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"WE GROW IN GOD'S WORD SO THAT WE CAN GO WITH GOD'S WORD"

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to Northdale Lutheran! We are so glad you are joining us to proclaim what God has done and to sing his praises. Here the Lord also comes to us and strengthens us with his mighty Word. Take a moment to meet and greet those around you! Also:

Restrooms are in the entrance and through the nursery hallway.



- Handicapped accessible restroom facilities are located through the nursery hallway and back in the preschool area.
- To help keep the sanctuary as a quiet place of worship and meditation and for your convenience, a Quiet Room is available for the whole service for young children in the back of the sanctuary. Please make use of this room if your child becomes loud in worship. Please do not leave children unattended in the Quiet Room. We ask that at least one adult be present while children are in this room.
- Everything you need for worship is printed in the worship folder.

WORSHIP THEME

The Christian lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE "SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT" IS A VERSION OF THE HISTORIC LITURGY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

OPENING HYMN, CW #472, "RISE, MY SOUL, TO WATCH AND PRAY"



Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you

CONFESSION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



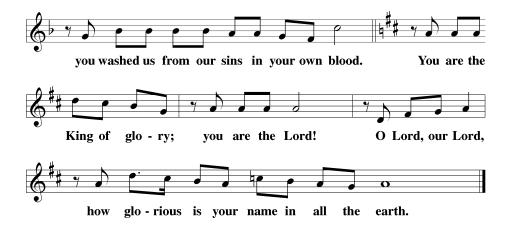
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD OF GOD*



THE FIRST LESSON: JOEL 3:12-16

"Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.

13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.

Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!"

14Multitudes, multitudes
in the valley of decision!
For the day of the Lord is near
in the valley of decision.
15The sun and moon will be darkened,
and the stars no longer shine.
16The Lord will roar from Zion
and thunder from Jerusalem;
the earth and the heavens will tremble.
But the Lord will be a refuge for his people,
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

*The Word of God

"The reading of the Lessons is a highlight of a service. The spiritually hungry have come to be fed and nurtured and to drink from the waters of life. Knowing that 'faith comes from hearing the message,' God's people listen intently with attention aroused to be blessed by the hearing of God's Word." Christian Worship Manual 8

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 18



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;* my God is my rock, in whom I take <u>refuge</u>.

He reached down from on high and took <u>hold</u> of me;* he rescued me from my powerful <u>enemy</u>.

He brought me out into a <u>spa</u>cious place;* he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp <u>burning</u>;* my God turns my darkness <u>into light</u>.

You save the humble*but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of <u>vic</u>tory,* and your right hand sus<u>tains</u> me.

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

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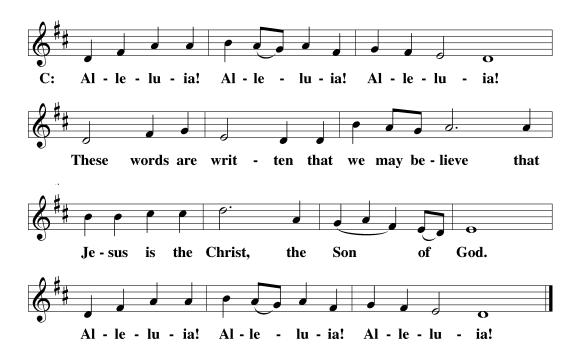
THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:26-27

This lesson serves as the Sermon Text for today.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55: 11b)



PLEASE STAND

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ " 'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

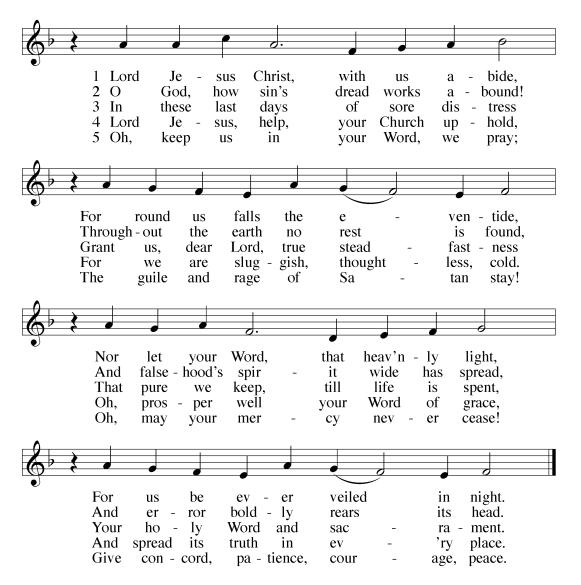
³⁷He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴²They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.



BE SEATED

SERMON HYMN, CW #541 ""LORD JESUS CHRIST, WITH US ABIDE"



- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too. So hear us, Lord, and keep us true, Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord, And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

Text: Geistliche Psalmen, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite. Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 8:26-27

SERMON THEME:

THE SPRIT IS OUR PRAYER PARTNER

PLEASE STAND

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERING

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) The members of Northdale Lutheran joyfully give our offerings to the LORD in response to His Word and in thanks for the many ways he has blessed us. We have joined together as a congregation to use these offerings to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world through the work of our Synod. Your gifts moved by the Holy Spirit out love for God and his blessings are welcome.

Online giving is now set up and available through our membership software entitled Breeze. You can give through Breeze two ways: 1) You can give by texting "Give" to (813) 652-0408. 2). You can go to https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online. You can certainly ask if you have any questions.

If electronic giving isn't for you, you are invited to drop off or mail your offerings to the church.

PLEASE STAND (8:00 AM SERVICE ONLY)

INSTALLATION OF ETHAN JAEGER (10:30 A.M. SERVICE)

THE OTHER STAFF MEMBERS AND AIDES ARE INVITED FORWARD.

COMMISSIONING OF STAFF FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

P: Northdale Lutheran Church and School has called or hired you to serve as teachers and aides in our congregation's Lutheran Elementary School. Are you committed to faithfully carrying out the duties of your work, viewing your work as a ministry of service to the children entrusted to your care?

Teachers and Aides: I am and I ask God to help me.

P: Are you willing to take up your service in Christian Education with enthusiasm, filling your own heart and life with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, and demonstrating an example of a godly life in worship, Scripture study, and Christian service?

Teachers and Aides: I am and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you strive to serve in harmony with one another and with this ministry's administration, praying for one another daily, seeking to advance the mission and accomplish the goals of the ministry of Northdale Lutheran Church and School individually and collectively?

Teachers and Aides: I will and I ask God to help me.

The congregation is asked to stand.

P: Children and families who will be served through Northdale Lutheran Church's Lutheran Elementary School: Jesus our Savior has promised

eternal life to those who trust in him. Will you show your love to Jesus by cheerfully obeying your teachers and their aides, so that you benefit from their instruction and care, especially as they teach you God's saving Word? Will you give them honor and respect, so that their work will be a joy for them and an eternal blessing to you?

Children, Families & Congregation: We will and we ask God to help us.

P: Let us pray. Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank you for providing faithful teachers and aides to your Church to proclaim your holy gospel among us and serve our children. Grant your grace and your blessing upon all of our teachers and aides, so that by their labors your lambs may be fed and your people strengthened and sustained in the saving faith, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Go, then, and take up the work to which you have been called.

With your blessing, Lord, strengthen all of these servants of yours in their ministry of Christian Education. Let your Spirit enlighten their minds and guide all their actions that they may be renewed in faith, united in love and encouraged to use their gifts in service to the mission of your Church.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION FOR THE START OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

P: We begin this school year in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

8:00 a.m. service continues here

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:

M: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

M: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

M: Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:

M: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

All: 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.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Northdale Lutheran practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of Northdale Lutheran or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament today. If you have questions about becoming a member to partake of the sacrament, please speak to pastor after worship.



PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



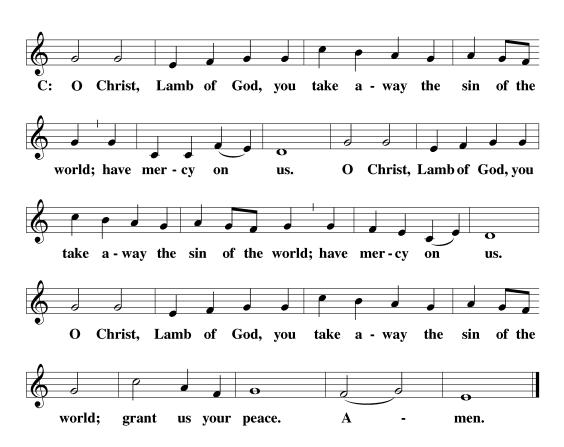
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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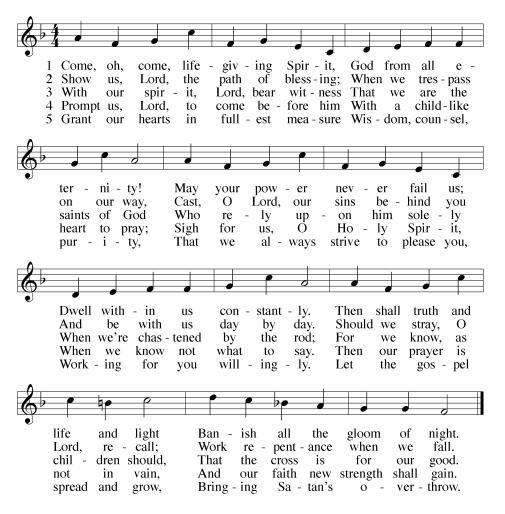
(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

GUESTS: SO THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING WITH US.

MEMBERS: WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE "PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION" ON PAGE 156 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

CW #181, "COME, OH, COME, LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT"



Text: Heinrich Held, 1620-59, abr.; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-96, alt.

Tune: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS (87 87 77) Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.







FINAL PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace



BE SEATED

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All of our services are live streamed & can be viewed through the live streaming link located on our church website www.NorthdaleLutheran.org. We also email out daily devotions. If you would like to receive these daily devotions, please email the office at office@northdalelutheran.org and let us know. You can also become a friend on Facebook.

Announcements:

Playground Work Morning

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up and prepare our school playground for the new year. There will be a work morning Saturday, August 8 starting at 7:30 AM. We will be working to remove weeds, refresh the mulch, and set up a shed. Please plan to spend a couple of hours helping improve our campus for the arrival of students.

Pastor Krause

At the call meeting on July 23, our congregation unanimously called Pastor Brett Krause from Zion Lutheran Church in Denver, CO to serve as our next shepherd. Please keep Pastor Krause, his wife, Michelle, and their children, Sophia, Silas, and Malachi, in your prayers during this time of deliberation. Our members are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Krause to share your perspective of our ministry here and to provide encouragement as he prayerfully considers serving among us. Feel free to email or text and set up a time to speak on the phone. You can also click this link to read Pastor Krause's letter acknowledging the call we have extended to him. bkrause@zion-wels.org Mobile: 920-470-4820

Vacancy Pastor

We thank Pastor Werner for serving us with God's Word in Worship and Bible class today. He will also lead us August 9. Pastor Joel Schwartz from Peace in Trinity, FL has agreed to serve us as our coordinating vacancy pastor. We will be working with him to plan Sunday preachers and meet other pastoral needs of our congregation during this vacancy. Pastor Schwartz can be reached at the contact information below should you be in need of his assistance.

pastorofpeace@hotmail.com Mobile: 727-938-6321

Face Coverings for Worship

During the July 27 Ministry Leadership Team meeting, the decision was made to require face coverings for the 8:00 AM service and Bible class at 9:25 AM. Children 7 years old and under are not required to wear face coverings. Face coverings will continue to be encouraged, but not required, for the 10:30 AM service. It is the intent of the MLT that this change would remove barriers that may exist for those that feel strongly about wearing masks while also presenting options for those that feel differently. We want our people to feel comfortable and safe while worshiping online or in-person.

Gift Card Shower:

Let's welcome our new teacher, Ethan Jaeger, in Northdale style! Please purchase gift cards to local restaurants or grocery stores and drop them off at church or at the church office. Any amount would be appreciated and put to good use. We will have a place to collect these cards for Mr. Jaeger in the back of the church on the table. Mr. Jaeger's installation will be on Sunday, August 2. If you are unable to give at this time, please keep Mr. Jaeger in your prayers that God would bless his ministry among this year, Thank you!

Called Staff

Principal Dane Mattes: 920-588-7599

Aimee Hardman: 813-464-5113 Christopher Haring: 517-202-7283

Ethan Jaeger: 605-520-6412 Joanne Mattes: 920-588-7596 Bethany Schwartz: 920-222-9279

This Week:

Sunday (8/9): 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship

9:25am – Adult Bible Study

Serving Today

Music: 8:00 - Rachel Wilson

10:30 - Nick Koren

Ushers:

Acolyte: 10:30—Emily Mosakowski

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Serving Next Week

Music: 8:00 - Chris Haring

10:30 - Nick Koren

Ushers:

Acolyte: 10:30—Carolyn Mattes

Elder: Dave Mosakowski

Attendance Last Week

8:00 a.m.— 6 10:30 a.m.— 20

Total: 26

Yearly Average: 95

% of Members in Worship: 39%

2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals Through June 30

Total Income (Church and School): \$622,659.91 Total Expenses (Church and School): \$605,537.36

Ahead of (Short) Year to Date: \$17,122.55 **Building Our Faith ~ Family ~ Future**

Total Gifts Pledged to the Project: \$370,000.00

Received Last Week: \$275.00 Total received to date: \$339,158.41 Projected Completion date: March 2020