



# SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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114 E. Blue Earth Avenue

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 29, 2021**

## *Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

### *For Your Convenience...*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

### *Prayer Before Worship*

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



## MORNING PRAISE

*"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins."*

*Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.*

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**OPENING HYMN: CW 224.....***God Himself Is Present*

### Verse 1

*God himself is present --  
Let us now adore him  
And with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple --  
All within keep silence,  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone On his throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise his name forever!*

### Verse 2

*God himself is present --  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy" --  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That your Church now raises.*

### Verse 3

*Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels,  
Worshiping before you,  
May I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will Ever still  
Rule your church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.*

*PLEASE STAND*



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



M: Has-ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick-ly to help me.

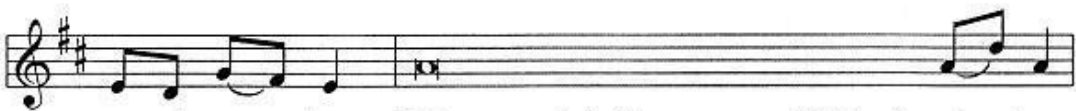


M: The Spirit of the Lord——fills the world: let us wor-ship him.

*Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord—Venite*



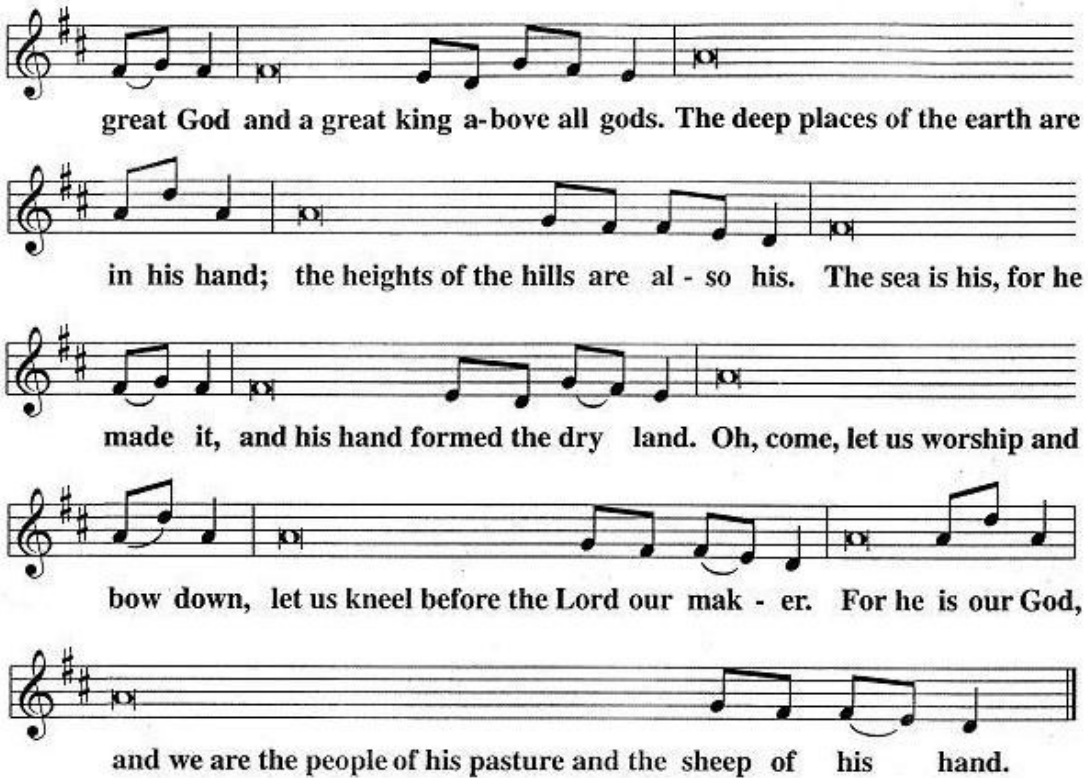
C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are  
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 119c** *(on page 11 of your worship folder)*

## **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

### **FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

<sup>2</sup>Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

<sup>6</sup>Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”<sup>7</sup>What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?<sup>8</sup>And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:30-10:4**

<sup>30</sup>What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;<sup>31</sup>but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.<sup>32</sup>Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone.<sup>33</sup>As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall,  
and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.<sup>2</sup>For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.<sup>3</sup>Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.<sup>4</sup>Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

*PLEASE STAND*

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23**

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus<sup>2</sup>and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.<sup>3</sup>(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.<sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup>He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“ ‘These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.’

<sup>8</sup>You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

<sup>14</sup>Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

<sup>15</sup>Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder,<sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.<sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

## **SEASONAL RESPONSE**

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 459**.....*O God, My Faithful God*  
*(Printed on page 12 of your worship folder)*

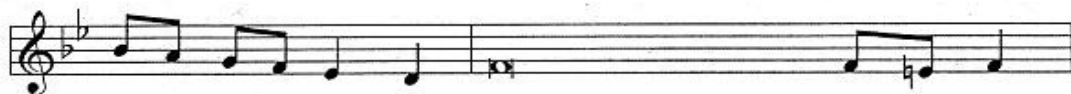
## **SERMON**

*PLEASE STAND*

## WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



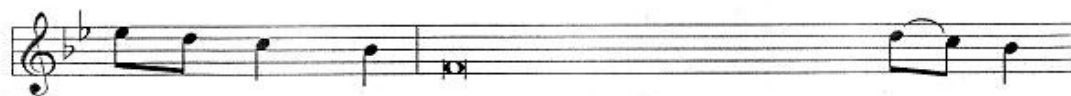
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



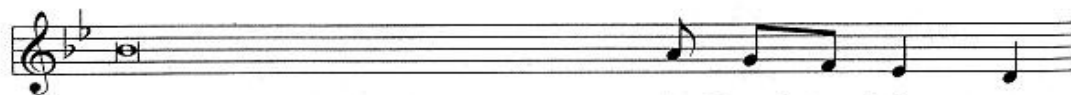
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



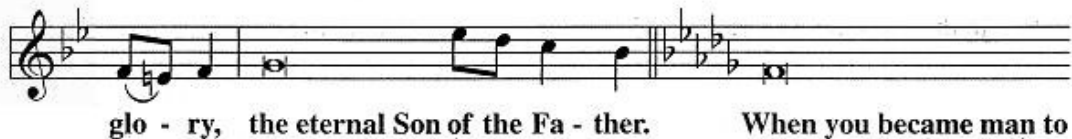
Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac-claims you:



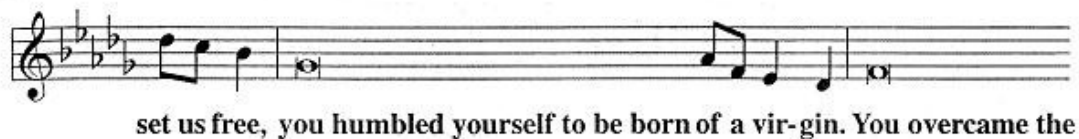
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



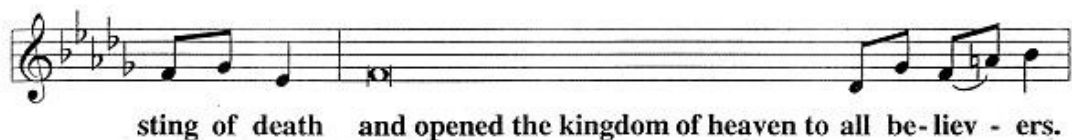
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



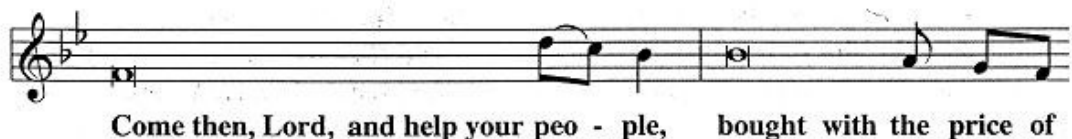
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



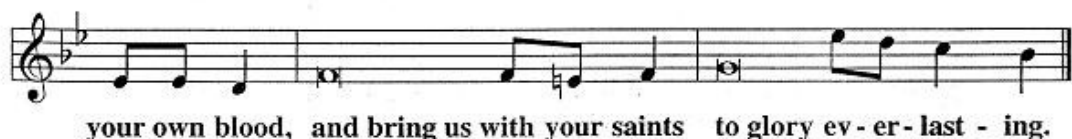
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.





PLEASE BE SEATED

**HYMN: CW 471**.....*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*  
(Printed on page 13 of your worship folder)

PLEASE STAND

**PRAYER FOR GRACE**

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**BLESSING**



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

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CLOSING HYMN: CW 472vv1,3,4.....*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*  
(Printed on page 14 of your worship folder)

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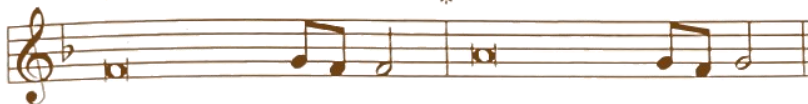
## Psalm 119c

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



Oh, how I love your law!\*  
I meditate on it all day long.

I have kept my feet from every evil path\*  
so that I might obey your Word.

I have more insight than all my teachers,\*  
for I meditate on your statutes.

I have not departed from your laws,\*  
for you yourself have taught me.

I have more understanding than the elders,\*  
for I obey your precepts.

How sweet are your words to my taste,\*  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

*Refrain*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

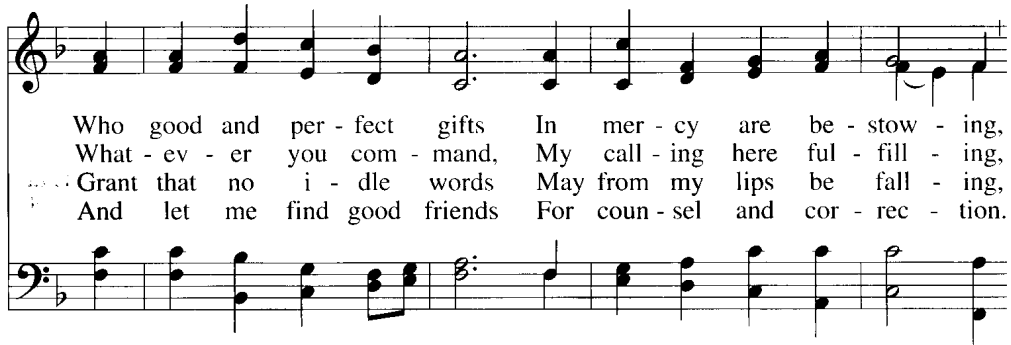
*Refrain*

## O God, My Faithful God

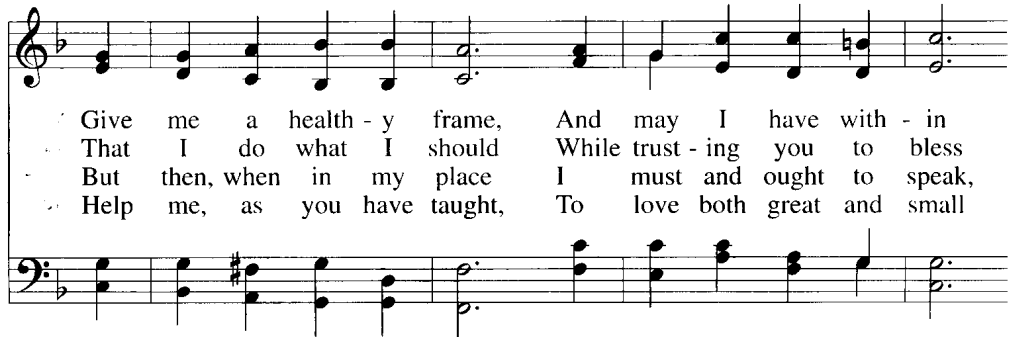
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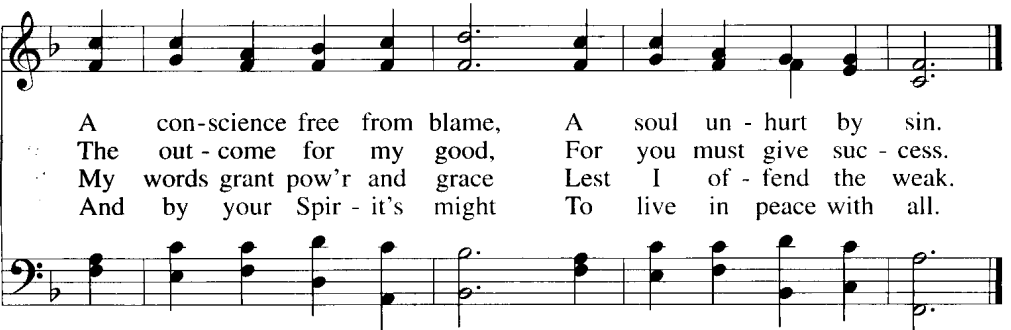
1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



Who good and per - fect gifts In mer - cy are be - stow - ing,  
 What - ev - er you com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing,  
 Grant that no i - dle words May from my lips be fall - ing,  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing you to bless  
 But then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.  
 My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

# Renew Me, O Eternal Light

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1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin; From all im -  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly you may love And seek those

heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 pure - ness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and  
 I o - bey your Word. Oh, let your will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold you

light of grace That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
 strength, my God, To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
 my de - sire And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672-1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
 Tune: *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

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## 472

## Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -  
 2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -  
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you  
 4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -

wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -  
 feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -  
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's  
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and

wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith-less  
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

## Notes and News for August 29, 2021

### **Prayer Requests**

As a we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

### **Martin County Fair**

Thanks to all who volunteered at the church booth this year! We had a good number of visitors and also a terrific number of volunteers!

### **Worship in the Park**

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us in the park this morning! We're glad you could all come to worship our Lord, praise him for the gospel, and enjoy some teime together afterward for some food and fun!

### **Catechism**

Catechism class will begin September 8th at 6:30PM with an orientation for both children and parents. If you or someone else you know might like to register children, register with Pastor by calling (507) 238-9663 or emailing [sotlfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:sotlfairmont@gmail.com).

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will be starting up September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:45AM. If you or someone else you know might like to register children, register with Pastor by calling (507) 238-9663 or emailing [sotlfairmont@gmail.com](mailto:sotlfairmont@gmail.com).

### **Monday Night Bible Class**

Monday night Bible Class will be returning in September. Currently it is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm on September 13th

### **Wine, Women, and the Word**

The women's Bible study will be returning this September beginning on September 11th. The women hold their Bible Class every second Saturday of the month at 2:00pm.

### **Lutheran Women**

The Lutheran Women will begin meeting in September again beginning on September 2nd. They meet every first Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:00pm with a project followed by a devotion and business meeting at 7:00pm. This is also a reminder of the Minnesota Valley Fall LWMS Rally happening on September 25th. If planning on attending, please RSVP to Sharon Scheff by September 12th!

**Remember in your Prayers this Week**

- + Birthdays:
- + Anniversaries: Chris & Deb Sulzle (8/30, 46 years)!
- +

**Coming Up this Week**

**Today 8/29**.....Worship at Sylvania Park 9:30am  
Potluck in the Park Following Worship  
NO BIBLE CLASS

**Saturday 9/4**.....Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Breakfast at The Ranch 8:00am



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