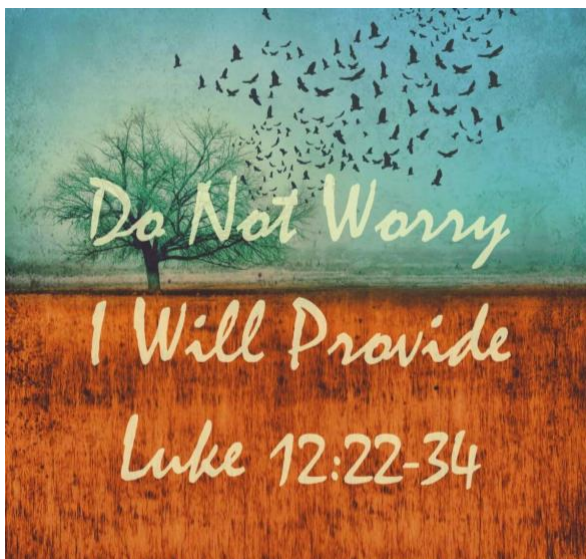


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# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

## Divine Service 1 (p. 151ff. in LSB)

### The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, & Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: LSB 808 "O Sing to the Lord"

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing to the Lord, O Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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### The Invocation, Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## **The Introit (Chanted)**

*Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7*

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving,\*  
 make melody to our God | on the lyre!  
 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain |  
 for the earth; \*  
 he makes grass grow | on the hills.  
 He gives to the | beasts their food, \*  
 and to the young ravens | that cry.  
 His delight is not in the strength | of the horse, \*  
 nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,  
 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him, \*  
 in those who hope in his | steadfast love.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

## The Kyrie (Spoken)

LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of  
all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155


*Refrain*



■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be

your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**A Song: “By Faith” (Getty)**

**Verse 1**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

**Verse**

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

**Chorus**

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

**Verse 3**

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

**Verse 4**

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth **(Chorus)**

### **Verse 5**

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name **(Chorus)**

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## **The Epistle Reading**

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and

Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

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.

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:22–34*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your



body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

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

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 666, "O Little Flock, Fear  
Not the Foe"**

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,

seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!

And though your cour - age some - times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - egn  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y

tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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**The Sermon**

# The Offering

## Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

C    **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**

**A Hymn:** "Wonderful, Merciful, Savior" (Selah)

### Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh., You rescue the souls of men

### Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long for Your embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

### Chorus

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore*

*You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

### **Verse 3**

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness, You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne **(Chorus 2Xs)**

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## **Announcements and Blessing**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

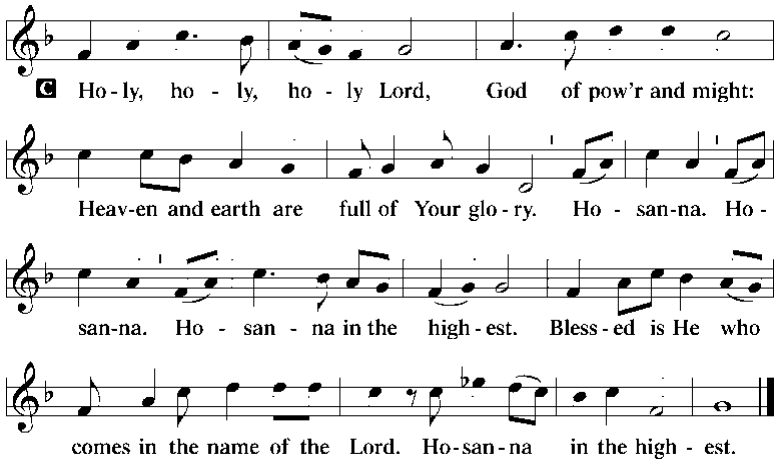
#### **Preface**

*LSB 160*

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**  
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

# Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# The Words of Institution

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** 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.

**The Distribution** (During the distribution, you are invited to sing the following hymns.)

## A Hymn: LSB 627, "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this  
wrath for - cv - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,

He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 And with the wine the blood He shed.  
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
 And receive My grace and favor:  
 Those who feel no pain or ill  
 Need no physician's help or skill.

8 "For what purpose was My dying  
 If not for your justifying?  
 And what use this precious food  
 If you yourself were pure and good?"

10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
 That its fruit of love may flourish  
 And your neighbor learn from you  
 How much God's wondrous love can do.

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## A Hymn: LSB 538, "Praise Be to Christ"

1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the  
 Fa - ther shown. The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
 God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as  
 grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
 world has passed a - way; Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
 man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
 Re - demp-tion's price and source and theme. A - live, the first - born  
 Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth. The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
 from the dead. To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

## The Benediction

## The Closing Hymn: LSB 811, "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for  
 4 All crea-tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten





God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro-claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and  
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to  
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most  
 dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel thron'g And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.  
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.  
 choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

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**Events of the Week: August 7-13, 2022**

- Monday** 6:30 p.m. Communion
- Friday** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday** Men's Breakfast and Bible study
- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB  
 9:30 a.m. Worship service  
 11:00 a.m. Bible study

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: July 31, 2022**

General Fund	4682.00
Other (Designated)	<u>150.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4832.00</b>

## Announcements

**Nursery Available:** Parents, we have a nursery room that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

**Copies of the August newsletter** are available on the table in the lobby by the office.

**A new Bible study begins TODAY** as Pastor Schaeffer “revisits” the beloved Sunday School stories that we learned when we were children in Sunday School. Today we study “Creation.”

**Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws** that are governing the affairs of St. James are available on the table in the coatroom.

**Copies of the “Funeral Planning Guide”** are available on the table in the coatroom.

**A Life Thought in the Church Year:** Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32). Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.

**Who do you know who might need preschool** for their child or who might be looking to send their child(ren) to an elementary Christian school? A grandchild? A neighbor’s child? Please tell them about our school, ISJ Academy. The school phone number is: 616-363-0505. The ISJ Academy website is: <https://www.mychristianschool.com/>.

St. James Lutheran Church Presents: A Back  
to School Block Party



*Hit the Ground Running,  
But Don't Fall*

*"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us!" Hebrews 12:16*

August 18 is coming soon! We hope you will join in the fun as we welcome children to a new school year. This free outdoor event will be held from 6-8 pm and will feature: hot dogs, an ice cream truck, an obstacle course, games, crafts, songs and a devotion about perseverance! Our ISJ family, the Creston community, and the kids you love are invited to attend. Pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Thank you volunteers for your willingness and passion to serve our community! It is not too late to sign up on the volunteer list outside the church office!

You can also support this outreach event by

- donating a backpack for a child who does not have one
- making a donation to help offset the costs of supplies and equipment

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cindy McAuliffe, Nancy Spears, or Sandra Schaeffer.

## **Those who serve Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

**Organist:** Beth McKay

**Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Dale and Grace Rosema and Walt and Karen Kryzanowski

**Video/Sound/Recording:** John and Marjie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

**July Altar Guild:** Suellen Pfannkuch and Amanda Donigan