

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!

Welcome Visitors!

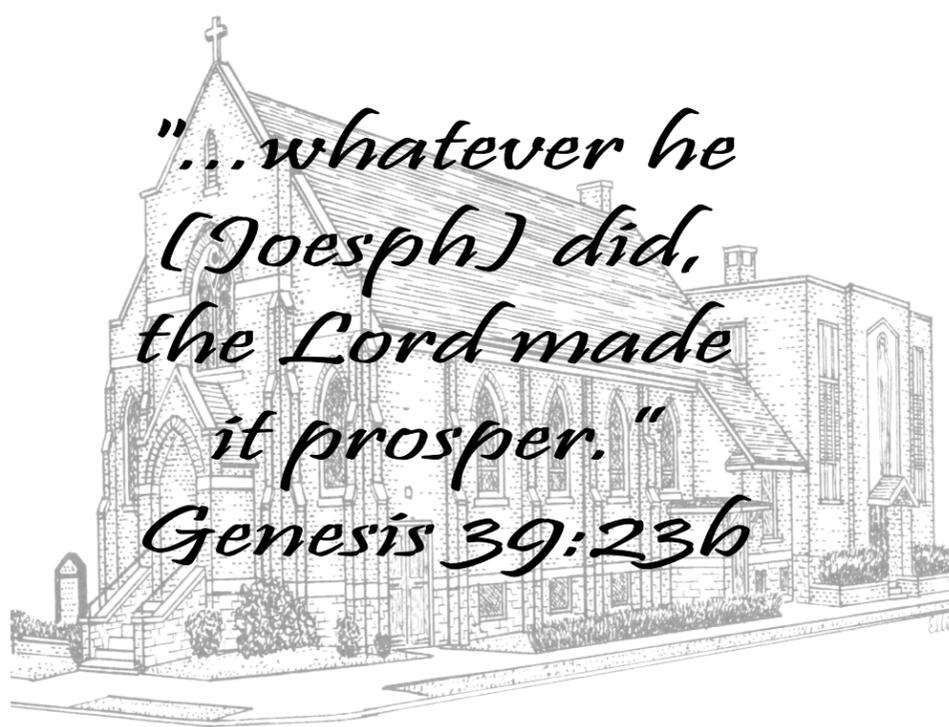
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

Large Print Worship Aids are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate the
Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
8:30am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

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Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. **October** the *Highmark Caring Place* is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed for October:

October 4 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair Distribution.

October 10 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

October 17 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

October 18 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

Veterans Miracle Network Collection: **September 11-30** Messiah is collecting Personal Care and Hygiene Items for this outreach. Items we are collecting include: bath sized bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, regular sized deodorant/antiperspirant. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase additional product. Place your in kind donation in the box found in the narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection plate - please mark these “VMN”.

Trunk or Treat: Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry, Church Life, and CYFM/Faith in Action Teams are asking for your help! They are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy to distribute to children at the Iroquois School District Trunk of Treat event. We are hoping to prepare 800 treat bags with four pieces of candy in each bag. If you are willing to support this by donating a bag of candy it would be greatly appreciated! Candy may be dropped off in the Narthex or the Church Office by *Sunday, October 16*.

We welcome Neal Durchman as our musician today.

Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from Pr. Jeff and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from Pr. Jeff;
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:

	Today	October 2
Asst. Min.	Tammy Johnson	Linda Fryer
Lector	Linda Fryer	Bob Pommer
Usher	Bob Pommer	Ron Martucci
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Brad Bresee	Tammy Johnson
Counters	Ron Martucci, Linda Jones	Bob Pommer, Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	
Altar Guild October	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters	

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

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

C Amen.

P Together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,

C we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation and have failed to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction and show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P Your sins are forgiven and you are made whole, in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Glory to God

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

C 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.

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.

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,

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, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. 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. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. 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. 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reflection Time

Hymn of the Day Arise, Your Light has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation....God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, gathered together in communion with the Holy Spirit, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

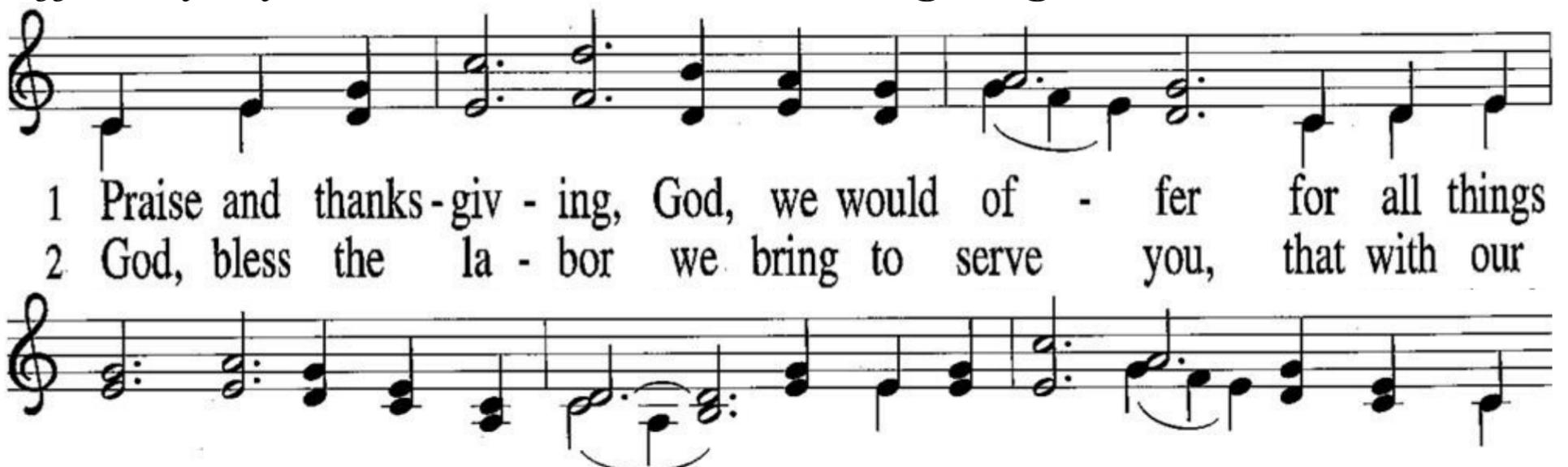
Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

The Offering

[sit]

Offertory Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our

liv - ing, you have made good:
neigh-bor we may be fed.

har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Give us, Lord,
C a heart that gladly gives. Even as you gave your all for us, so may we give our all to you. May we not give out of our abundance, but out of our poverty. In Christ we pray, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

C 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

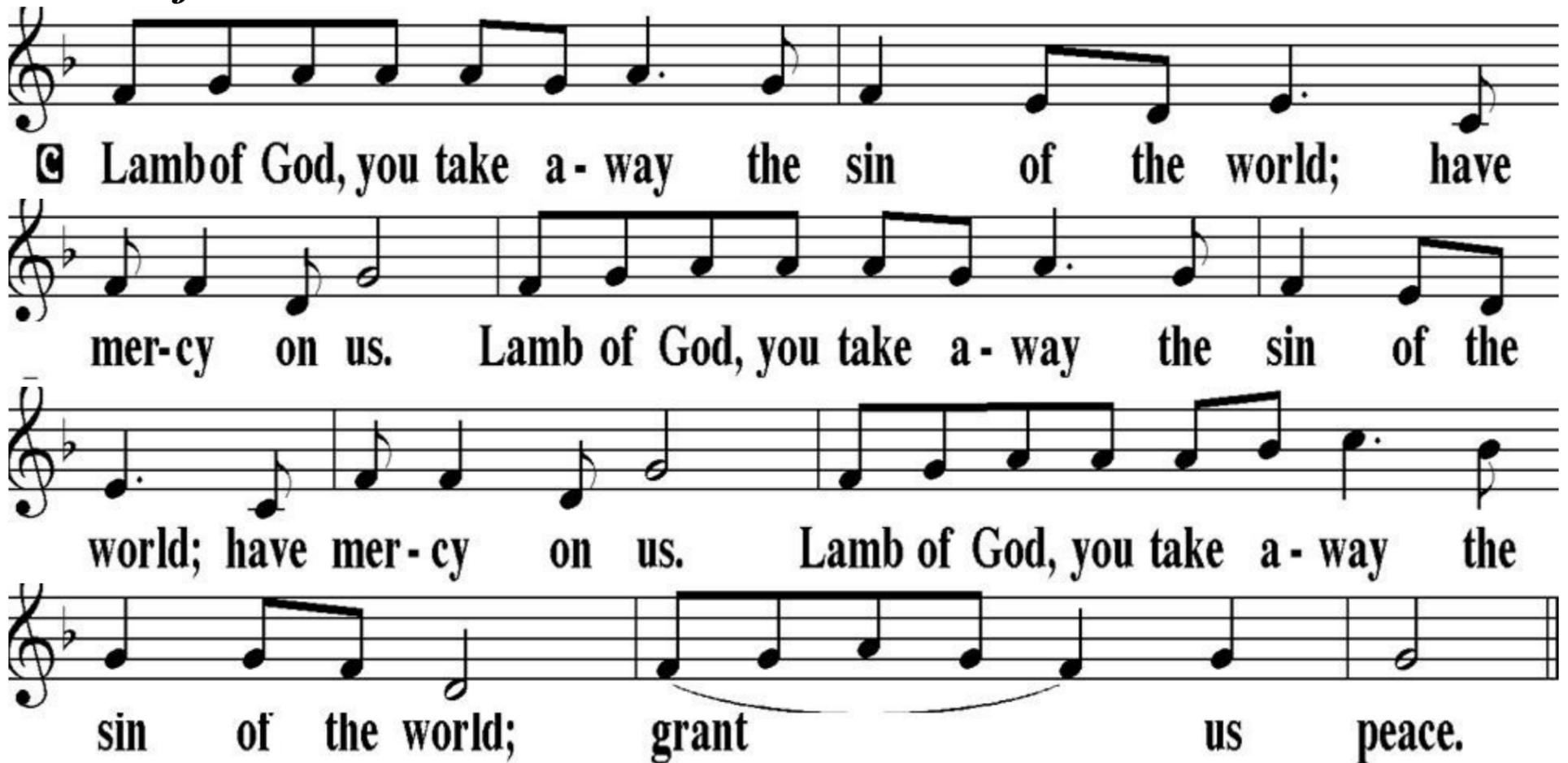
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

A Christ invites us to this table. Come, taste and see.

Lamb of God



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Table Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Benediction

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless us with truth and peace in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,
I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,
sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Dismissal

A Go in peace with Christ beside us.

G Thanks be to God.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



THE ORIGINAL DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE

Joseph's refusal of Potiphar's wife and her lusty attempts to make him her 'boy-toy' left her with nothing but his garment and her lies to tell. **Genesis 39:7-20**



The Worship Aids are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Becky Fahringer

The Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of what would have been our 50th wedding anniversary by Sallie Barnes

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family

Weekly Budgetary Outlook

	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u>	<u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u>
September 18, 2022	\$1,326.00	\$49.00	\$1,375.00		\$4,095.54
YTD (37 weeks)	\$113,134.00	\$22,565.30	\$135,699.30	\$142,079.68	\$155,630.52

Our Shortfall through 37 weeks is (\$6,380.38).

Thank you for your generous contributions!

“Legalism focuses on how little to give;
love focuses on how much can I give.”

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This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 9/25	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	1:30PM	Crop Walk-Beach 1
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 10/2	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry