

9 Pentecost August 10, 2025

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| Prelude— <i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i> | NEAR |
| Anthem— <i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i> | WOOD |
| Postlude— <i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i> | SMART |
| Hymns: | |
| Gathering— <i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> | ELW 853 |
| Hymn of the Day— <i>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i> | ELW 802 |
| Sending— <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> | ELW 632 |

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² 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?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!
- ¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

| SERVERS | | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Week</u> |
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| <i>Greeters</i> | | <i>Horace & Betty Meetze</i> | <i>Sylvia Ford</i> |
| <i>Lector</i> | | <i>Ruth Nicholson</i> | <i>Sylvia Ford</i> |
| <i>Worship</i> | | <i>Gail Marcum</i> | <i>*Need Volunteer</i> |
| | | <u>AUGUST</u> | <u>SEPTEMBER</u> |
| <i>Ushers</i> | | <i>*Need Volunteer</i> | <i>Jim Garner</i> |
| | | <i>Wayne Lybrand</i> | <i>Bil Aull</i> |
| <i>Tellers</i> | | <i>Sylvia Ford & Linda Griffith</i> | <i>Sylvia Ford & Sandra Hughes</i> |
| <i>Offering Pickup</i> | | <i>Wayne Lybrand</i> | <i>Jim Garner</i> |
| <i>Property</i> | | <i>Bill Aull</i> | <i>Jim Garner</i> |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | | <i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i> | <i>Isma Boland & Melba Murphy</i> |

| OFFERING | Last Sunday | Total for August |
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| General | \$1,849.00 | \$1,849.00 |
| Online General | \$ 581.88 | \$ 581.88 |
| Total | \$2,430.88 | \$2,430.88 |
| Building Maint. | | |
| & Prop. Imp. | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| Online BMPI | \$ 117.88 | \$ 117.88 |
| Total | \$ 417.88 | \$ 417.88 |

A basket of food has been placed in the church today by Sandra & Howard Hughes to the glory of God and to assist God's Helping Hands in their mission to provide for those in need in our community.

Lutheran Men will have our annual lunch at Shealy's in Leesville at **noon** on Tuesday August 19. All members and friends of OSLC are invited to join us. Please let Charles (803-791-4306) or another LMM member know if you would like a ride.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES For SRAA. The Elderberries have been contacted by the staff at Saluda River Academy for Arts with regard to collecting much needed supplies for children returning to school in early August. They are in need of book bags as well as school supplies. Clothing items such as shorts and lightweight pants in all children's sizes. Gently used are also acceptable. Anything is appreciated. A box will be in the Narthex for the collection beginning July 1st. Likewise, if you'd like to make a donation, please note it on your check or cash in an envelope. For more information contact Linda Griffith.

God's Helping Hands current needs are: fruit cups, Vienna sausages, noodles, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, and cream of potato soups, jello, cooking oil (no olive oil), crackers, cookies, canned tomatoes, canned beans, and Macaroni & Cheese. Please place donations in the designated container in the Cameron Hallway.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble

Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Jane & DeLeon Wallace

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| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:15 am | Adult Sunday School |
| <i>(August 10)</i> | 10:00 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:15 am | Youth Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11:45 am | Church Council Meeting |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 10:30 am | Bible Study |
| <i>Sunday</i> | 9:15 am | Adult Sunday School |
| <i>(August 17)</i> | 10:00 am | Choir Practice |
| | 10:15 am | Youth Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |