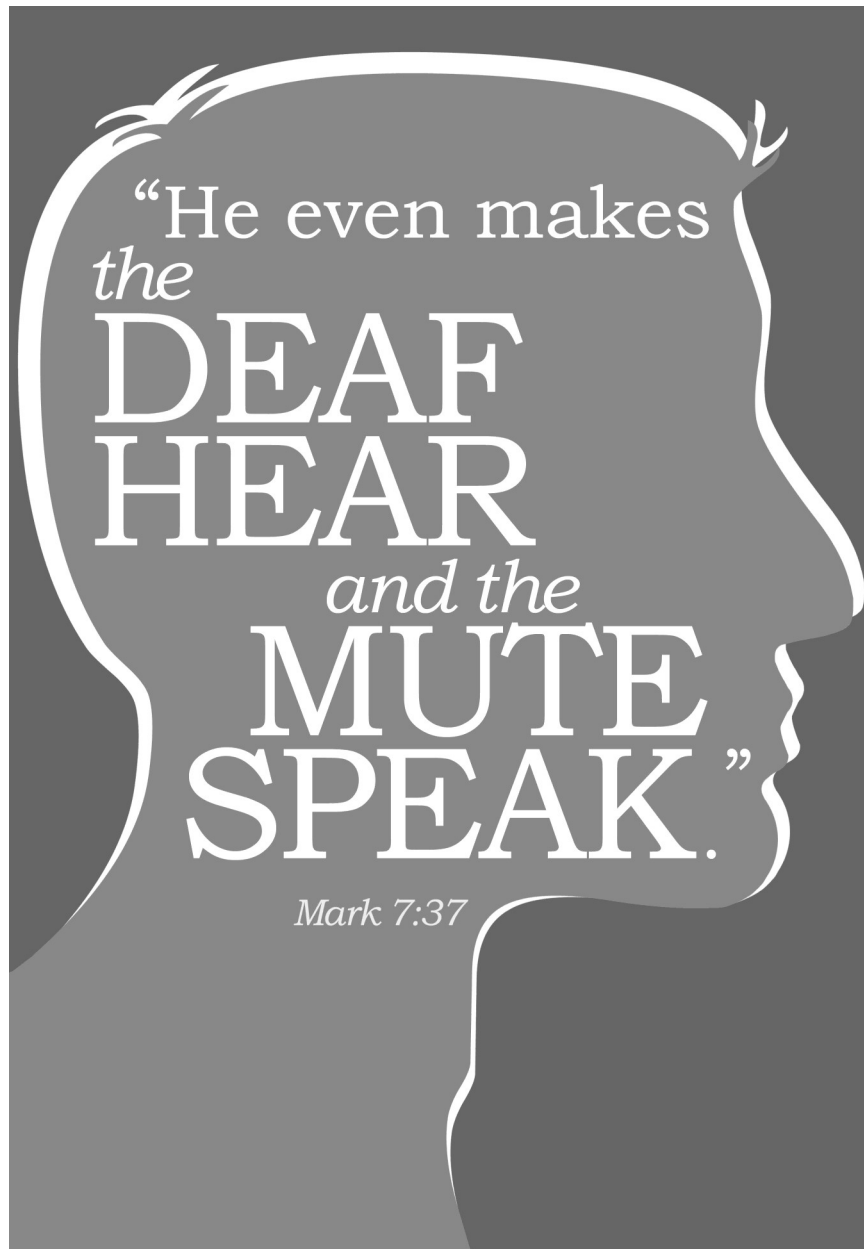


Sunday, September 8, 2024

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love and Serve.
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin

O the Joy
A Liturgy Written by Gregory Berg

Special thanks to greeter Jo Nissen, assisting minister and lector Gary Wee, communion assistants Gregg & Kylee Albright, AV technician Barb Salvo and Alison Ferrentino, ushers Dave Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait, altar guild Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, Lyndsey Newton, and Joni Reske, coffee fellowship JoAnne Steeve and Sally Nietzel, and musicians Elaine Lewis and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

*Please stand, if you are able, where there is an asterisk * in the bulletin.*

PRELUDE (A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)

*GATHERING SONG

O the Joy

Gregory Berg



O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure - ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt
of-fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac-ri-fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.
Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as
sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn. O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the
Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, **Congregation:** **Lord have mer - cy.** For the
peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**
cy. For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that
we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**
Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. That all of the world may
know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the
bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be
strong and se - cure anchored and centered - sole - ly on you, and for gui - dance and grace in all that we do,
Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

leader
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

congregation
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

4
 full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

7
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and
 (Lord God, Heaven-ly King the

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty,
 (Lord God, Heaven-ly King,

11
 Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes
 the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

14
 way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BACKPACK BLESSING

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

*GOSPEL ACLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

*GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Even Jesus Changed His Mind Pastor Mark Doidge

712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***INVITATION SONG**

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord. Leader: 1.Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken.
2.Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

Words of Institution are spoken here

Hear the gos - pel and pro - mise spo - ken.
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

All: Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the

Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have
mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, O right-eous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the
world. Have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**



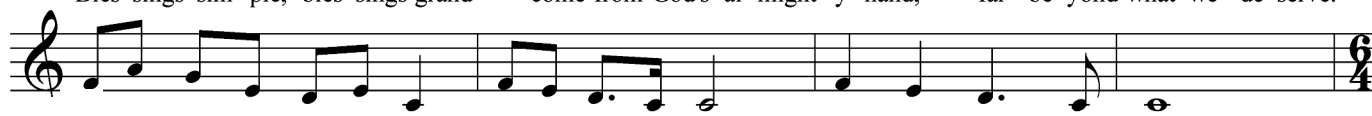
Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.



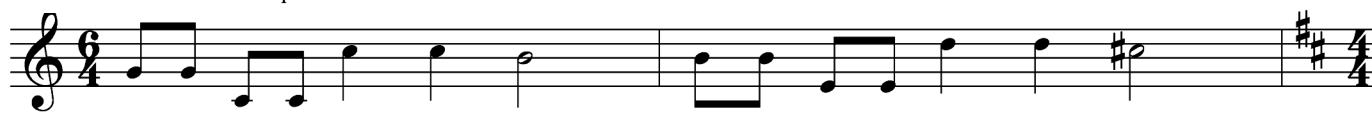
That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.



Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.



t our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.



All we are and all we own comes from God and God a-lone!



All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share



with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Open our eyes, Loving God, to the astonishing beauty of the world You have made the earth, sea, and sky and all living things. Help us to better understand the intricacy of your creation and our place within it, that we might be wiser and more caring stewards of all that you have made. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Softener our hearts, Loving God, that we might be more loving and compassionate in our thoughts, words and actions. Inspire us to be loving and gracious not only with those who are lovable, but with those people in our lives who are more difficult to love. Remind us to look for the good in each other and to celebrate one another's unique gifts. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Restore hope, Loving God, to all who are bent low by difficulty and devastation of any kind those reeling from the effects of natural disaster those whose lives have been ravaged by war or conflict and those who have felt the brutal darkness of gun violence. In life's darkness, reveal Your restorative Light, and show us the way to a more peaceful and just world. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Guide us, Loving God, into a deeper understanding of the challenges that confront our community, our nation, and our world. Foster in us a spirit of openness to new possibilities and partnerships, that even across sharp divides of misunderstanding and suspicion, we might find common ground and the will to work for the common good. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness, Loving God, to everyone in our lives for whom we are feeling special concern today those contending with illness, injury, disability, addiction, exhaustion, isolation or the encroachment of despair. Help them to sense the comforting presence of your Holy Spirit, and help all of us to be instruments of that same Spirit. We pray today for Loving God,
hear our prayer.

We thank you for hearing these spoken prayers as well as the unspoken prayers of our hearts - and we thank you for continuing to extend to us your grace and mercy, made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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Thanks be to God.

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Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Leslie & Joan Anderson given by their daughter Susan Anderson

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery

The nursery has been cleaned up and refreshed and is ready for use on Sunday mornings! Carrie Jansen has offered to staff the nursery during Sunday services while parents worship. The nursery is also a convenient place to change your little one. To get to the nursery, go up the ramp under the balcony on the right side of the sanctuary. The nursery is the second door on the left down the hall. If you need help finding it, please ask one of the ushers to show you.

New Youth Service Debut Next Sunday

Our youth have been working since spring on a new worship service. The service will debut next Sunday at 9:30. We hope you can all be here to worship with us! Next Sunday is also Rally Day and we hope you will join us for ice cream after worship as we celebrate the beginning of a new year of Sunday School.

Diaper Ministry

Kylee Albright and Amy Larsen are co-chairs of this project. The Diaper Ministry will be open on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and offer diapers in infants and children's sized newborn through 5T and adult diapers in sizes S/M, L, and XL. There is a lot of interest from food pantry clients so they are hoping they will be busy at the grand opening on September 25th. They will need volunteers to help hand out diapers to clients, do recordkeeping, and restock shelves, and other behind the scenes work along with donations of diapers and wipes. Contact Kylee Albright (262-989-6433) or kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen (513-720-8286) or amylarsen2406@att.net if you have questions or would like to know how you can help.

Monday Morning Bible Study

The group will meet for breakfast on Monday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Douglas Ave. Diner, 5121 Douglas Ave. The book study begins on Monday, September 16th in the lounge from 10:00 - 11:30. Some had asked for a study of Revelation, so Pastor Laura chose **The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation.** If you want us to order the book for you, please contact Heidi in the office at 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com. The cost per book is \$16.00 and please get that to the office prior to receiving your book. When we looked last week there were some used copies available on thriftbooks.com and betterworldbooks.com at a reduced price. Hope you'll be able to join us!

Calling All Crafters!

A craft sale is being planned for this upcoming spring. We would love to have you showcase your creations. Please contact Rose Adamski @ rradamski@gmail.com or at 262-637-7833 if interested and for further details.

Food Pantry

The food pantry continues to be busy and the shelves empty quickly on those busy days! For the month of September they need donations of mixed fruit, peanut butter, egg noodles, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, and tuna. Recently there have been a number of people walking to the pantry and we are running out of cloth shopping bags. If you have any your no longer need we would be very grateful to get them! They are also receiving donations of fresh produce and are going through plastic shopping bags very quickly, so would be grateful for donations of lightly used plastic shopping bags and brown paper grocery bags. We are so very grateful to all who donate to the pantry as we could not continue this ministry without your generosity!

Prayer Team

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net.

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails. **Prayer changes things!**

Volunteers Needed

We are also looking for volunteers to work with the Building and Grounds team who help take care of our beautiful property, whether that is overseeing or helping with one project or a few. You can talk to the pastors or Building and Grounds Team chairperson Jim Black and Dave Knudson to learn more about the team or to offer to help.

Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

September 8 - 9:30 Worship and Backpack Blessing

September 9 - 10:00 Bible Study Breakfast at Douglas Avenue Diner

1:00 Food Pantry

September 10 - 1:00 Quilters

September 11 - 10:00 Book Club

September 13 - 1:00 Food Pantry

September 15- Rally Day!

9:30 Worship - New Youth Written Service

September 16 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

1:00 Food Pantry

September 17 - 9:30 Ketchup Club at Douglas Ave. Diner

10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study

Finance Update

	July		Year to date
Revenue:	\$45,280.53	Revenue:	\$326,536.81
Expense:	\$42,213.82	Expense:	\$312,088.33
Net Income:	\$3,066.71	Net Income:	\$14,448.48

In person attendance on September 1, 2024 - 89