



**7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
Lord's Prayer Sunday**

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**Mission Statement: God calls us to unite in Christ, grow
in faith, serve in love, and share the good news.**

WELCOME TO ALL,
ESPECIALLY OUR VISITORS.



We praise God for all who worship here today. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book and be sure to take a visitor's bag of goodies and information about our church. Be sure to see an usher if you need anything (a quiet room for children, a bathroom, a diaper changer, or the parlor for quiet meditation) during the service.

Absolutely everyone is welcome to take communion. Lutherans believe that the very presence of Jesus Christ means the bread is his body and the wine is his blood. Communion is a meaningful vehicle for the Holy Spirit to enter us fully and have us participate in Christ's death and resurrection. God invites you to God's own table for love, forgiveness, and fellowship. Parents may decide if they want their young children to commune or receive a blessing, but please know that all ages are welcome to commune in the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

You are absolutely invited to everything Christus Victor Church does, including all fellowships, events, and after-worship activities. La casa de Dios, tu casa.

Note to Everyone: Please read the announcements at the end of this bulletin!

God's blessings on all who serve:

PASTOR: Ellen B. Krich

DEACON: Shelly Shrader

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Taylor Armstrong

ORGANIST: Mark Hurley

TECHNOLOGY: Ugonnaya Obineme

LAY ASSISTANT: Shelly Shrader

READER: Rachel McPherson

USHERS: Phil Biedronski, Karen Biedronski

ACOLYTE: Colette Revels

ALTAR GUILD: Andrea Zahirsky, Irene Ruby, Virginia McCurdy, Cathleen Burkins, Ellen Marsheck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*GATHERING

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.

P. God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority of Christ alone, I therefore declare to you the entirety of your sins are forgiven and forgotten, in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

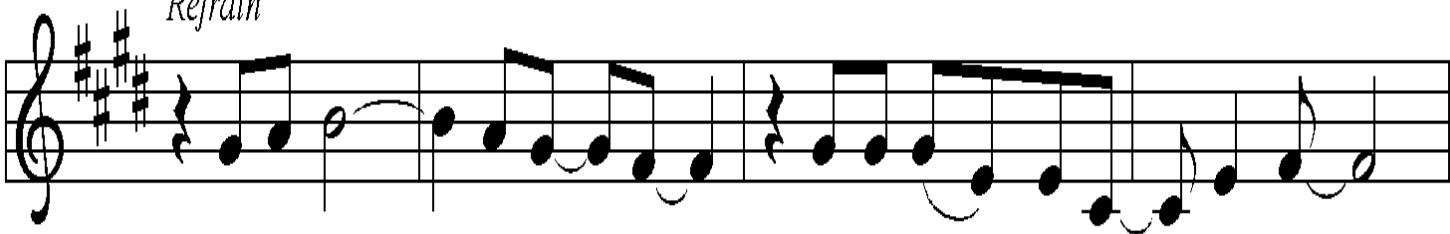
***GATHERING SONG: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)**

***GREETING**

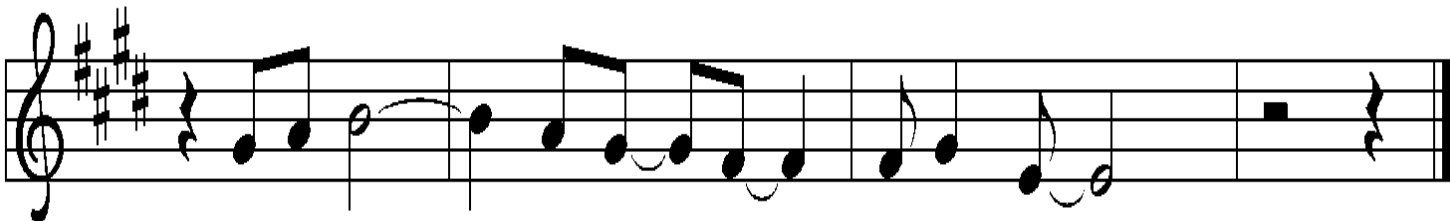
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE (ELW page 184)**

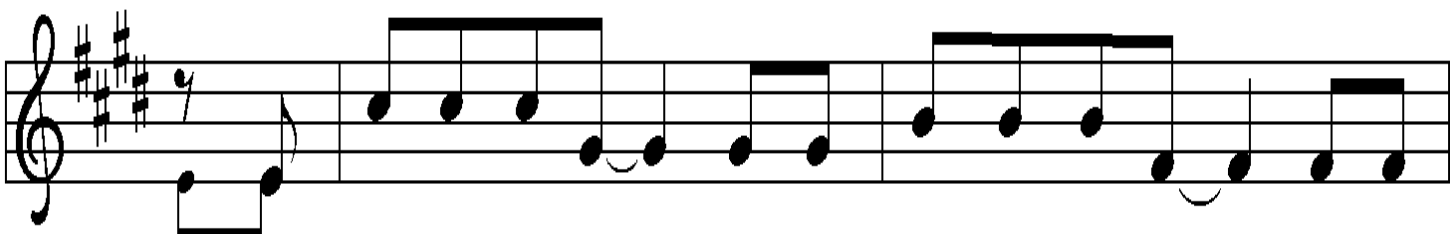
Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



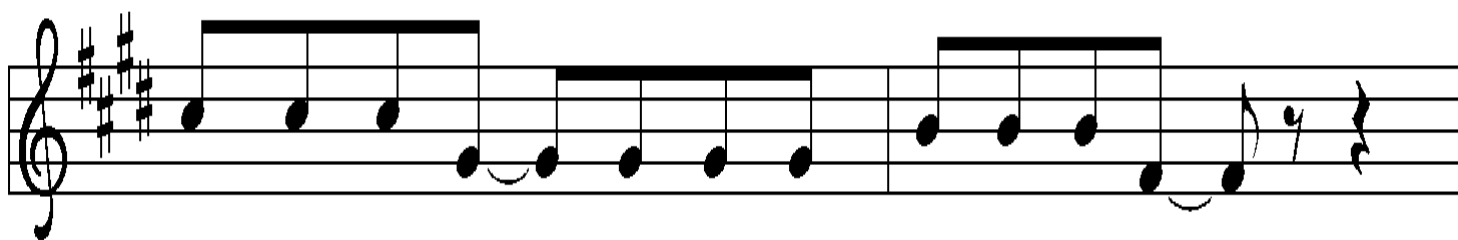
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A. Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must

go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise
your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and
faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹
bove all things.**

³ When I called, you [|] answered me;
 you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,
 when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways [|] of the LORD,
 that great is the glory [|] of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,
 perceiving the haughty [|] from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
 enemies; your right [|] hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
 O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
 abandon the works [|] of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

A reading from Colossians.

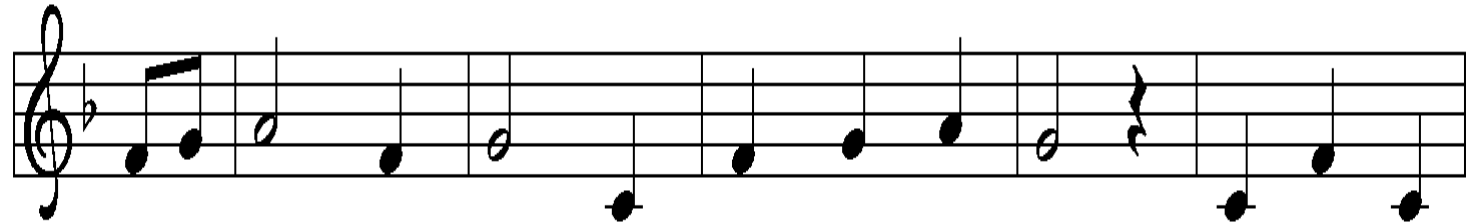
The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

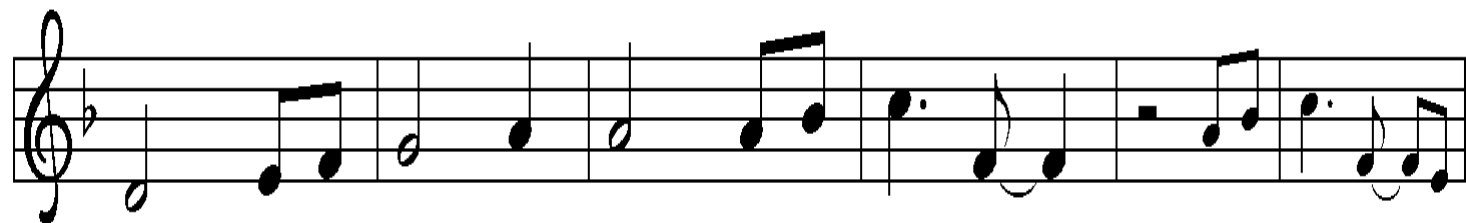
⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses,

¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

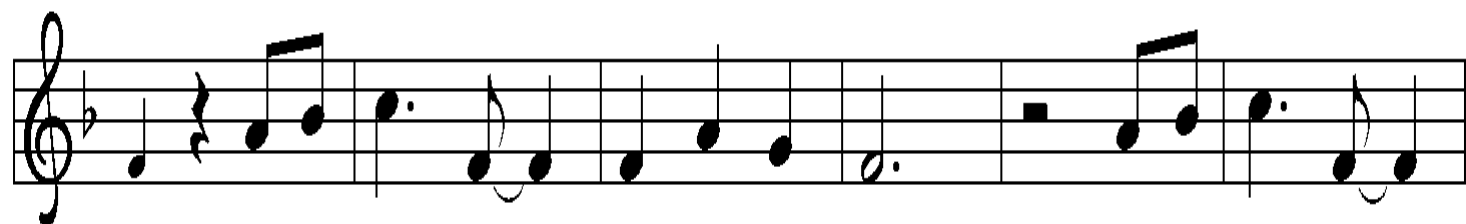
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW page 188)**



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God’s coming reign, God’s mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679)

YOUTH TIME

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***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.**

Please be seated for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A. Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Teach rulers of the earth to be guided by your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven and to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray aloud for all on our parish prayer list.... And also for those in our hearts....Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. We give thanks for all who have gone before us, especially Roger McPherson. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Send unending birthday blessings on Carol Stansbury, Bradley Duncan, and Stephanie Armstrong. Give them the gifts of the Spirit, along with the gifts of loving family and friends to celebrate with them, and bless the year ahead with all joy, peace, and adventure.

Be with Christian & Ngozi Obineme as they celebrate many years together as husband and wife. May their union continue to be blessed with togetherness, love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, and faithfulness. May they be a beacon of marital light for their children, friends, and family. Keep them in strength and wellness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P. Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL MEDITATION

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

***SANCTUS (ELW page 190)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***LORD'S PRAYER (according to Luke)**

Father,

Hallowed be your name.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we too forgive everyone who

trespasses against us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI (ELW page 191)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: *When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)* (ELW 785)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***SENDING**

***THE FINAL BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (ELW 504)**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Care and Concern

Christiana Asadu - Health issues (Ngozi Obineme’s sister)
Graham Allen – Young child with ill health (Jane Bowie)
Tate Armstrong & Family – Safety during deployment
JoAnn Bakie – Health Issues (Bea Walshinsky)
Daniel Beauford – Health Issues (Obinemes)
Henry Hale Brzozowski – baby born prematurely (cousin of Emily Krich)
Greg and Kelly Bryant –(Stansburys)
Patty Buddemeyer – Health Issues (Daughter of the Leights)
Daryl Burman – (Howard Stansbury)
Sheila Clark – Severe stroke (Cousin of Diane Hopple)
Rob Coppage – Battling cancer (Nephew of Birdie Patrick)

Paula Deiste – Pathology showed that cancer remains. She will be undergoing radiation treatments. (The Biedronskis)

Darlene Evans – Fighting cancer (Sandy Petrovich)

Patrick Farrell - Recovering from surgery (cousin of Phil Biedronski)

Kathy Fiedler – (Virginia McCurdy's cousin)

Beth Franks – Pray for healing (friend of Joyce McMahon)

George – Bone marrow cancer. (Joyce McMahon).

Loretta Gleason – Pray for healing. (Birdie Patrick)

Bobby Heuisler – (Stansburys)

Austin James – (Shelly Shrader)

Jessie – Pray for strength. (Len & Sandy Petrovich)

Nancy Kiefner – Health Issues (Stansburys)

Jackie King - Beginning battle with cancer for the third time (friend of Karen Biedronski).

Robert Kruelle – Kidney health issues (Irene Ruby)

Charlie Leight* - Pray for wellness for his heart.

Jacqi & Lacey Lockard – (Stansburys)

Brian Martel – Stage 4 melanoma (friend of Phil Biedronski)

Ken McPherson (Rachel and Emma McPherson).

Christopher Miltier - Safety during his military deployment (Stansburys)

Susan Parker – Pray for well-being after a paralyzing stroke (Bea Walshinsky's daughter)

Don Ratcliffe – (Friend of Sandy & Len Petrovich)

Jaimie Risch – (Stansburys)

Rosemary – Stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Erika Scarcells – having testing for seizure disorder

Rebekah Scranton – (Shraders)

Jake Sittler* - Pray for strength and continued wellness.

Jim Steadman* – Health issues

Ginny Thompson – Numerous health issues (Merle Vogel)

Michele Thompson – Health Issues (Bea Walshinsky)

Carol Tracey – Serious Health Issues (Jane Bowie)

Juergen Wagner - Hospitalized in isolation with serious health concerns (Susanne Bruneau's brother)

*member CVLC

Members at Home or in Long Term Care

Jeanne George

Bea Walshinsky

Please call the church office with updates on the person(s) you put on the prayer list and let Sharon know if prayers were answered and the person can come off the list. Thank you.

Attendance: 7/20/2025

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 61

Count Our Blessings: 7/20/2025

Weekly Offering - \$2,393.00

Online Giving 7/18/2025 – \$1,705.00

Memorials - \$50.00

Victor's Vittles - \$680.00

Fellowship Hall - \$340.00

Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday Wishes: July 29 – Carol Stansbury, Bradley Duncan; August 1 – Stephanie Armstrong

Happy Anniversary Wishes: August 2 – Christian & Ngozi Obineme

+ Tate's physical address. Many of you have asked to send letters and cards directly to Tate. His address is:
Taylor Armstrong (No Rank)
AFCENT PAB
OPC 1201 Box 22
APO, AE 09309

Remember, he is also able to receive emails at tsarmstrong@gmail.com. If you hear back from him, please be sure to share the news with the rest of our church.

Upcoming Events

Our free Vacation Bible School is coming the week of August 11th – 15th, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., with lunch included. Please begin to talk this up with your neighbors and friends who have children in elementary school and 4-year old pre-school. Older children are welcome to come as helpers to earn community service hours. We want a crowd of children to hear more about Christ.

Save the Dates for the following:

- **Pastor Ellen** will be on vacation in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, from August 1-August 9. Please call the office for pastoral care. Deacon Shelly will be preaching on Sunday, August 3rd.
- **Friendly's Restaurant at 9551 Belair Road** is hosting a fund-raising event for us on Tuesday, August 19, from 5-9 p.m. No flier is needed, and our church will receive 10% of all proceeds during that time. Please come out and support the cause.
- **Freedom Ride** gathering in front of the church to cheer on the hundreds of motorcyclists who are riding to memorialize 9/11 on Saturday, August 30th, at 11:00 A.M. with light breakfast fare, tents and music.
- **Fall Flea Market** on Saturday, September 13th, from 8:00 A.M. – 12 noon. Begin gathering your things to sell and tell friends and neighbors who may want a booth.
- **Crab Feast** on Saturday, September 27th, 2 PM. There will be all you can eat steamed crabs (big and fat during the later summer season), plus pit beef and turkey, lots of delicious sides and a quilt raffle. More details about the cost and when tickets will be sold are coming.

VICTOR'S VITTLES:

<p>August 2nd – Angela Myers, Sandy Petrovich Driver Pick-up August 1st – Frank Rose More drivers are desperately needed.</p>
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Victors Vittles Food Drive!

Please help us stock up our regular family foods by bringing in the following: **July:** Pasta Sauce/Pasta, **August:** Potatoes Instant Boxes, Packets or Rice, **September:** Chili

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27 –10AM Service

Monday, July 28- NA Group 7:00PM

Tuesday, July 29 - Christus Comforters 9:30AM

Tuesday, July 29 – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM

Thursday, July 31 – VBS Crafts 7:00-9:00PM

Friday, August 1 – New Beginnings 7:00PM

Saturday, August 2 – Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM

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FFF:	Stephanie Vancura

The Lord's Prayer

Philip Mathias in his book, *the perfect prayer*, says the entirety of the Christian faith is encapsulated in the six petitions of the Lord's Prayer, as found in Luke. The Lukan prayer has thirty-five words and those are recited by millions of worshippers who seek the Lord and yearn for wholeness of spirit and faith. Imagine how many billions or trillions of times this prayer has been recited. It is amazing!

Mathias favors the Lukan prayer over Matthew's version, citing the fact that the superfluous words were added either by Matthew or a scribe, whereas Luke sticks to only the words Jesus says.