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August
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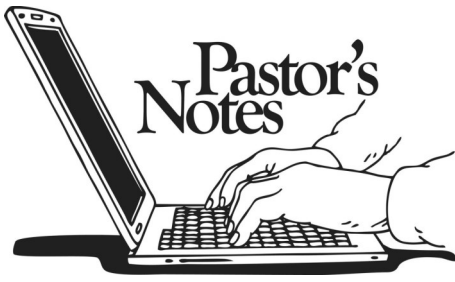


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The congregation has left the building! That was one of the themes for our small groups at the Rostered Ministers Gathering this past week in Phoenix. Yes, it was hotter than hot – so that meant that people stayed for all the activities rather than checking out the sights! Anyway, we gathered in small groups to begin thinking a little deeper about what it means to reclaim the gifts of baptism in this work that God has called us to do.

If you think about it, Jesus did almost nothing in the temple; he was almost always on the streets and in the local communities. Jesus did not baptize anyone that we know of, and he only celebrated Holy Communion once. However, Jesus did teach – a lot! And Jesus was constantly providing for the needs (food and healing) of the people he encountered in his daily life.

Equipping all of God's children for the work of ministry begins by helping one another see the ways that God is already at work in and through our daily lives – *outside of the congregation*. For example: how many of us have seen someone who is facing more medical issues than any of us would ever want to face, barely able to get around, but yet, this person continually expresses love and concern for those around them. How easy it would be to withdraw from the world when one is facing so many hardships. Yes, God is always at work through us – if we would just take a little time to notice!

So how do you relate to people beyond the church?

We are all part of the priesthood of all believers. And maybe – this is one way we can not only share our faith but also help to revitalize and find renewal in our congregation. What a great way to lift up the gifts that we all bring as God continues to work in and through our daily lives to provide daily bread for our neighbors.

Another question: How might we as a congregation become more intentional about listening to people's stories from daily life and supporting them in their service to neighbors in the arenas of family, school, work, local community and beyond?

All of this is important stuff if we want our congregation to stay relevant! We need to keep finding new ways to share our faith. If we don't meet people where they are at in life – how can we expect them to come through our church doors?

I offer this prayer for us to use as you contemplate the questions above: *O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown Give us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pastor Cathy





On July 30, 2023 a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the calling of Pastor Jennifer Herrmann and a compensation package for her was held. 48 members attended the meeting following worship. Following discussion and questions voting proceeded. Those in favor of the candidate were 43 and those opposed were 5. The Call Committee will move forward in offering the position and compensation package to Pastor Jen.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and showed your support for Trinity.

Thank you to Mike & Maree Markley for the meal following the meeting.

Thank
you ❤️

LOOK!

***A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON
AUGUST 13, 2023 AT 9:00 AM BETWEEN SERVICES.***

We will be discussing maintenance and upkeep, such as bids on sealing and striping the blacktop as well as an estimate for storm windows that would protect our stained glass windows. The congregation's input on funding is critical to maintaining the safety, accessibility, and beauty of our worship space. Hope to see you there!



**Blessing of the
Backpacks
and the
School Year**



As much as we don't want the summer to end or the kids to go back to school yet, it is already time for our annual BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS! On Sunday, August 27, at both worship services, we will hold this special event. If you are a student, teacher, substitute teacher, or any other employee of the local school systems, please bring your bookbag, lunchbox, and wear your new shoes and come for a special blessing as you enter into the new school year! And yes, you may get a little wet!!!

A little report on **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**. This year in July, we joined up together with the UCC church and Grace Lutheran church in Castalia for 4 fun days of learning about Jesus at Vacation Bible School. Around 43 kids attended during the 4 days as we worked against baseball, softball, and swimming lessons, but still had a great time through it all! Our thanks goes out to Grace Lutheran for hosting us and to all the volunteers who made the 4 days a great experience for us all. There is already talk of doing it the same way next year as we all felt that it worked out really well doing it together.



We are beginning a ministry for 60+ members of Trinity Lutheran Church. The first official meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

This will be an organizational meeting complete with a program, activity, and refreshments (Brownies, cookies, and ice cream). Mark your calendars now so you can be sure to join us.

In the meantime, a field trip has been planned for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at either 2:00 pm or 4:00 pm depending upon when we can get reservations. This field trip is a one-hour trip on the Mystic Belle in Vermillion, Ohio. The "cruise" is as described below. The Senior Rate is \$15.00.

We will meet at Trinity church and carpool to the Mystic Belle. If you live closer to Vermillion, you can meet us there.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Payment is due at the time of your sign up. Just put your \$15 per person cash in one of the white pew envelopes with **your name and 60+ field trip marked on it** and place it in the offering plate. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, Aug. 6 so we can secure reservations. The capacity of the boat is 22 so sign up early.



Take a tour on the M/V Mystic Belle!

The M/V Mystic Belle is a 28' flat-bottomed river barge that operates out of Parsons Marina. The Mystic Belle is a U.S. Coast Guard inspected vessel and exceeds all safety requirements. The captains of the Mystic Belle are all U.S. Coast Guard licensed captains and have over 150 years of collective experience navigating on the Vermilion River and Lake Erie. Your safety is our #1 priority!

On a tour aboard the Mystic Belle, you'll experience Vermilion like never before. Throughout the one-hour narrated cruises, you'll see the maritime industry in Vermilion in action and learn about its storied history. You'll see and learn about the natural wildlife that call our beautiful shores home, from seagulls, ducks, and herons to maybe even some fish and turtles (if they're not feeling shy). You'll also have the exclusive chance to see some of Vermilion's most beautiful waterfront homes.





COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

December 16, 2023

National Wreaths Across America Day

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that seeks to place a fresh wreath on each Veterans grave in the United States at Christmas time. Last year over 2.7 million wreaths were placed on graves in all 50 U.S. states.



This year, The Community Mission Team, along with the members of Trinity have become sponsors for this organization. And it has been decided to start our kick-off of selling these wreaths with a "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" theme.

We would like to sponsor at least 60 wreaths as this will cover the number of veterans' graves in the Venice cemetery. And of course, any extra will be used to make sure every veteran has a wreath at their grave on Christmas.

There are different ways you can contribute. 1. Donate any amount of money to go towards the purchase of the wreaths. 2. Sponsor a wreath for \$17.00 or sponsor 2 wreaths and we will receive 1 wreath free.

There are Sponsorship order forms by the Christmas tree outside the church office for you to take and fill out or fill one out now and hang it on the tree. Then be sure to fill out an envelope for your total sponsorship donation(s). Put the envelope with your payment inside the box. Checks can be made to WAA.

We will be doing this project until the 1st of November, but we thought we would start out early so you aren't adding this to your Christmas shopping list and expenses.

Please, join us for our 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA' fundraiser and help us to bring a wreath to the graves of those who sacrificed so much for us so we may live with the freedoms we have!



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY IS
COMING SOON IN SEPTEMBER.

It is time to start collecting items for Personal Care Kits.

- * Light weight towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark colors are needed.
- * Two or three bars of soap that equal 8 to 9 oz in original wrapping.
- * One adult size toothbrush in the original packaging.
- * One sturdy comb without packaging.

(You can get all of this at Dollar Stores for good prices)

The time and date will be decided soon and appear in the church bulletin.

Last year we did over 100 kits, so this year let's make our goal 150 kits.



OUR COMMUNITY MISSION TEAM, after discussion with local elementary teachers, decided the following items would be valuable to them and their students for the upcoming school year. The basket for your donations is in the hallway outside the office. Thank you for your help with this project.

OHIO STATE SALES TAX HOLIDAY WEEKEND IS Friday through Sunday, August 4 through the 6.

REQUESTED ITEMS: Glue Sticks, Highlighters, Crayons, Sharpies, Markers, Pencils, Plastic Pocket Folders, Boxed Tissues, Hand and Clorox Wipes

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	53,140.69
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	58,946.88
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	855.18
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	98,212.34
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,907.41
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	281,175.13
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	39,935.90
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	53,543.83
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,905.77
Total Assets		\$592,643.13

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	70,101.02
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	10,902.76
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	40,230.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	102,119.75
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	31,664.30
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,905.77
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	281,175.13
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$458,095.52</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	53,543.83
Total Fund Balances		\$592,643.13
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$592,643.13



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - July 27, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, Pastor Ralph, Jim Bertsch, Kathy Bango, Millie McCready, and Carrie Wiedenheft. Not in Attendance: Betsy Stierhoff and Secretary Carol Dahs

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft Opening devotions were given by Pat Wiedenheft

Minutes of previous meeting (June 2023) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. 2nd by Millie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for June 2023 was reviewed. Shannon said that the current and pavement funds are off \$200. She corrected a journal entry made in May that then made her balance but it then through off the ending balances of current and pavement for the month end/beginning of May to June. Motion to accept made by Nancy. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed. Millie made a motion to roll over a \$20,000 CD that was coming due. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed. Carol left a message asking that when counting money that the envelopes have the dollar amounts written on them somewhere.

President's Report: There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 30 to vote on the pastoral candidate and their compensation package.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ralph will be covering the office while Carol is on vacation. She will be back August 1.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Blessing of the bookbags will be August 27. Rally Day will be the start of Sunday School on September 10. We had VBS with Grace this year. Eight kids from Trinity attended.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – The current projects being done are collecting Health Care Kits items for God's Work, Our Hands on September 10. Collecting School Supplies for local schools and Wreaths Across America donations.

Property – Jim moved to recommend the Window Creations bid for storm windows unless another bid comes forward. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. Due to the amount of the quote, we will need a special congregational meeting. This meeting will be set for August 13 at 9:00 am between services. There will also need to be discussion of updating the parsonage regardless of vote outcome regarding the candidate. Mike is still working on getting quotes for a proposal for updates to the educational fellowship room. Jim moved to accept the Kreimes Co. bid for asphalt sealing and striping of the parking lot. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. This will also be added to the August 13 meeting. Pat will talk to Mike Markley about getting some fill dirt around the new concrete, about a pickup full. Gundlach was in and serviced all the A/C units.

Witness and Welcome – Millie McCready – Let her know if there is anyone who needs to be visited.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – They will meet on August 2. The 5th Sunday service is ready to go. There are five children participating: Tyler, Carlie, Ryan, Emma, & Drew. They may be looking into setting up an installation service depending on Sunday's vote. There is a possibility of an acolyte refresher course along with training upcoming acolytes.

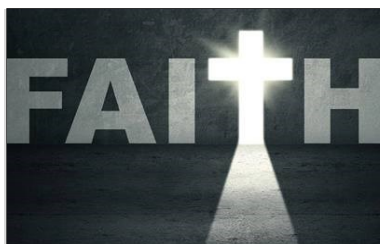
Senior Group Committee – Nancy Vollmer – They will be doing a field trip on August 23 on the Mystic Belle (cruise) in Vermilion. Money for reservations for this can be placed in the offering plate marked for Senior Field Trip. The next meeting will be September 13 with devotion, activity, business, refreshments.

Old Business – It was asked that Carol contact Dave Thornbury and have him come out and do a quote for both options.

New Business – Jim made a motion to accept the facility use form from Cindy Norman. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer. The devotion leader for the next meeting is Betsy Stierhoff. Adjournment made by Nancy, 2nd by Millie. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 6/12/23)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Apt #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Paul Wiedenheft Birthday - Oct. 11

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

Shirley Miller Birthday - April 3

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

Dan Miller Rm #224 Birthday – May 24

At Portland House, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Mary Ann Neidler Rm #123 Birthday - Dec 30

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.





AUGUST ALTAR CARE

Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for August 16, 2023

Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Pasta Salad
Dessert

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



JAM!

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!**

COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!

AUGUST 20, 2023

**BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.**



Before you sleep, PRAY
When you wake up, PRAY.
When life gets hard, PRAY.
When you're happy, PRAY
If you are unsure, PRAY.
God is always with us.
Amen!

You Are Very Special

AUGUST MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Bowers
- 2 Karen Gill
- 4 Calli-Elizabeth Hemmer-Keller
Hannah Baum
- 7 Mary Meyer
- 9 Ayden Miller
Jager Hacker
Amanda House
Jody Eckler
- 12 Jack McGinnis
Marshall Fall
Matthew Miller
- 13 Deanna Thompson
- 15 John Ashby
Sarah Strayer
- 16 Charlene Zeno
Cynthia Griffin
Zoe Koch
- 19 Rev. Dane Meuschke
- 20 Diana Troike
Joshua Trout



- 21 Sheryl Miller
Brian Schenk
Jaxson Bohn
Glenn Pfann
Angie Ramsdell
Gary Lieb
Craig Orshoski
- 23 Casey Wilson
Aubree Ream
- 25 Larry Wiedenheft
Briana Casanova
- 26 Dominic Tordi
- 29 Dale Meyer
Austin Stierhoff
Grace Kleinoeder
- 31 Ben Troike

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Guy & Laura Miller - 29th
- 8 Cory & Michelle Orshoski - 31st
- 18 Michael & Susan Cullen - 50th
- 20 Andrew & Kimberly Wright - 17th
- 23 Charles & Judith Howard - 54th
- 24 Donald & Alice Kuns - 55th
- 24 John & Beth Ashby - 27th
- 27 Tim & Gayle Thompson - 29th
- 31 Sam & Linda Wilcox - 60th



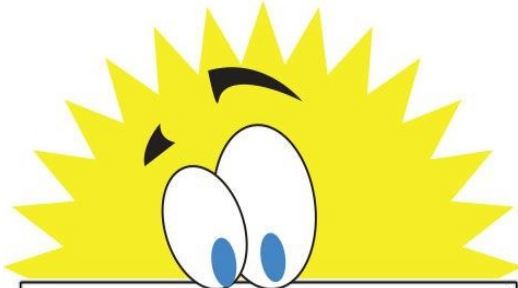
Ron & Marilee Werner in memory
of Barb Wiedenheft

Jack & Brenda Ried in memory of
Curt and Dorothy Miller



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Summer Word Search!



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Fairground
Family
Icecream
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Summer
Journey
Swim
Tent
Fun
Hotel
Postcard
Pack



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our
Congregation Council thanks:

- Everyone that has helped with the 5th Sunday Unity Services this year.
- Gary Lieb for helping with outside maintenance and Pat Wiedenheft & Carol Dahs for inside cleaning and upkeep while Jim was recovering from surgery.
- Mike & Maree Markley for preparing and serving breakfast on July 30.

AUGUST 2023

9 S U N	M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
		1	2 P. Ralph in 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	3	4	5 NA 11:00
6 Tenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	7 P. Ralph in 9-11	8	9 Worship & Music Mtg - 7:00 pm P. Ralph in 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	10	11	12 NA 11:00 am
13 Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Congregational Mtg 9:00 am	14 P. Ralph in 9-11	15	16 P. Ralph in 9-11 Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	17 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	18	19 NA 11:00 am
20 Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Jam Session 9:30 am	21 P. Ralph in 9-11	22	23 P. Ralph in 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	24	25 Carol on Vacation Office Closed	26 NA 11:00 am
27 Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	28 P. Ralph in 9-11	29	30 P. Ralph in 9-11 NA 7:00 pm	31		

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - August 2023 and September 2023

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for August: Cathy Wobser, Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Millie McCready, 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
August 6	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Cindy Norman	Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Lincoln Smith	Bob Troike	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
August 13	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Emma Killingsworth	Bob Troike	Candy Beatty	Mason Russell
August 20	Candy Beatty		Justin Stierhoff	Millie McCready	Mariska Farlow	Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser	Brock Parker
August 27	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth		Justin Stierhoff	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner
Altar Care for September: Sally Warner, Bonnie Lieb Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Barb Sessler								
September 3	Mike & Maree Markley		Rex Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Erica Miller	Charles Howard	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
September 10	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth	Dave & Sally Warner	Rex Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Tyler Wiedenheft	Charles Howard	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell
September 17	Denny & Barb Sessler	Fred Wobser	Mark Wiedenheft	Guy Miller	Mya Smith	Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	Eli Conner
September 24	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Tal & Ann Strean	Mark Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Zane Warner	Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Brock Parker

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of August

August 6 - Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5 - *Eat and drink that which truly satisfies*

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 - You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Romans 9:1-5 - *The glory of God's people Israel*

Matthew 14:13-21 - *Christ feeding five thousand*

Prayer of the Day: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

August 13 - Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 - *The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb*

Psalm 85:8-13 - I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Romans 10:5-15 - *Hearing and confessing the word of faith*

Matthew 14:22-33 - *Jesus walking on the sea*

Prayer of the Day: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

August 20 - Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 - *A house of prayer for all peoples*

Psalm 67 - Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 - *God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile*

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 - *The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter*

Prayer of the Day: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

August 27 - Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 - *The enduring foundation of God's salvation*

Psalm 138 - O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

Romans 12:1-8 - *One body in Christ, with gifts that differ*

Matthew 16:13-20 - *The profession of Peter's faith*

Prayer of the Day: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.