

WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF TRUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a visitor card located near the entrance.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

PRELUDE ~ “Mountain Memories” by Calvin Jones
Rhett Johnson, Pianist

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE ~ Kerry Ellis

MOMENT OF SILENCE

All the hymns today except the closing hymn are from the “All the Best Songs of Praise and Worship” hymnbook. Please see the screens for the words.

***OPENING HYMN ~ “Come and Behold Him” #71**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Reclaim page 21**

***RESPONSIVE READING ~ Psalm 26:1-12**

¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

² **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

⁴ **I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ **O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.**

⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰ **in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹² **My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ~**

O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ~ Jeremiah 15:15-21

SECOND LESSON ~ Romans 12:9-21

CHILDRENS' SERMON

***GOSPEL HYMN ~ “Spirit of the Living God” #201**

***GOSPEL ~ Matthew 16:21-28**

SERMON ~ Pastor Jerry Merkouris

***SERMON HYMN ~ “There Is a Redeemer” #144**

***APOSTLES' CREED ~ Reclaim Page 28**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/THE LORDS' PRAYER**

OFFERING ~ "God is Great, God Is Good"

***OFFERING RESPONSE ~ "We Are an Offering" #196**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CLOSING HYMN ~ "Goodbye Yesterday"

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***BENEDICTION**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

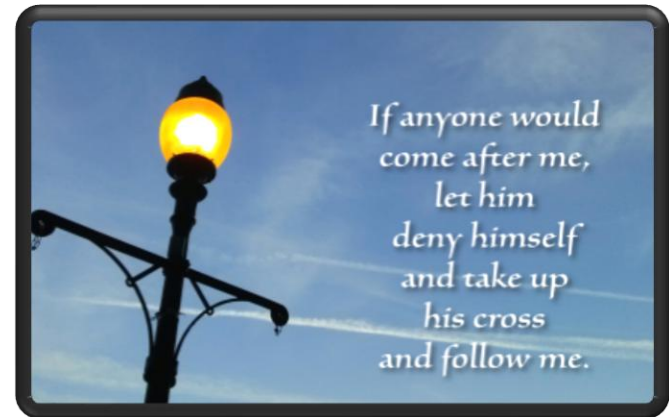
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*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,
He will guide you into all the truth.
He will not speak on his own;
He will speak only what he hears,
And he will tell you what is yet to come.
John 16:13*

August 30, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service