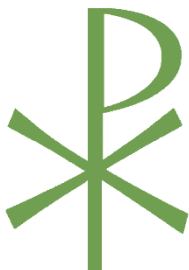


W elcome to W orship
St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



September 14, 2025



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
Worship Leader: *SAM Paul Brooks*
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Carl Lieser*
Ushers: *Jace McCartney, Guy McCartney*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

To the Glory of God

September: [available for signup](#)
September Bulletins: [available for signup](#)
September Newsletters: *Carol Williams*



Gods Work Our Hands Service Project

For the month of September we will collect children's underwear, Pull Up Underwear, and socks to donate to Powell Elementary School. The sizes should vary. We collected these items a few years ago so it is time to restock. You can bring the items and place them in the laundry basket by the information table.

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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 love like Jesus."

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 #779** AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Merciful and loving God,

ALL: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Leader: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

ALL: Amen.

* KYRIE

Leader: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: 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. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices together in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. Amen.

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 21:1-13

Reader: In your strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and in your help how greatly he exults!

ALL: You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips.

Reader: For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

ALL: He asked you for life; you gave it to him—length of days forever and ever.

Reader: His glory is great through your help; splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

ALL: You bestow on him blessings forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

Reader: For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

ALL: Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you.

Reader: You will make them like a fiery furnace when you appear. The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them.

ALL: You will destroy their offspring from the earth and their children from among humankind.

Reader: If they plan evil against you, if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

ALL: For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows.

Reader: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 1:29

Reader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John, chapter 1. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Reader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT GENESIS 21:1-3, 22:1-14

Leader: The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up

as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

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

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

(SEE INSERT)

WIDE OPEN ARE YOUR HANDS

***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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Jo, Eli, Riley, Mr.

Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

***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 worshipping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: As we present our tithes and offerings today, we remember that everything we have comes from God. Let us give with gratitude for all we have been given and all that we have to give.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

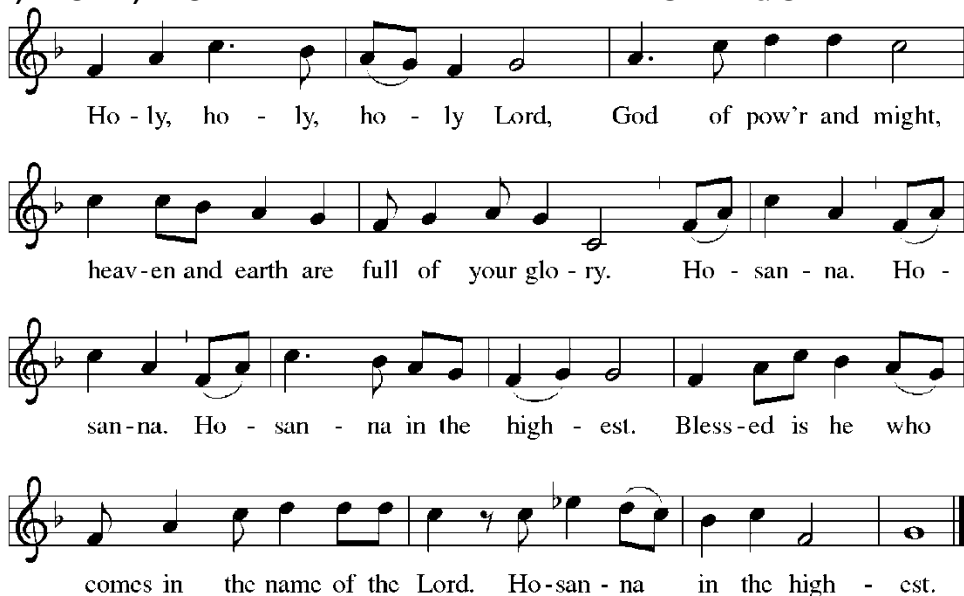
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

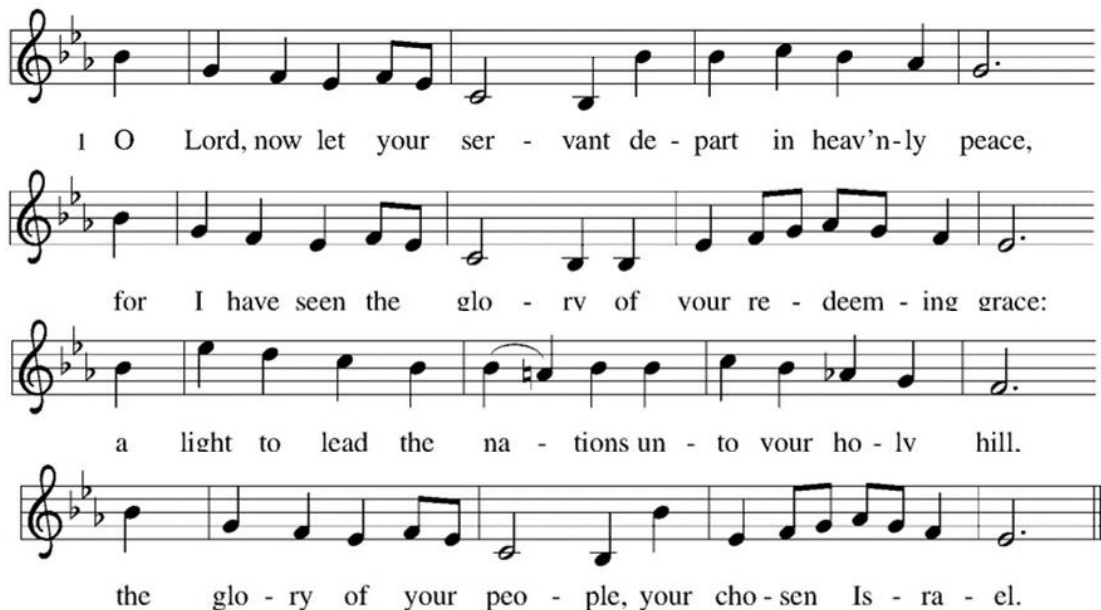
Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

**ALL: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and
appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share
our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

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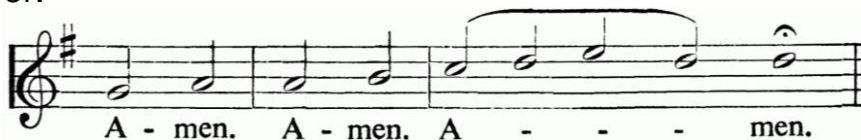


I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

*BLESSING

Leader: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

*The Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

*SENDING HYMN #870

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**St. John's Lutheran Church Invites You**

*Beverages provided*



*Table service provided*

to their Annual Church Potluck/Picnic –  
Sunday, September 21 at 12:30  
at the home of Dave Sharninghouse,  
5421 Twp. Rd. 136, Findlay.

Please bring your favorite potluck dish (with serving utensil) to share.

Come join in some end of summer fun!

# Wide Open Are Your Hands



1 Wide o - pen are your hands to pay with more than gold  
2 Wide o - pen are your arms, a fall - en world to em - brace,  
3 Draw all my mind and heart up to your throne on high,



the aw - ful debt of guilt and sin, for - ev - er and of old.  
to win to love and end - less rest our way - ward hu - man race.  
and let your sa - cred cross ex - alt my spir - it to the sky.



Ah, let me grasp those hands, that we may nev - er part,  
Lord, I am sad and poor, but bound - less is your grace;  
To these, your might - y hands, my spir - it I re - sign.

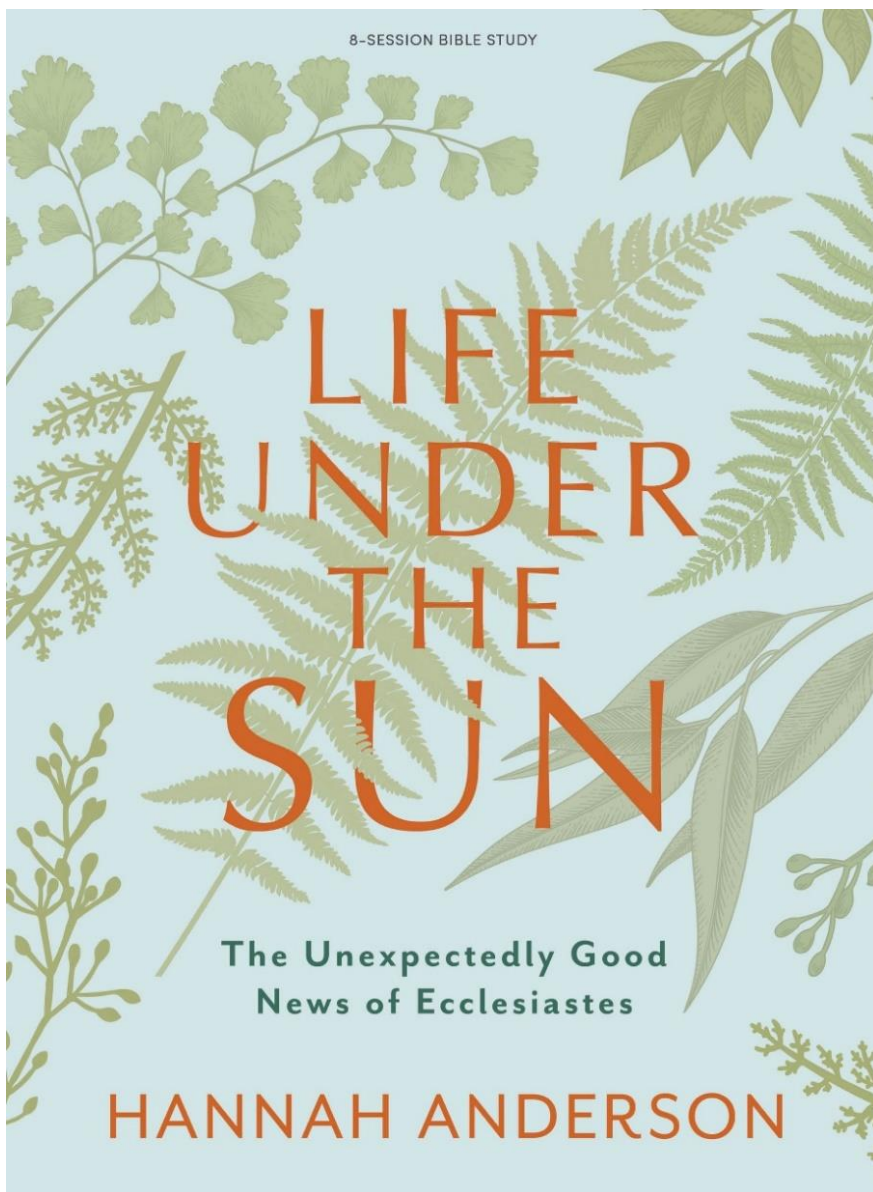


and let the pow - er of their blood sus - tain my faint - ing heart.  
give me the soul - trans - form - ing joy for which I seek your face.  
In life, I live a - lone to you; in death, am yours a - lone.

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The Senior Center is scheduled to re-open on Monday, September 15 @ 10:00 a.m. with cards and games available. Lunch will be served at noon and the doors close at 2:00 p.m. Come meet the new director and join us for some fellowship, conversation, and good food.

St. John's Church in McComb invites you to join in any time for this eight-week study on Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. through October 26. SAM Paul Brooks is leading the class. Plan now to join in.





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for our church family, our fellowship, and all of God's gifts in this place and time. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Karen Krauss, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Riley Guy, Karen Lindquist, Dennis Bauer, Anita Roberts, Amy Stewart, Nickie Whitman, Jo Mineo, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, our presiding **Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

**Please keep praying!**



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Abraham said, "God . . . will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

—Genesis 22:8

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What are the people doing? What is God doing?***

|           |                                 |                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14         | Abraham and Isaac                 |
| Monday    | Genesis 24:1-14                 | Abraham Seeks a Spouse for Isaac  |
| Tuesday   | Genesis 24:15-33                | Rebekah Shows Hospitality         |
| Wednesday | Genesis 24:34-51                | Rebekah and Abraham's Servant     |
| Thursday  | Genesis 24:52-67                | The Marriage of Rebekah and Isaac |
| Friday    | Genesis 25:19-28                | Birth of Esau and Jacob           |
| Saturday  | Genesis 25:29-34                | Esau Sells His Birthright         |
| Sunday    | Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 | Jacob Steals a Blessing           |

*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.*

As an individual or family, talk about one thing you could sacrifice (do without) this week such as a trip to the coffee shop, not playing a video game, or dessert.