

Pentecost 13 C

Sunday, September 4, 2022 PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider joining Peace.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

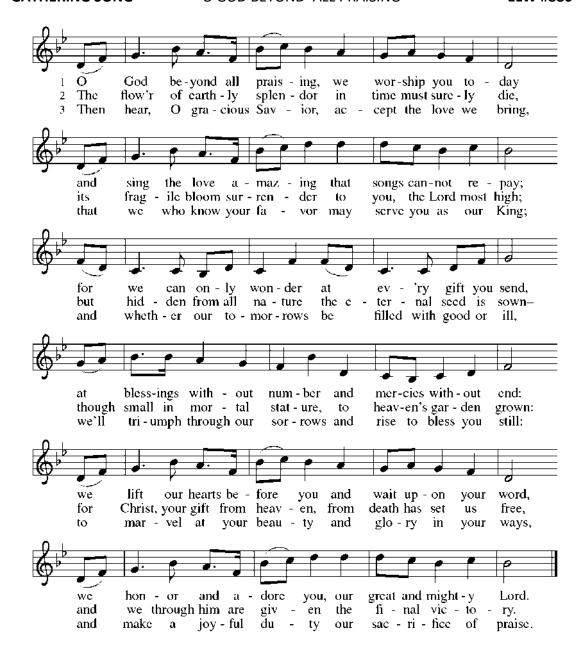
Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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GREETING

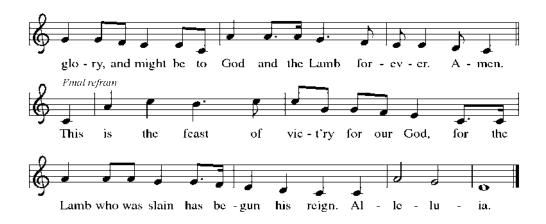
- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE THIS IS THE FEAST **ELW P187** Refrain This is the feast of vie - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun reign. Al - le ia. his 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free of God. Pow - cr, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and Refrain bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-try for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Althe peo - ple of God, ia. 2 Sing with all le - lu

tion:

Bless - ing, hon

join in the hymn of all ere - a



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 Read responsively

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ^I of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ^I of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.

SECOND READING Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

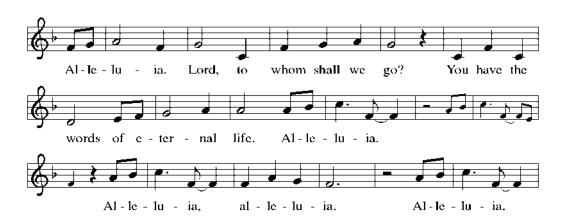
⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:25-33

P. The holy gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Maureen Stein

REFLECTION: FOR THOSE AT HOME

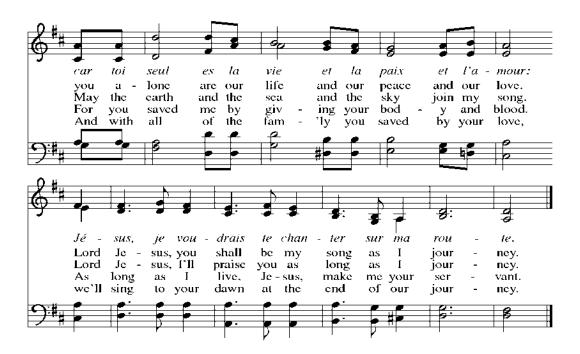
A lot can go wrong in our lives. If you ever have any doubts, just read the fine print in a contract, where every worst-case scenario is spelled out. Sometimes we appreciate having those challenges hidden away. When we are jumping into something new, it may be easier to take the leap if we don't dwell too much on what can go wrong.

But that's not the approach Jesus takes when describing the commitment of discipleship. Instead, he uses big, bold terms to emphasize the struggles and conflicts ahead. Discipleship with him will mean taking up a cross. It will mean confronting our most deeply held commitments—our possessions, relationships, and identities. In fact, the cross at the center of discipleship will be so burdensome that it will seem impossible to shoulder.

Jesus' words might scare us off if we miss the other half of the agreement. He doesn't ask us to carry our cross alone. He will be with us as a partner who has already taken the journey from death to resurrected life. In discipleship, Christ leads us and brings the power of God to meet our challenges. Yes, Christ will call us to share the pain of his cross. He will call us to die to old habits, stuck ways of thinking, and broken relationships. But he will also share with us the victory of his cross and the power to rise to new life.

At baptism, we were marked with the cross of Christ forever. That cross marks all of the deaths we will face, but it also marks the beginning of an eternal life with God. Every time we gather in Christian worship, we participate once more in Christ's journey from death to life. Around the table, we gather as Christ's disciples, sharing the overwhelming burden of his cross but also its even more abundant victory. Here, our crosses are transformed by the community in which they are held and by Christ, who leads our way.





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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. We pray especially for those on our prayer list. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors . Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

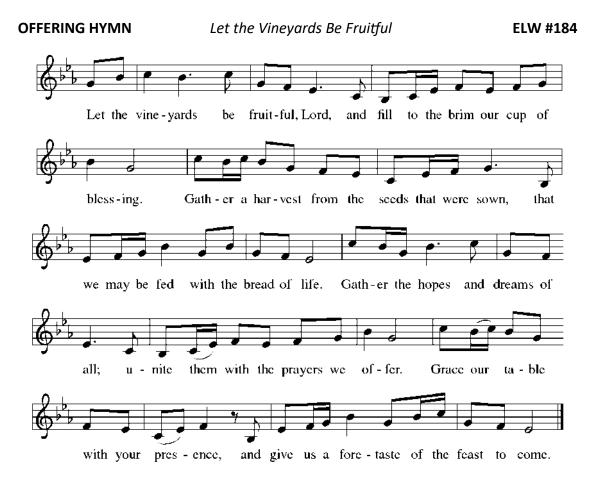
THE SHARING OF PEACE

- P. The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

+ THE MEAL +

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We gladly accept your offerings via US Postal Service, Tithe.ly, or direct deposit from you bank.



OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. Gracious God:

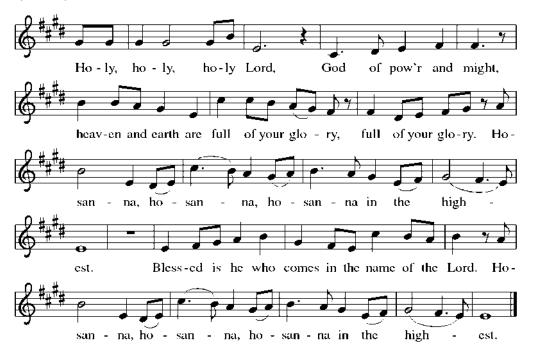
C. in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

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.

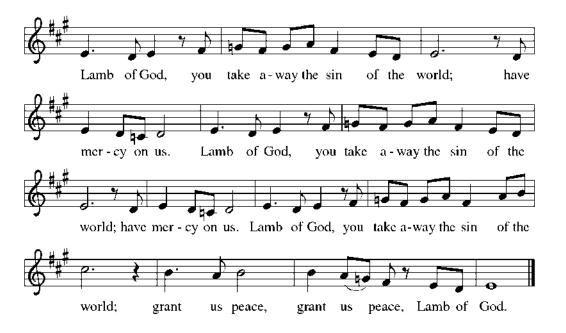
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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COMMUNION HYMN(S)

CONTEMPORARY SONG YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

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TABLE BLESSING

- P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A. God of the abundant table,
- C. you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

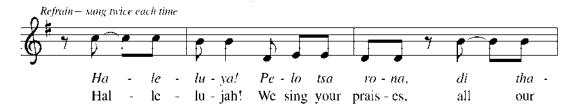
P. God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES

ELW #535











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DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C. Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654 Friday, September 9, 2022

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Walter Hoyt, Judy Barhoover, Art Longworth

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office (217)546-7646. Names will remain on the pray-

er list for two weeks unless otherwise notified. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ZOOM MEETINGS / IN-PERSON EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 In Person Worship/Livestream—9:30am

Drive Thru Communion—11:00-11:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 In Person Worship/Livestream—9:30am

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4

Assisting Minister: Cathy Smith Ushers: Ron & Susan Krause

Video: Linda Rice Camera: Janet Kocis Musician: Brenda Peck Presiding: Pastor Mary Zupansic Preaching: Pastor Maureen Stein Coffee Fellowship: Sandy Barker

ALTAR FLOWERS PLACED

To the Glory of God

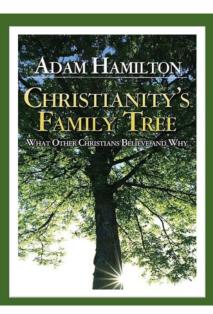
BIRTHDADYS

9/5—Carter Impson



HELP US KEEP OUR MICROPANTRY STOCKED

Non-perishables may be put directly in the pantry or dropped off in the church office.



Sundays@6 Adult Faith Formation

Beginning September 18 6 to 7 p.m. on Zoom

For details contact
Debi and Pete Ellersten
Edmund.ellertsen85@gmail.com
Or 217-793-2587

Peace Lutheran's Sundays@6 adult faith formation group has selected a book for our fall Zoom sessions. It is "Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why," by Adam Hamilton. Members and friends are warmly invited to join us via Zoom Sundays at 6 p.m. beginning Sept. 18.

We'll cover Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. "The aim of this book is not to critique the various churches and traditions we will study. Neither is it to compare and contrast them," says Hamilton, a United Methodist minister whose curricula are widely used by all denominations. "Instead my aim is to help you learn from your brothers and sisters of other denominations so that your faith might be enriched and that we might be more authentic and effective disciples of Jesus Christ."

Books are available from Amazon.com for \$13.15 (also 85 used copies from \$1.88 on up). Watch NYCU for more details. Or contact Pete and Debi Ellertsen, Ed-mund.ellertsen85@gmail.com or 217-793-2587.



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opening for an
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Hours: 9a.m. – 2:30p.m. Monday thru Friday

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Contact Pastor Mary @ 920-671-4338

God's work. Our hands.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

FOLLOWED BY

SERVICE PROJECT POTLUCK MEAL

See News You Can Use for details



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

We are collecting non-perishable food items & personal hygiene products throughout August

Items for Meal Kits:

20 cans canned chicken

10 cans canned tuna

10 boxes macaroni and cheese

20 cans cream of mushroom soup

10 cans chili

10 1lb boxes spaghetti

10 small Containers grated parmesan cheese

10 cans cream of chicken soup

10 boxes Chicken Helper Tetrazzini mix

10 cans chicken a la king

10 small pckg Bisquick buttermilk biscuit mix

10 cans tamales

10 cans refried beans

10 packages microwavable Spanish rice

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS:

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Bars of Soap

Toilet Paper

Boxes of Tampons or Pads

Laundry Detergent

Dish Soap

Medical-grade or N95 face masks

OTHER:

Small bag or individual cans of pet food



If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary OR have a pastoral emergency, PLEASE contact Pastor on her cell phone @ 920-671-4338. You may also call the church office @217-546-7646 and leave a message.



Sign up for Altar Flowers

\$35.00

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The "Frolic Family: Little Steps, Big Faith" curriculum intends to build community and extend faith from church to home. This curriculum supports opportunities for parents and children to grow in faith together.

God Finds Us: Being found	Sept 18	Thank You, God: Thankfulness	Nov 20
TAKE HOME LESSON (pick up in Narthex)	Sept 25	TAKE HOME LESSON (pick up in Narthex)	Nov 27
God Made us All: Big and Little	Oct 2	Sleep Tight Tonight: Bedtime	Dec 4
We're Better Together: Differences	Oct 9	TAKE HOME LESSON (pick up in Narthex)	Dec 11
God's Wonderful World: Five senses	Oct 16	Clap, Sing, Dance: Praising God	Dec 18
TAKE HOME LESSON (pick up in Narthex)	Oct 23	TAKE HOME LESSON (pick up in Narthex)	Dec 25
God Made Feelings: Emotions	Oct 30	Everyone Gets Upset: Frustra- tion	Jan 1
Good Morning, World: Morning routines	Nov 6	I can Help: Helping Others	Jan 8
Pray to God: Prayer	Nov 13		



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We are providing a meal at Helping **Hands Shelter** on Sept 12th.

Please drop off sides and desserts on the 11th or before 4pm on the 12th.