

The Holy Communion

10:00 AM

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Palm Lutheran Church
11 W. Cherry Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Welcome to Worship with Palm Congregation

Greetings in the name of the triune God. All the baptized are invited to join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today. Please receive the Sacrament trusting that the crucified and risen Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and that Christ himself instituted this meal for your strengthening of faith, growth in grace, and forgiveness of sin.

Worship Notes

- **Welcome Packets for Guests** are located at the ushers stand. The packets contain information about liturgical worship at Palm congregation and our different ministries.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available in the narthex. An usher will be glad to assist you.
- **Please fill out a communion card** if you are visiting today. We will forward it to your congregation. Members should be sure to fill out a card at least once a year as their formal record of participation for voting membership. The communion cards are located on the center stand/table in the narthex, and in the card holders in the pews. Please place a completed card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.
- **Parents with small children:** Please help yourself to the **white activities bags** (hanging on the wooden bear) in the narthex for your little one(s) who like to remain active during the service. They are filled with crayons, coloring pages and a few other goodies. At the end of the service, please return them to the clearly-marked basket so they may be refilled. Thank you!

Special Needs?

- The **Teddy bears** in each pew may be taken to someone in need of a sign of God's love and comfort. If you are able, please place a donation in the envelope attached to the bear, remove the envelope and put it in the offering plate. (Be sure to remove the envelope before giving it to the recipient.) Questions? Call Kitty Wolf at 717-838-4186.
- A **Prayer Chain** within our congregation gives support to those with prayer concerns. To add a person's name to the chain, contact Ann Miller at 717-507-4807. Names will be included for two weeks unless requested for a longer time.

- **Stephen Ministers are willing** and able to care for you by being present and listening while you live through a difficult time in your life. If you feel a need for this kind of prayerful listening care, call Kitty Wolf (717-838-4186), Kristie Cavallaro (717-576-1595), Ann Miller (717-507-4807).

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

*Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church.
By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at
Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that
same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among
us, the church can be more inviting still.*

Prelude: “Toccata” (Wagner)

Gathering

****Confession and Forgiveness:***

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. (If you are able, please kneel)

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

(Please turn to follow the processional cross as it moves into the Sanctuary.)

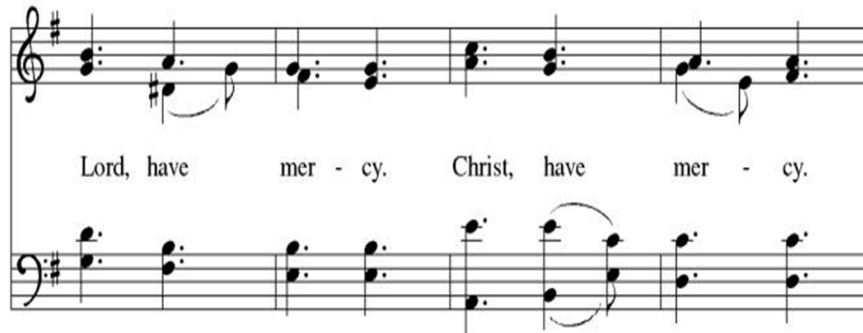
Gathering Hymn: "God Is Here" #526

***Apostolic 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.**

***Kyrie:**



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

**Hymn of Praise:*



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

****Prayer of the Day:***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Evvie Kohl

Word

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a}for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm: 112



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¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;**
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev-¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast-¹ing remembrance.
⁷They will not be afraid of any¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting¹ in the LORD.
⁸Their heart is established and¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up-¹on their enemies.
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their¹ head with honor.
¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick-¹ed will perish.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***



****Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14***

P: The Holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Pastor Carl Rabbe

***Hymn of the Day: "Gather Us In" #532**

***Nicene Creed:**

C: 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

***Prayers of Intercession:**

Response: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Conclusion: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Amen.

****Sharing of the Peace:***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering of our Gifts

****Offertory Anthem: "Here, O My God" (Stearns)***

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

****Offering Prayer***

P: Let us pray:

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth

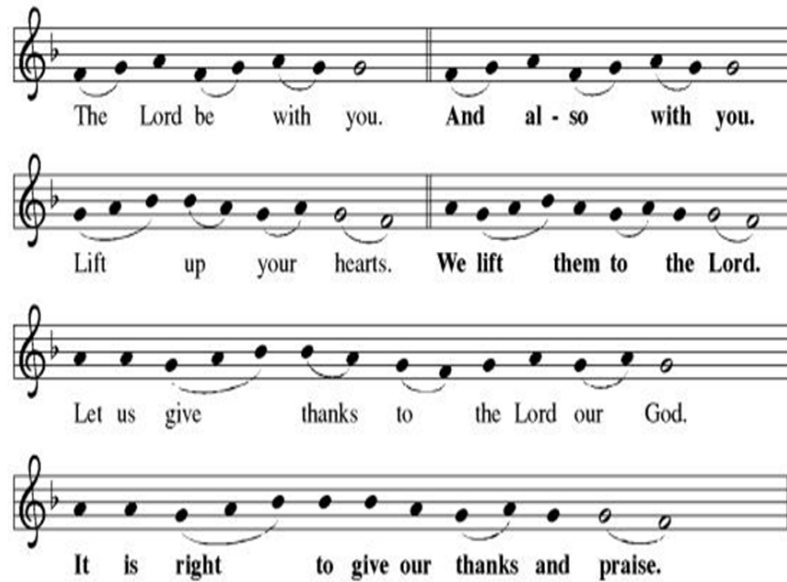
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

**Holy Communion*



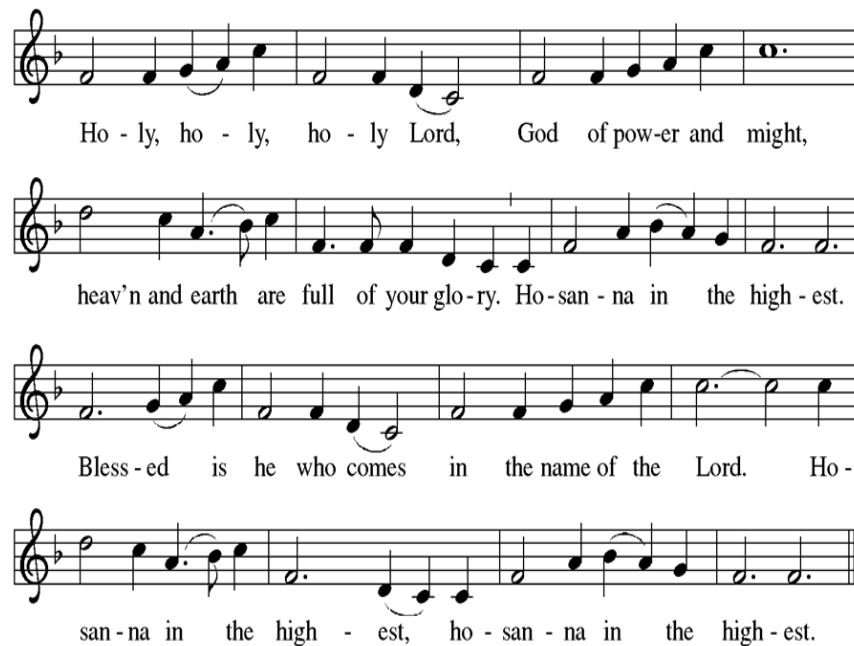
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

****Eucharistic Prayer***

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the
flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through
the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the
wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise
to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it
for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do
this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Bless this
feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Come, Lord Jesus.
O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Breathe new life into
us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth
and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed
and holy Trinity,
Amen.

****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.

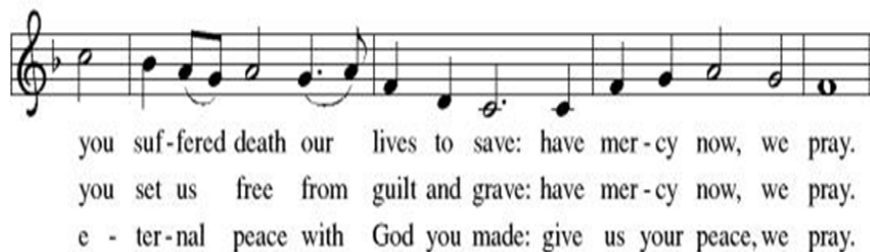
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

****Invitation to Communion:***

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion of the Faithful:



Communion Hymns:

"Now We Join in Celebration"

#462

"In The Singing"

#466

****Prayer after Communion:***

A: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Sending

****Benediction:***

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

****Sending Hymn:***

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You" #769

****Dismissal:***

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

"Lord, Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (Duro)

New Deadline For Bulletin Announcements

Deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday Bulletin
will be end of day on Tuesday.

Attendance for August 24, 2025 Service

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Our Palm Family in Prayer

Immediate concern: Patrick Grant, Andrew Craig and Bonnie Housel, Sue Nale, Lee Phillips, Bob Baker, Brian Hoy, Hilda Maderik, David Snover, Kailyn Nadden, Fran Drupp, Nancy, Sean.

Ongoing: Angela Machac, Andy Bomberger Leon Riegel, Harry Fox, Dan Charpentier, Mae Rader, Margaret & Craig Solle, Lorraine and Garin Moore, Cindy, George Henrikson, Pat Gontz.

Worshipping at home: Cindy Starr, Marilyn McCurdy

Gifts Given Today

Chancel flowers today are sponsored by the Conard Family in memory of First Responders and all who lost their lives on 9/11.

Our bread sponsors for today are Matt and Deb Blanchard in celebration of Chase's Birthday.

Social Ministries

Flood Buckets

We are also collecting 5 gallon cleaning buckets with lids which are also needed. A list of needed supplies is posted on a board in the Narthex.

Rise for Hunger Project

During the month of September, Palm Lutheran will be teaming up with Palmyra 1st United Methodist Church for a Rise for Hunger project taking place on Nov. 8th, 2025. This is to help feed babies to adults in Third World countries where there is starvation. In order to contribute, please take a Blessing Cup to put your loose change in or if you go out to dinner, place that amount in a Blessing Cup. These folks need this nourishment in order to survive and become more independent. Thank you for all your support. Palmyra 1st United Methodist is also having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help raise funds for this project to take place on Sept. 20 at their church. Please see Phyllis Moyer for tickets and with any question you may have.

Members of Palm

Palm's church council provides a great opportunity to share your gifts and to serve through God's grace. We are currently seeking members that would like to be placed on the ballot as a council candidate for the November 2025 Congregational Meeting. In 2026 there will be an opening for at least 4 candidates. Our Constitution (C12.01) requires between 9 and 15 members to serve on church council. If you're interested in learning more about being a council member, or would like to be considered for nomination, please speak with the following Council Nomination Committee members before or after church or contact them at the following:

Matt Blanchard - mdblanchard@comcast.net or (717) 832-0548

Ben Ricker - (717) 838-8175

Kim Allen - kimjallen17028@gmail.com or (717) 469-9645

Laurie Miller - lamiller44@comcast.net or (717) 344-6012

Rally Day

Will be held Sunday September 7 at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us in the multipurpose room to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. There will be breakfast snacks, games, crafts and a chance to see all the educational opportunities and other activities and groups at Palm. Games and activities will be based on stories from the lectionary of the fall curriculum. Bible stories include the lost sheep, the Saducee's question, the mustard seed, Zacchaeus and ten men healed. Collect a prize by visiting all the display tables! Hope to see you at Rally Day and throughout the year each Sunday at 9:00 am for Sunday School, where there are classes for every age. Also, join us for intergenerational programs the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School will meet each Sunday morning at 9:00 am before worship service.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Kathy Meyer, teacher, meets in the classroom in the secondary corridor.

3rd Grade-5th Grade: Linda Williams, teacher, meets in the classroom located in the secondary corridor. They are also using the Spark lectionary series.

Confirmation Class: Craig Meyer and Pastor Carl, teachers, meets in the Confirmation Classroom off the secondary corridor, using the Faith Inkubators curriculum. This class includes grades 6-8 and anyone wishing to familiarize themselves with the fundamentals of the Lutheran Faith, based on Luther's Small Catechism.

High School: Michael Williams, youth director, is the teacher, meets in the Youth Room, located at the end of the main hallway.

Palm's Parents of Little Lutherans: Dexter and Rachel Daubert, discussion leaders. This group discussion class will meet in the room adjacent to the PreK room along the main corridor.

Adult Group: Scott Thomas leads this discussion, which meets in the conference room, located off the main corridor leading from the gathering area. This is a video based discussion group, centering on the day's lectionary.



Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers

FRIENDS + GAMES + WORSHIP

FAITH CONVERSATION + CAMPFIRE

'Better Together'

The Holy Spirit gathers and places us in authentic community, where we find strength and joy with fellow Christians. We are connected to Christ and to one another and as such can help in building up others.



Camp Nawakwa + September 26-28, 2025

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister	Pastor Carl Rabbe
Assisting Minister	Laurie Miller
Crucifer	Laurie Miller
Communion Assistants	Vivian Rexrode Steve Kahl
Lector	Ben Ricker
Organist	Holly Gainor
Torch Bearers	Vivian Rexrode Steve Kahl
Greeters	Suzy Fox Wayne Fox
Ushers	Cory Bender Larry Geib Tim Miller Glenn Snover
Altar Guild	Alison Felt Dorothy Felt
A/V Ministry	Scott Thomas

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Sexton	Lauren Conard



**Upcoming Meetings/Events
September 1 thru September 30, 2025**

September 1	Labor Day-Office Closed
Social Ministry	September 2, 10:00 –11:00 am Parlor
Property Committee	September 2, 7:00-8:00 pm CR
Yoko Tokuda Recital	September 5, 6:30–7:30 pm Sanctuary
Rally Day	September 7, 9:00-10:00 am MPR
Lauren on Vacation September 8 thru September 12	
Book Club	September 8, 10:30-11:30 GA
Council Meeting	September 9, 7:00-8:30 pm CR
Memory Care	September 11, 10:00-11:30 am Parlor
Book Club	September 15, 10:30-11:30 GA
Parish Visitor Committee	September 16, 10:00 am GA
Noon Meal	September 18, 12:00-1:00 pm
Concert-Elena Millar & Katherine Merryman	September 20, 6:00-8:00 pm Sanctuary
Book Club	September 22, 10:30-11:30 GA
Londonderry Village Service	September 23, 10:00-11:00
Book Club	September 29, 10:30-11:30 GA

Lift Classes begin September 8, 9:00am to 10:00am in the MPR

Can You Find All the Words? Do Not Fear!

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kingdom of God

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heart

grass

God

clothing

heaven

Jesus

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