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Preach THE Word

**Good Morning and Welcome to our visitors:** We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. If you have any questions please ask a member, or one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.*

*Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

**Willing Hands This Morning:**

Organist: Carol Johnson

Altar Care: Janet Maesaka

Ushers: Brian Becht and Loren Schlodfeldt

Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel

Kitchen Helpers:

**Suggestions Before Worship:** What is wisdom? Where does it come from? The Bible tells us that there is wisdom in this world and God's wisdom. Sometimes wisdom in this world can be a good thing. It helps us in this world. But the wisdom of God must be more important. The wisdom of this world must never get in the way of God's Word which leads to heaven. This morning, ask God to help you with your wisdom. Both here on earth and with the wisdom that clings to him and leads to heaven.



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Opening Hymn: 478

With the Lord Begin Your Task

1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,  
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.

2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you;  
In his promises confide And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4 If your task is thus begun With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

**Invocation**

*The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession of Sins**

*We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.*

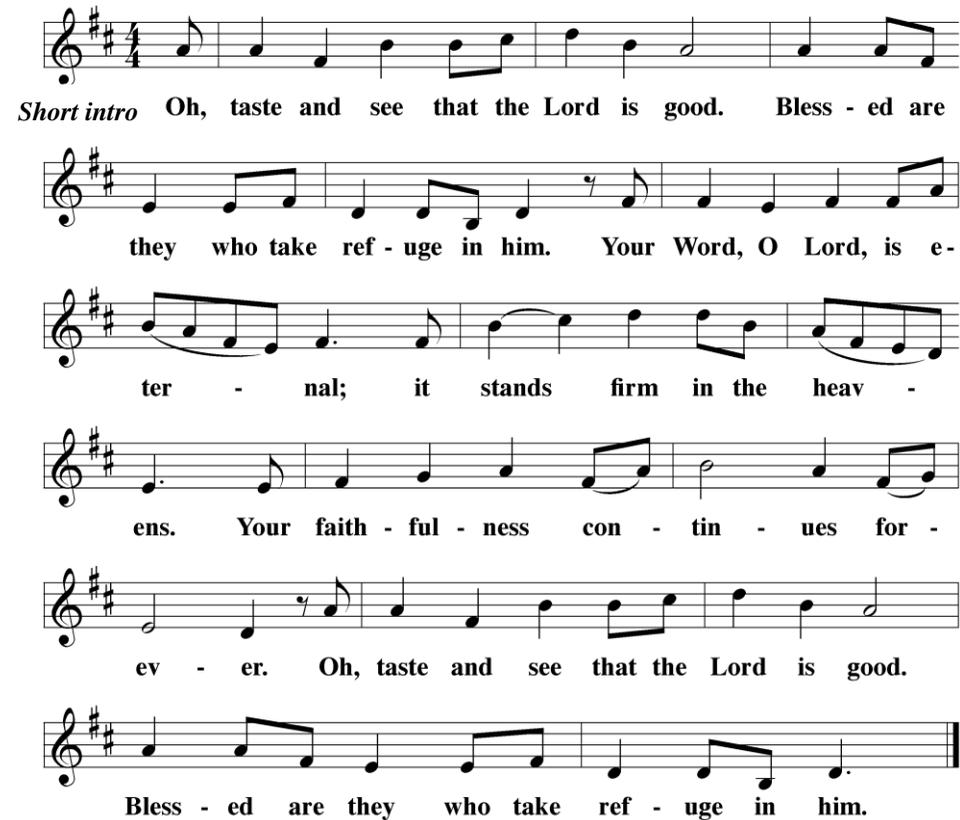
M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



Short intro Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### Prayer of the Day

*The prayer of the day ties into the readings of the day thanking God for a specific bless from those readings.*

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Word

*Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We focus on God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.*

### First Lesson: 1 Timothy 6: 17-20

*Paul reminds Timothy hold tightly to the wisdom of the Lord which leads to heaven and to preach it to his people.*

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

<sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

Grace be with you.

### Songs And Prayers For Children

*These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.*

### God Loves me Dearly

1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

**Refrain:** Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*

P: Let us fold our hands, bow our heads and ask Jesus our loving Savior to hear us as we pray together.

**C: Through this day, your hand will lead me and I thank you for your care,  
You have watched me, held me safely, kept me in your loving care.  
May my sins be all forgiven, bless the friends I love so well,  
Take us all at last to heaven, happy there with thee to dwell. Amen.**

### Two Little Eyes

1. Two Little eyes to look to God,  
Two little ears to hear His Word,  
Two little feet to walk His ways,  
Hands to serve Him all my days.
2. One little tongue to speak His truth,  
One little heart for Him in youth.  
Take them, O Jesus, let them be  
Always willing, true to Thee.

### Second Lesson: Romans 8: 28-30

*The doctrine of Predestination is a pure Gospel doctrine. God wants to comfort us with the news that he knows his own. We trust that God in his wisdom does as he says.*

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

**C: Thanks be to you Oh Lord!!**

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**

*Jesus uses parables and pictures to show us the Gospel is more important than any of man's wisdom.*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Praise be to you, Oh Christ!!**

*Please be seated.*

### The Sermon

*God gives us his Word to show us the path to heaven, to build our faith, and to prepare us to live every day in this world. We focus on a portion of God's Word every week as God tells us is good to do.*

**Sermon Hymn: 477**

**What is the World to Me?**

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty,  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is he,  
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;  
My Jesus is my wealth—What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

**Sermon Text: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

**Sermon Theme: Wisdom begins and ends in the Lord.**

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup>“Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

*Please rise when the Sermon is completed and we will join together to sing the verse of response to what we have heard.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### **The Apostles Creed**

*Is a brief, yet clear statement of the Christian faith (creed). It is the oldest of the Christian Creeds. We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord**

*If you haven't already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers. If you notice someone hasn't had a chance to sign, please hand them the register. Thank you.*

*Please rise for prayer*

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

*God tells us to bring all of our requests to him, for he hears and answers our prayers. The prayer of one is effective as is the prayers of many. It is good that we join our hearts and minds in prayer asking God for all good things.*

**P:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**P:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

P Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. (Matthew 6:9-13)*

**C: 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 Blessing

*This blessing, called the Aaronic blessing, is the oldest form of a blessing given by God to his people. Numbers 6:24-26*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 318

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us;  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.



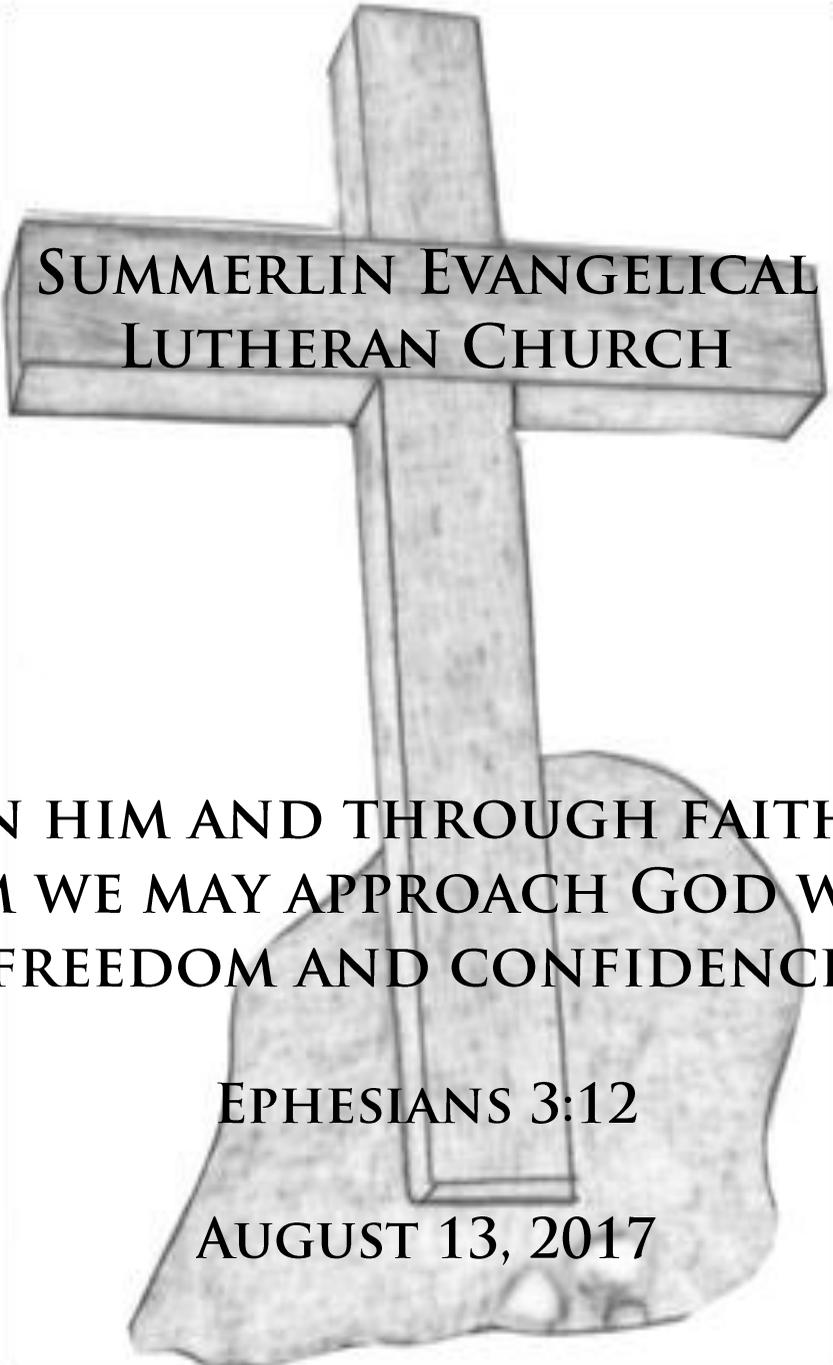
We pray your worship was blessed, Please come again!

### News and Notes (and other things)

Today	8/13	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15-10:45 AM	Back to the Basics Bible Study
Tuesday	8/16	6:30 PM	Devotion and Member Communion In fellowship hall
Sunday	8/20	9:00 AM	Worship and Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Back to the Basics Bible Study

- **Good morning and welcome.** Whether you are family and friends, or first-time guests and visitors it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. God's blessings to you until we see you again.
- **Kitchen Helpers.** The Ladies Guild is looking for YOUR help!!! The Ladies would like to include anyone who would be willing to set up and tear down our Sunday morning fellowship treats. This can be men and women. They are willing to train you on what to do and they are willing to provide the treats that you can set out.
- **LWMS Mite boxes.** Mite boxes are due August 29<sup>th</sup>. You may turn those in to Roxanne Ochsner any time before then. (August 27 is the Sunday before)
- **Garage Sale is only a few months away.** We are taking donations in the storage area of the fellowship hall. Please make sure that the items you drop off are worth selling. Please use your best judgment for donations.
- **Sorting Party.** Our first sorting party for the garage sale will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. A sandwich lunch will be provided for those who help.
- **Joy Campo's** New phone number 702-439-6922.
- **Fellowship Hall:** Just a reminder that the fellowship hall can certainly be used by members for get-togethers and parties. However, we do have a procedure to follow in order that we do not have any problems (two groups expecting to use the hall at the same time) or misunderstandings. All requests for the fellowship hall and its use should be formally brought to the church council for approval. This can be done very easily by contacting Pastor or Jim Behmer. Those requests should include date, time and the reason for us. Please understand, there may be a small fee for personal use of the building and you are also expected to clean up the hall after you are done. Thanks so much!!!

- **Ministry Team.** The next meeting of the ministry team will be Tuesday August 29 at 6:30 PM. Pastor Vogt from Water of Life will come and help us as we continue to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our church today and our plans as we move forward.
- **Catechism starts after Labor Day.** If you have children or grandchildren that are in grades 7 or 8 we will be starting Catechism classes after Labor Day. This is a two process of study of God's Word together. This class usually ends in confirmation. Please talk with Pastor if you would like your child to attend and so that we can work out dates and times that work for all of us.
- **CLHS.** California Lutheran High School, our WELS area Lutheran high school, has its opening service today at 4:00 PM. Pastor and his family will be attending. Maddison is a sophomore this year. Bible Study will be shortened so they can get on the road.
- **Summerlin Lutheran on the web.** If you are looking for more information from our church, have friends who would like more information about our church, or would like to access a calendar or other information about our church click over to [www.summerlinlutheran.org](http://www.summerlinlutheran.org) or search Summerlin Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) on Facebook and like and follow our Facebook page. We would love to see you there.
- **Serving The Lord Next Week.** Ushers: Ken Dingman & Ted Maasch; Altar: Janet Maesaka; Tellers: Richard and Cathy Yeakel; Kitchen helpers: None Listed
- **Services in Spanish:** Misa en español: todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m. en La Iglesia Luterana Monte de los Olivos. 3975 S Sandhill Road Las Vegas, NV 89121 (702) 969-7911.
- **Our Thanks to the Lord:** To God be the Glory great things he has done!! Our congregation has prayerfully decided to support the work of the Lord in our synod and at our church by passing a budget that requires \$3800 per week. The Lord will bless us as we seek to be good stewards of the blessings he has entrusted to us. Last week, 67 people came to hear about their Savior's death and resurrection. God's people brought offerings of \$2577. Our treasurer notes that expenses in July were approximately \$16,000 and offerings were about \$12,000. Please take a moment to consider your thank offerings to the Lord. May you give as freely and thankfully as you have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!



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IN HIM AND THROUGH FAITH IN  
HIM WE MAY APPROACH GOD WITH  
FREEDOM AND CONFIDENCE.

EPHESIANS 3:12

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