

Welcome

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.

Sept. 13, 2026

Worship Theme

One Body –
Many Parts

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Romans
12:10

Be
kindly affectionate
one to another
with brotherly

Love,
in
honor

preferring
one another.



OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone
(Ascension Arise Band)

Please stand

INVOCATION



P: We gather in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

(based on select verses of Ephesians 4-5)



P: Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another
in love.

C: **Make every effort to keep the
unity of the Spirit through the
bond of peace.**

P: There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to one
hope when you were called—

**C: one Lord, one faith, one
baptism; one God and Father of
all, who is over all and through
all and in all.**

P: But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ...It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

C: until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

P: Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

C: From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we were taught, with regard to our former way of life, to put off our old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of our minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

P: Therefore, we come before God in repentance – confessing our sins and seeking his mercy – so that empowered by his grace we may live a life with one another.

C: O most merciful Father...

**...forgive me for my falsehood and
help me speak truthfully to my
neighbor.**

**...forgive my unwholesome talk
and fill my mouth with words that
build others up.**

C: ...forgive my bitterness, rage, anger, and slander and give me a kind, compassionate and forgiving heart that forgives my fellow-believers, just as in Christ, you have forgiven me.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS



P: Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of Christ and according to his command and under his authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Forgiven by God in heaven, go forth as his dearly loved child and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

C: Amen.

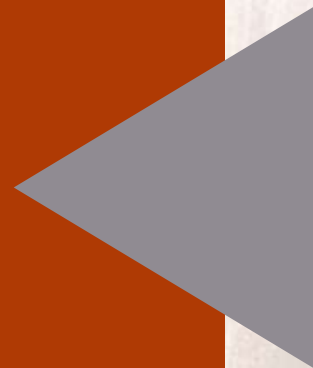
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, your grace seeks us in our wandering, heals us in our hurting, and unites us in the one saving faith in Jesus Christ. By your Spirit working through your Word keep us one in heart and mind so that all may see your love in how we love one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS





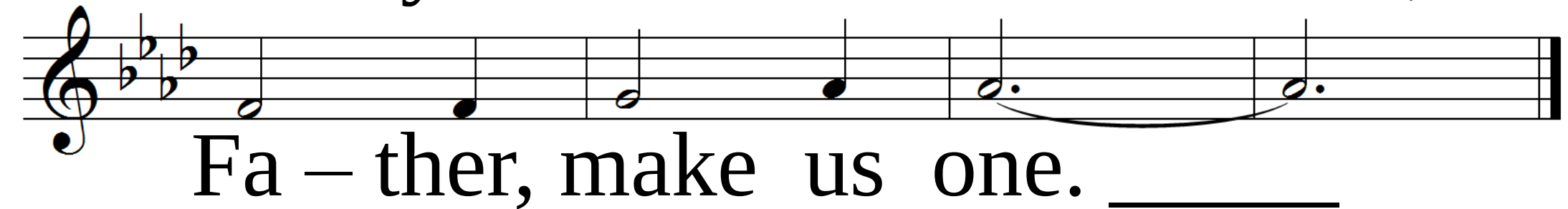
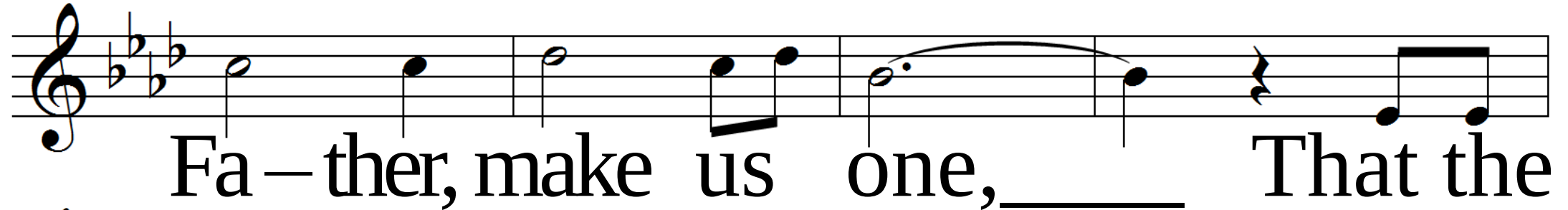
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down upon the collar of his robes.

It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

SUNG RESPONSE: Father, Make Us One





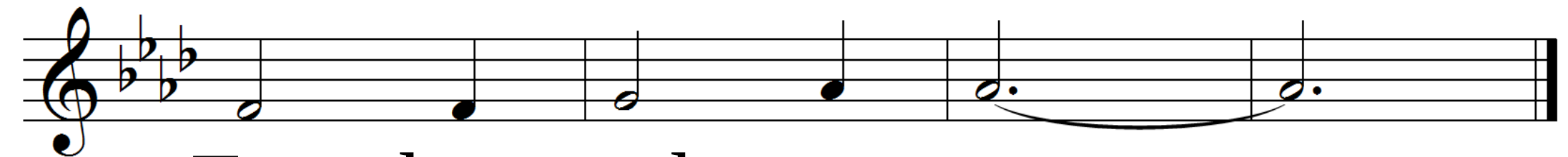
Fa – ther, make us one, _____



Fa – ther, make us one, _____ That the



world may know You have sent Your Son; _____



Fa – ther, make us one. _____



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON:

John 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.

"Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

APOSTLES' CREED



**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 everlasting. Amen.



Children's Message

SERMON HYMN:

#731 **Oh, How Good It Is** (vs.1-3)

V1.

Oh how good it is
when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit,
in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
are the fruits of
his presence here among us.

Refrain:

So with one voice
we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart
we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in
the presence of his people.

V2.

Oh, how good it is
on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy
and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace
when we offer
the blessing of belonging.

Refrain:

So with one voice
we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart
we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in
the presence of his people.

V3.

Oh, how good it is
to embrace his command
to prefer one another,
forgive as he forgives.

When we live as one
we all share in the love
of the Son with
the Father and the Spirit.

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we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart
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THE WORD

SERMON TEXT:
Romans 12:3-13
(HCSB)

For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one.

Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.

According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the standard of the faith; if service, in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

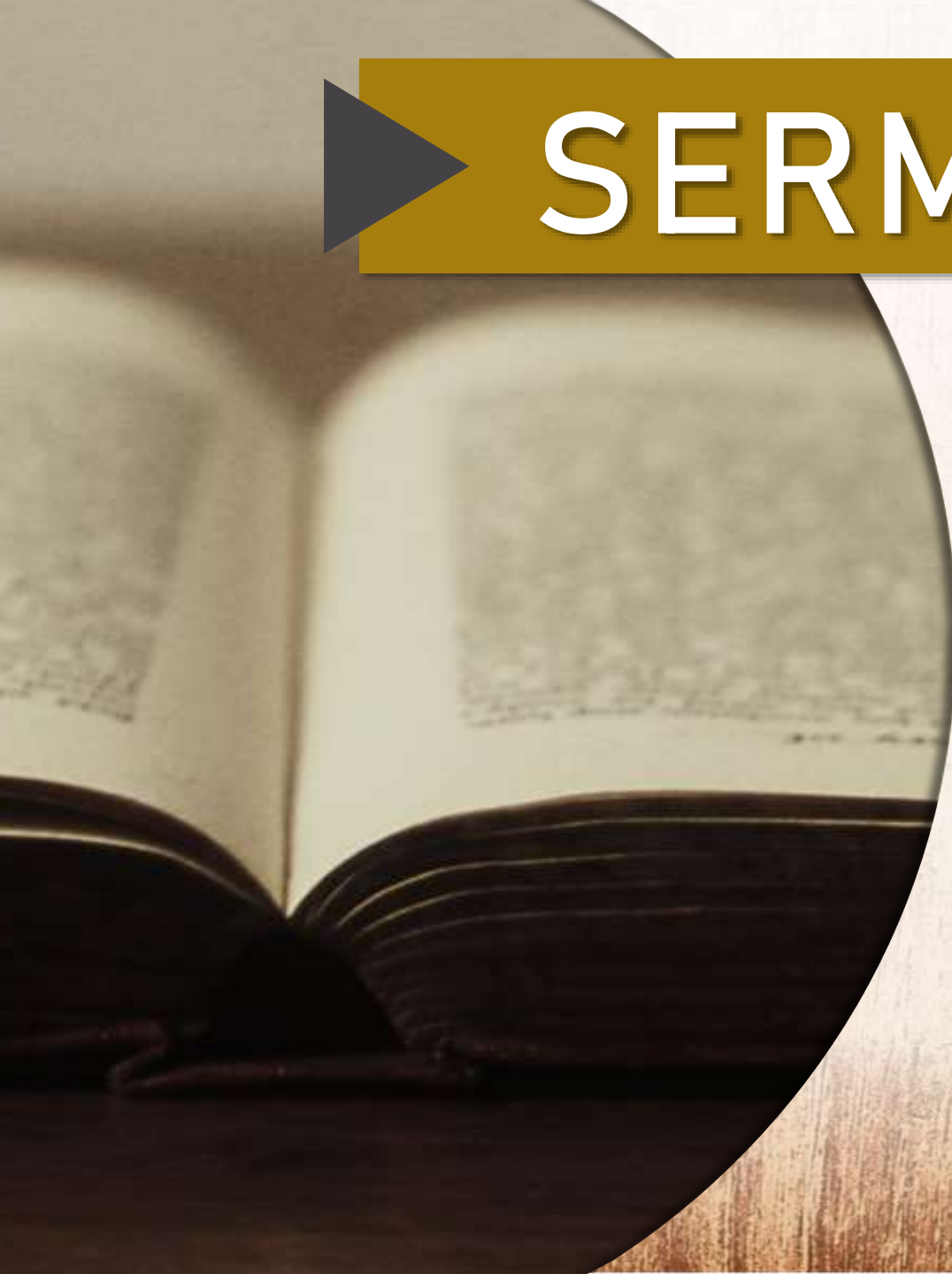
Love must be without hypocrisy.
Detest evil; cling to what is good.
Show family affection to one another
with brotherly love. Outdo one
another in showing honor. Do not
lack diligence; be fervent in spirit;
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer. Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality.

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SERMON THEME

**Since we are
the body...**

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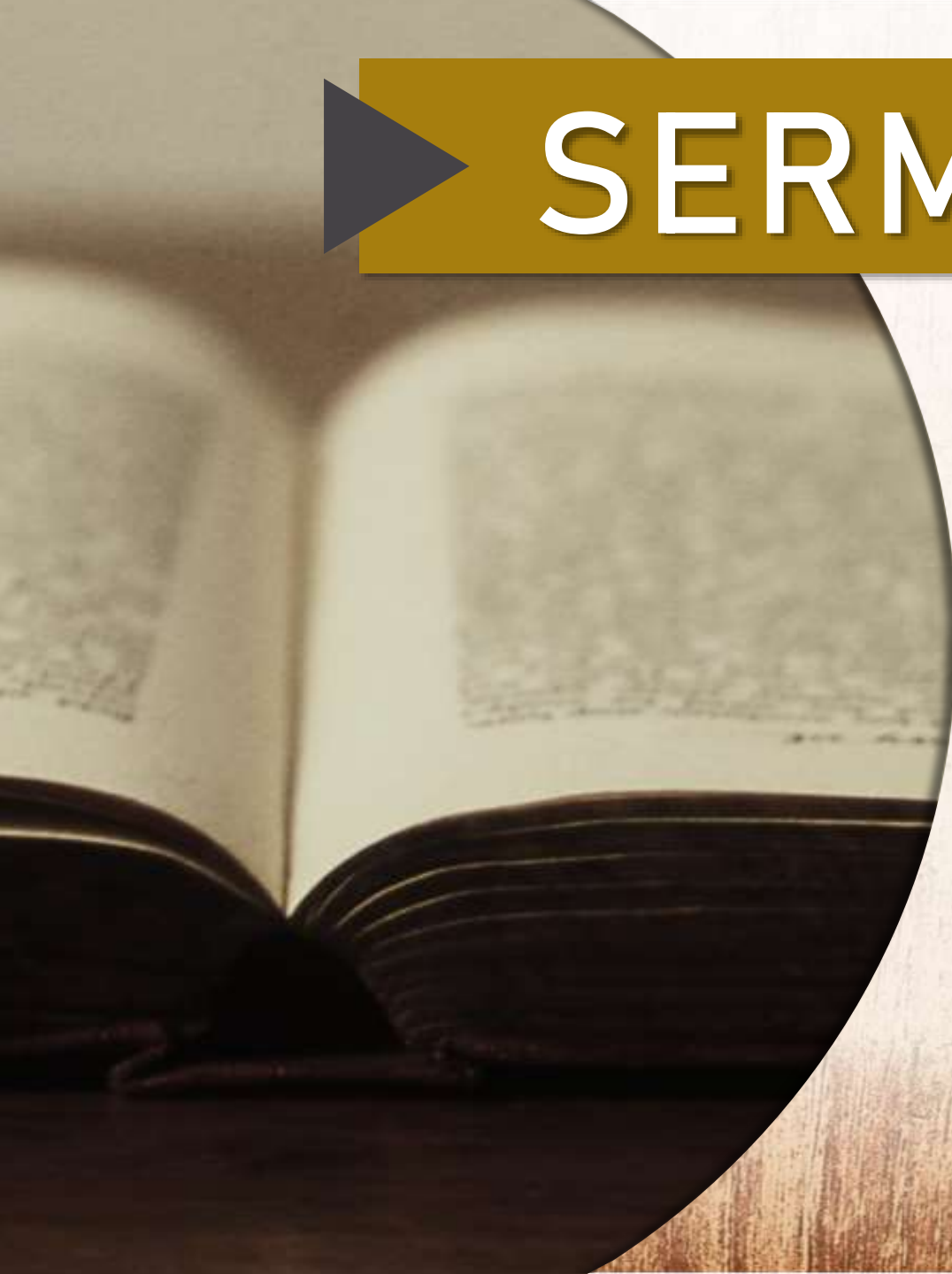
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SERMON THEME

**Since we are
the body...**

Supporting Us...

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.*



If you feel encouraged to support our ministry you can give electronically today. You can also set up recurring offerings automatically just scan the QR.

If you already support us place this card in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

Thanks for your generosity!

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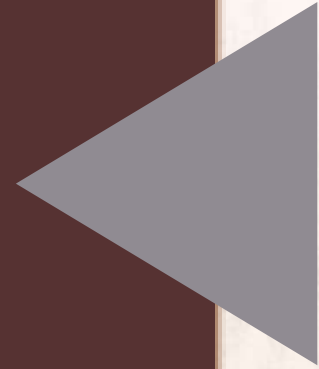
OFFERING SONG

Shine Jesus Shine

(Youth Small Group)



Prayer of the Church



LORD'S PRAYER



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

Distribution Hymn: **#732 In Unity and Peace**



Refrain:

How good it is and how pleasant
to live in unity and peace.

How good it is and how pleasant
to live together in one Lord.

V1.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
agree in ev'rything you say.

May there be no divisions among you,
but be united in one mind.

For there is one Lord,
one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain:

How good it is and how pleasant
to live in unity and peace.

How good it is and how pleasant
to live together in one Lord.

V2.

Live a life that is worthy of your call,
be humble, gentle, and patient.

Bear with each other
in ways that are loving,
preserve the unity of faith.

For there is one Lord,
one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain:

How good it is and how pleasant
to live in unity and peace.

How good it is and how pleasant
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V3.

Share the love that has joined us as one,
unite in spirit and ideals.

Never be rivals, do not be conceited,
but look to others in their need.

For there is one Lord,
one faith, one God of us all.

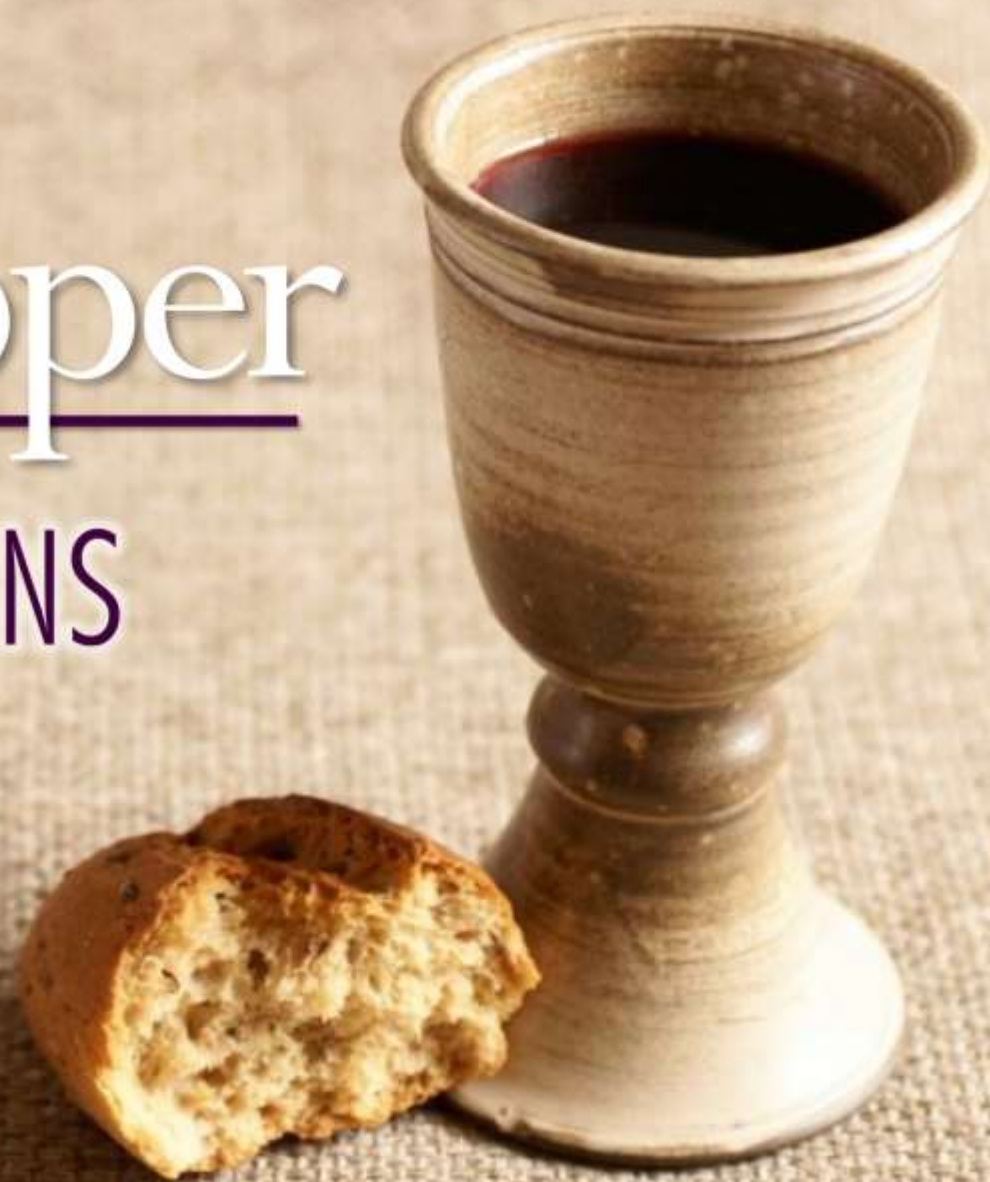
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How good it is and how pleasant
to live together in one Lord,
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The Blessings of
The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

#929 **May the Peace of God** (vs.1-2)

V1. May the peace
 of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
 keep our hearts
 and minds within his love.

Refrain:

And to him be praise
for his glorious reign
from the depths of earth
to the heights of heav'n.

We declare the name
of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

V2. May this peace
 which passes understanding,
 and this grace
 which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of his communion
 make us one in spirit and in heart.

Refrain:

And to him be praise
for his glorious reign
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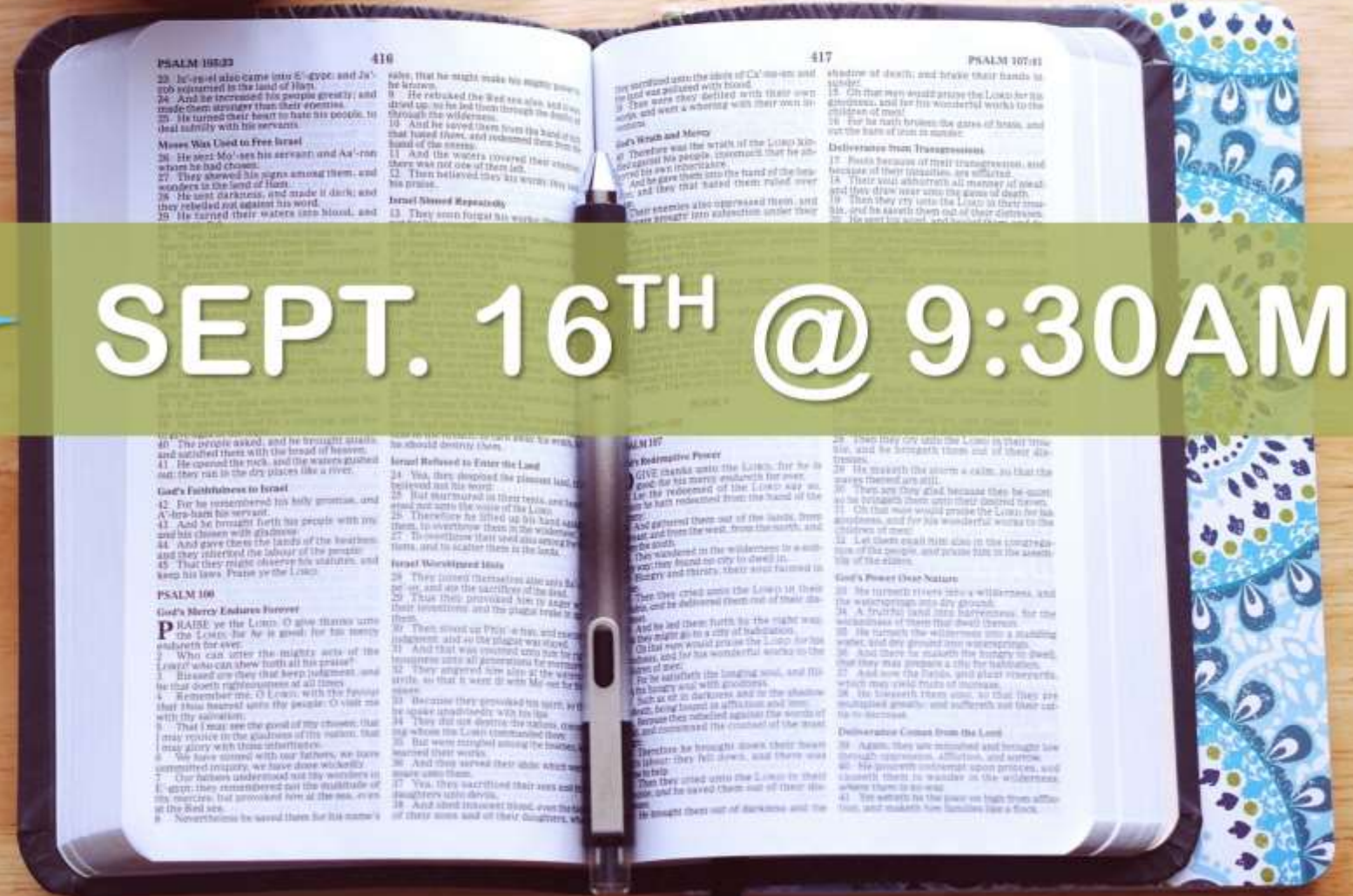
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- ✝ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
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- ✝ Youth Singing Group
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #2 – Eric Olson

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PASTOR MIKE IS TALKING TABOO

Not talking is NOT helping.

Anxiety. Depression. Suicide. Sex.
Pornography. Gender. Identity. Race.

Join Pastor Mike as he tackles the questions
Christians are actually asking and explores what
God has to say about life's toughest issues.

SEPTEMBER 16TH | 6:30 P.M.

WEST LUTHERAN

TIME OF GRACE ►►



FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPT. 20th

Sunday School/Catechism/Teen Group
10:45 - 11:45 am