

W elcome to W orship

St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



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September 13, 2026



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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*

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To the Glory of God

September Altar Candles, Bulletins, & Newsletters: *available for sign-up*

The Flowers are given by Tiffany & Tom Mika in celebration of Ruth's & Dwight's 12th wedding anniversary today. Congratulations from all of us!

Gods Work Our Hands next Sunday please bring a jar of spaghetti sauce and plan to stay following worship to put the spaghetti bags together for the Food Pantry. Also, for the remainder of September we are collecting packages of new children's socks and underwear for Powell Elementary School.

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 13, 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 #807** COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

(BULLETIN PAGE 12)

*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

1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

*CONFESSION 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

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



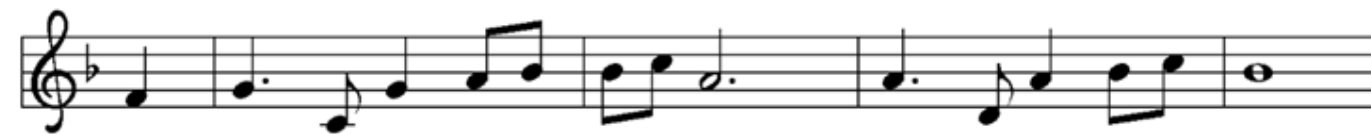
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



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,

ALL: God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 8:24-27

Reader: A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

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

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 66:1-12

Reader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

ALL: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

Reader: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

ALL: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

Reader: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

ALL: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever.

Reader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

ALL: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Reader: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

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

***ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

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.

***OLD TESTAMENT READING**

GENESIS 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

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

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY # 400

GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND

(BULLETIN PAGE 13)

***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**

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Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for Ruth, Mike, Ned, Lorraine, Pat, Rut, Steve, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Brianne, Delphia, Charles, Heather, Granger, Owen, Mike, Diana, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Michael, Cindy, John, Sue, Carol, David, Betty, LuAnn, Colene, Teri, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Vicki, Josh, and Ellery.

Prayer leader: Into your hands, gracious God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Trusting in your promise to be with us, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **ALL: 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: We offer prayers of confession and thanksgiving. We sing praises with grateful hearts and voices. We listen for the Word of God to guide us along our journey. Let us give our tithes and offerings to continue our service to the Lord through the ministry and mission of this congregation.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*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.

*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 of 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.

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us 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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

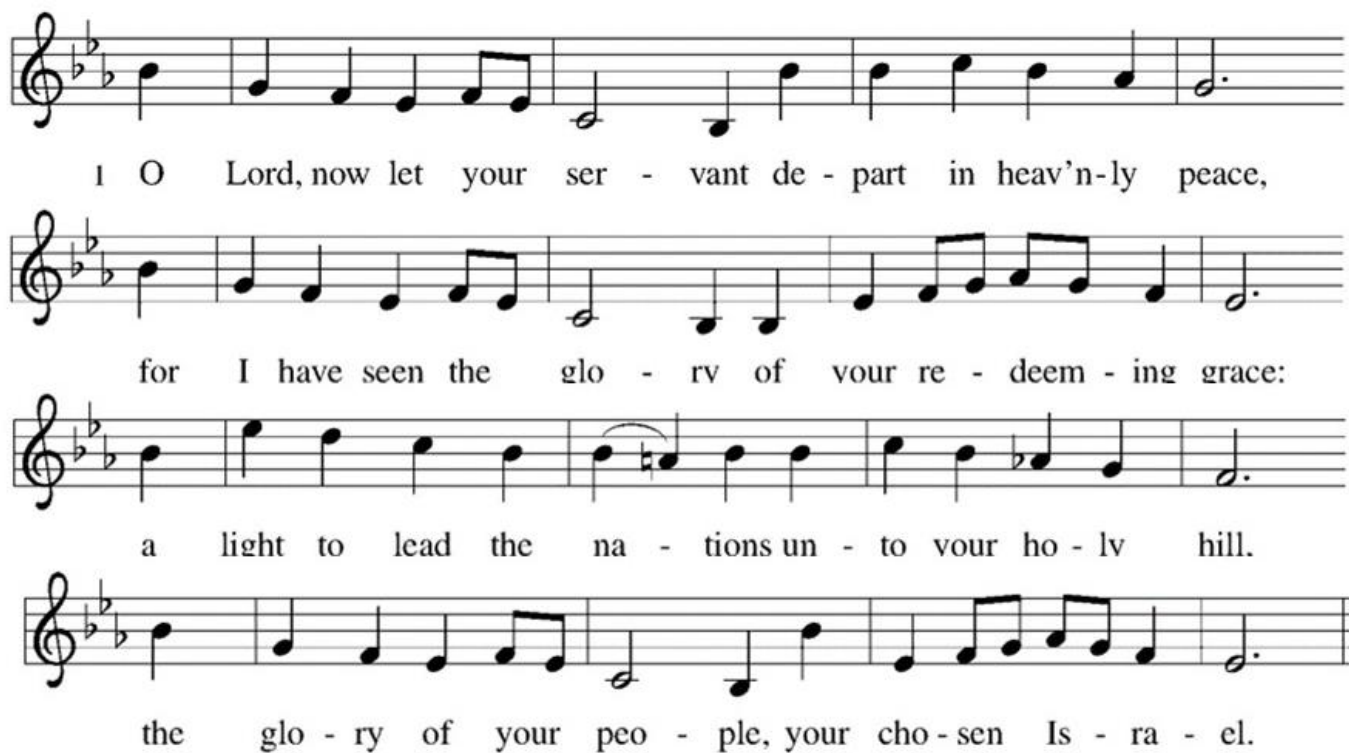
Leader: Please join with me in prayer, Sustaining God,

ALL: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1)



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 hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

*The Amen



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

*SENDING HYMN #545

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

(BULLETIN PAGE 14)

*DISMISSAL

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

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the “hunger bowls” on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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Join us following worship for our Rally Day Celebration.



**Come hungry and join  
us for our**

**Fun**

The Church Council (City Barbeque)  
is providing the meat, drinks, and  
table service. Each family is  
asked to bring a side dish & des-  
sert to share.

**Fellowship**

Following worship  
at 10:15 a.m.

**September 13, 2026**

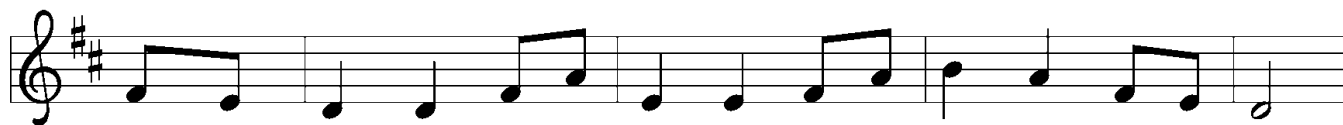
St. Luke's Lutheran Church,  
North Baltimore

**Let's get back on track & include church on Sundays in our lives.**

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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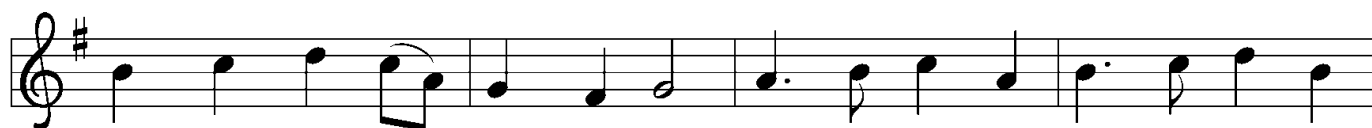
# God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



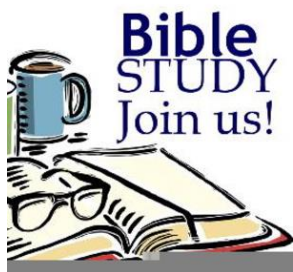
let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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We are beginning a new Bible Study this fall. Beginning Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**, we will come together for a combined Bible Study with St. John's members. We will meet at St. Luke's church in Luther Hall. Instead of having a multi week course of study we will be studying the upcoming Sunday lessons in more detail. There will be coffee available. Each session will be approximately one hour long and under the direction of SAM Paul Brooks. Come and join in the discussion and study of God's Word.

God's work. Our hands.



In the past few years, we have prepared "Birthday Bags" and "Soup in a Bag" for the local food pantry. They have been well received and it was an easy

way for us to reach out to our community. We also collected food items this summer for the Powell School pantry.

Sunday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>** we are asking congregation members to bring in a jar of spaghetti sauce, your choice, to put with a box of spaghetti. The spaghetti pasta has already been donated. We want to collect at least 20 jars of sauce. After church we will pack the sauce and spaghetti in bags to give to our local food pantry. This shelf stable meal will be a welcome addition to their shelves. Please bring your sauce and place it on the information table by September 20!

In September we will also be collect children's underwear and socks for Powell School, as we have done in the past. Thank you for your participation in God' Work.

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## **Sermon Notes**

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



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 the opportunities and freedom to celebrate together. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ruth McKee, Mike Ferguson, Ron Bean, Ned Slaughterbeck, Lorraine Ferguson, Pat Wheeler, Rut Heilman, Lois Heilman, Steve Pritts, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Cheryl Kruse, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Brianne Gott, Delphia Roberts, Charles Edens, Dennis Bauer, Heather Wymer, Granger, Owen, Diana, Sean Mills, Judy Sowards, Christina Webb, Mike, Riley Guy, Nickie Whitman, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, 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.

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

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding Bishop 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.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[God said] "Never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

- Genesis 9:11

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

|           |                                |                                 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 | Noah and the Ark                |
| Monday    | Genesis 9:18-29                | Noah and Family after the Ark   |
| Tuesday   | Psalms 93                      | A Song of God's Strength        |
| Wednesday | Psalms 104:1-9                 | Praise for God's Wonderful Work |
| Thursday  | Psalms 104:24-35               | God's Wonderful Work Continued  |
| Friday    | Genesis 11:1-9                 | The Tower of Babel              |
| Saturday  | Genesis 11:26-32               | Abram and His Family            |
| Sunday    | Genesis 12:1-9                 | God Calls Abram                 |

*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.*

Search online for an organization that cares for animals in your area. How might you help?

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