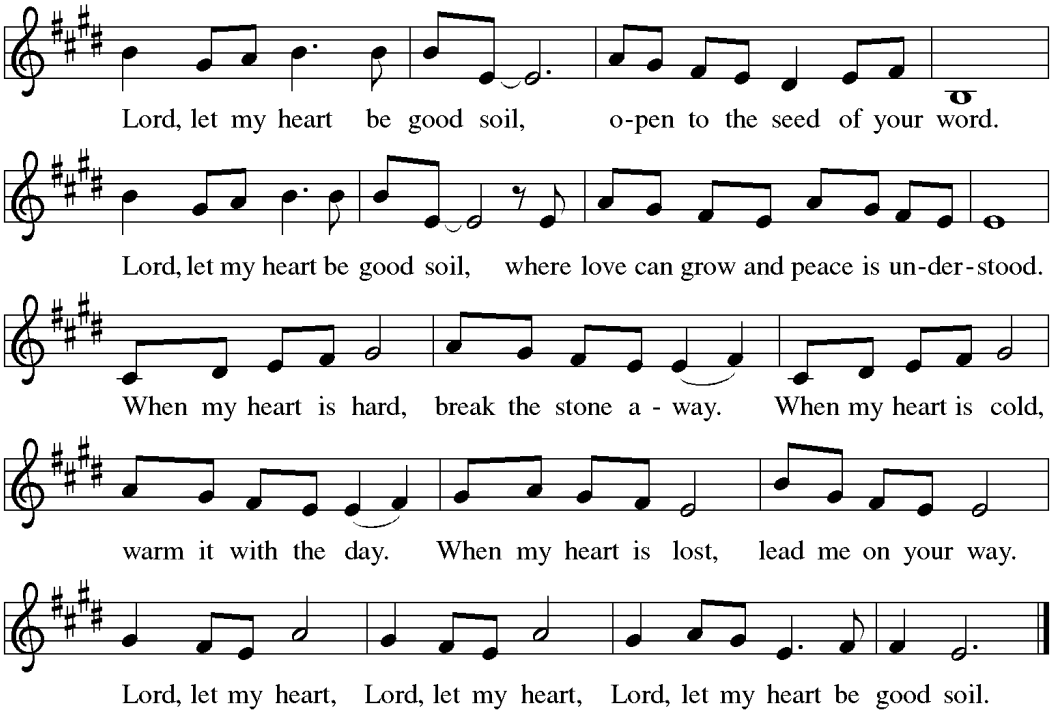
**ALL: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

Reader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**ALL: Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.**

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## *ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL




## *OLD TESTAMENT READING GENESIS 39:1-23

Leader: Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. 4 So Joseph found favor in

his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. 5 From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. 6 So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. 7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" 10 And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. 11 One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, 12 she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. 13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, 15 and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." 16 Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, 17 and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, 18 but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

19 When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. 20 And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. 21 But the

Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. 23 The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

Leader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## THE MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (page #12 in bulletin) GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT

## *THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

## *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: Trusting in God's promise to be with us in good times and hard times, let us pray for the church, our communities, and the world.

## *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Lord, be with your church around the world. Give us strength to keep serving others, even when the road is difficult. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, be with people who feel forgotten, alone, or treated unfairly. Remind them that, like Joseph, they are never outside your care. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, bless our farmers and everyone working to bring in the harvest. Give them good weather, safe equipment, strong bodies, and a successful harvest. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, we give you thanks for the gift of baptism, where you claim us as your children and remind us of your love and grace. Help us remember the promises made in baptism and live each day as people who belong to you. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, we pray for those who are sick, recovering, grieving, or facing a difficult time. Give them healing, comfort, patience, and people who will walk beside them. We pray especially for John, Carol, Dave, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Bobby, Eric, Lisa, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Vicki, Josh, Ellery, Tom, Ruth, Mike, Ron, Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Lois, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Theresa, Brianne, Delphia, Charles, Heather, Granger, Owen, Diana, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Michael, and Cindy. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, watch over our children and young people, including the students and athletes in our local schools. Help them learn, grow, work together, and treat one another with kindness. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, like Joseph, help us trust that you are with us even when we cannot see what comes next. Give us faith to keep going and courage to help others along the way. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Lord, we pray for our military, first responders, police, firefighters, and EMS workers. Keep them safe and bring them home to their families. Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Prayer leader: Into your hands, O God, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

## *THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

## *SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
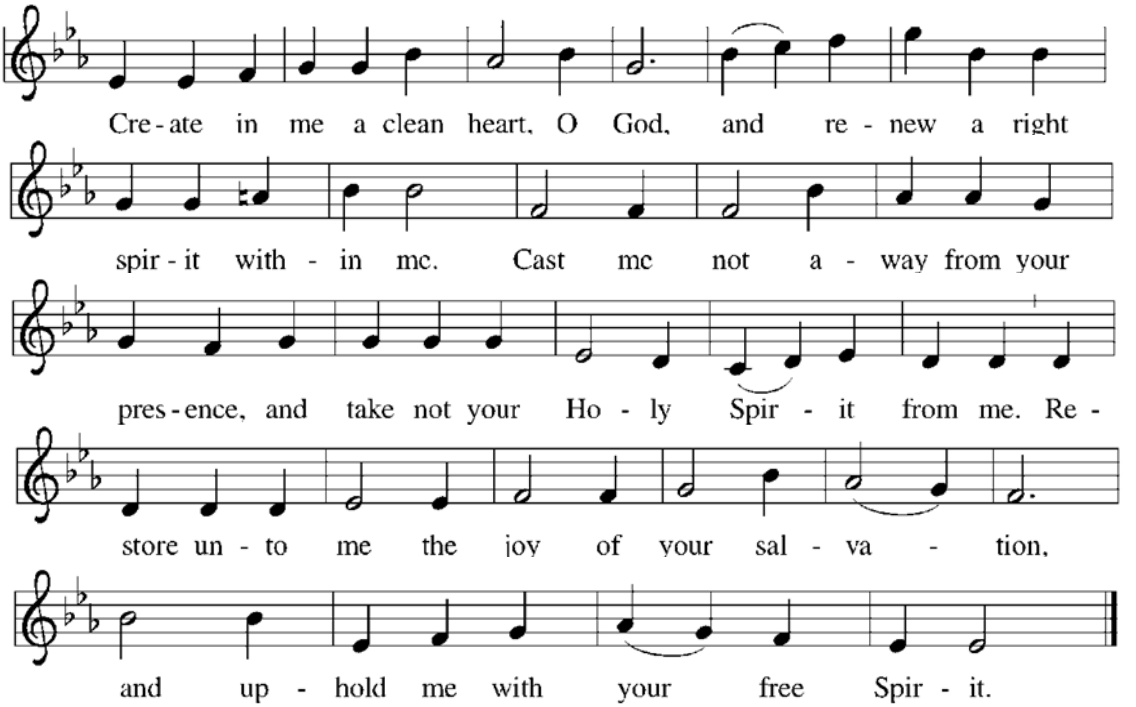
**ALL: And also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.*

## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Jesus set the ultimate example of sacrificial love by giving life for our salvation. Let us give our tithes and offerings as a heartfelt response to his sacrifice and love.

## *OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART




## *OFFERING PRAYER
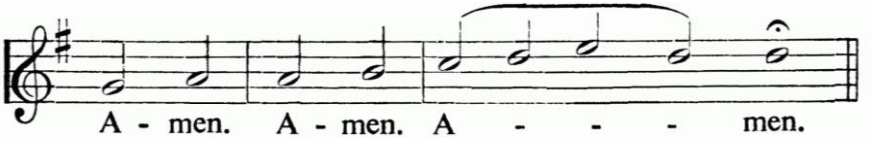
Leader: Let us pray, God of Creation,

**ALL: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

## *BLESSING

Leader: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

## *The Amen



## *Sending Hymn #314 Arise, Your Light has Come

## *Dismissal

Leader: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Postlude

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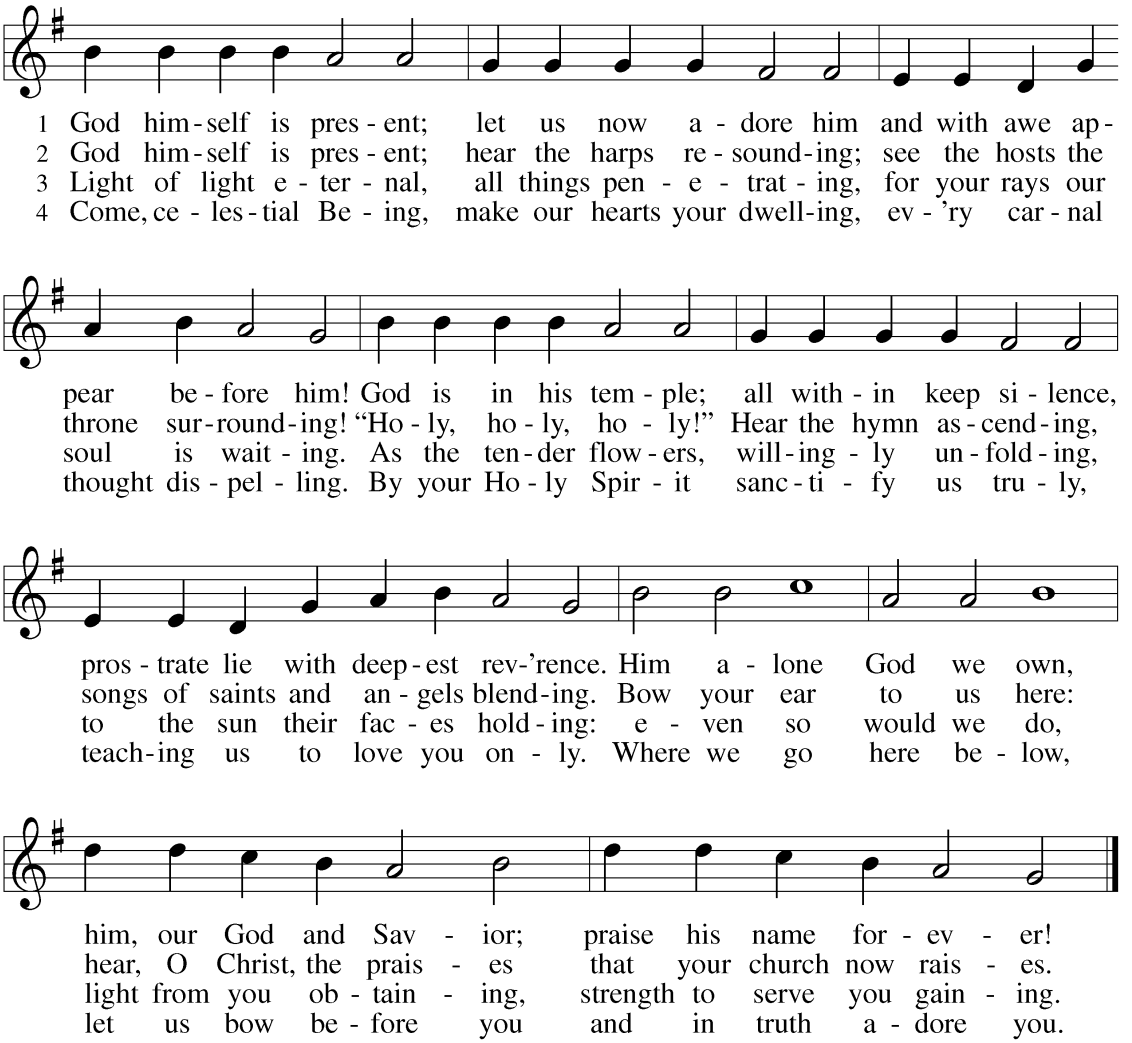
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# God Himself Is Present




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**Calendar of Events:**
Wed. Sept. 30 - 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Bible Study @ St. Luke's.
Following that, we will have it here for 4 weeks, to see how it goes.
Sun. Oct. 4 - 8:00 A.M. Worship Service
Sun. Oct. 4 - 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
Sun. Oct. 4 - 10:00 A.M. Calvery's Worship Service

**Readers for October**
Oct. 4 - David Sharninghouse
Oct. 11 – Lori McDaniel
Oct. 18 – Carol Cary
Oct. 25 – Michele Robles

**In Our Prayers:** John Sharninghouse, Carol & David Cary, Betty Jones, Betty Hornbeck, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Teri Zent, Bobby Zent, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Ashley Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Vicki Shoop, Josh, Ellery Paige Robinson, and Tom. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

**FYI:** We will be baking Cookies for Kario's this year. You can bake them at home or at the church with Dave and Jerry on Friday, Oct. 2. at 9:00 A.M. you can get the Chocolate Chip Cookies at Gordons. They come in 10 dozen packages and need to be wrapped in storage bags (1 dozen cookies to a bag not stacked but rolled and sealed). They need to be at the church by end of day on Friday. Happy Baking!!

**FYI:** Church Picnic is TODAY at the home Dave Sharninghouse, 5421 Twp. Rd. 136 Findlay, Oh. 45840 at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to pass.

**Central Region Lutheran Women's Fall Gathering:** Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, at Trinity Evangelica Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Ohio. Registration at 12:15p.m. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Cost $7.00 // Presenter – Karla Yoakam "Barnyard Posies" // Devotions – Pastor Jocinda Jones // They will be receiving personal care items for women for "Blessings in Bloom" agency in Findlay. RSVP by October 12 to Trinity Church at 419-894-6330 and leave a message.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love.

- Genesis 39:21

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Something to consider as you read:* ***What are the people doing in each story? What is God doing in each story?***

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| Sunday | Genesis 39:1-23 | Joseph's Hope |
| Monday | Genesis 41:1-13 | Pharaoh's Dream |
| Tuesday | Genesis 41:14-45 | Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream |
| Wednesday | Genesis 47:1-12 | Jacob and His Sons Come to Egypt |
| Thursday | Exodus 1:8-14 | Enslavement in Egypt |
| Friday | Exodus 3:1-17 | Words of Liberation from the Bush |
| Saturday | Exodus 5:1-9 | "Let My People Go" |
| Sunday | Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 | Parting the Red Sea |

***If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Everyone goes through hard times. Can you think of anyone who could use a little extra help this week? Decide together one thing you could do for them. Ideas could include to make a meal, write a letter, or help them with childcare.