

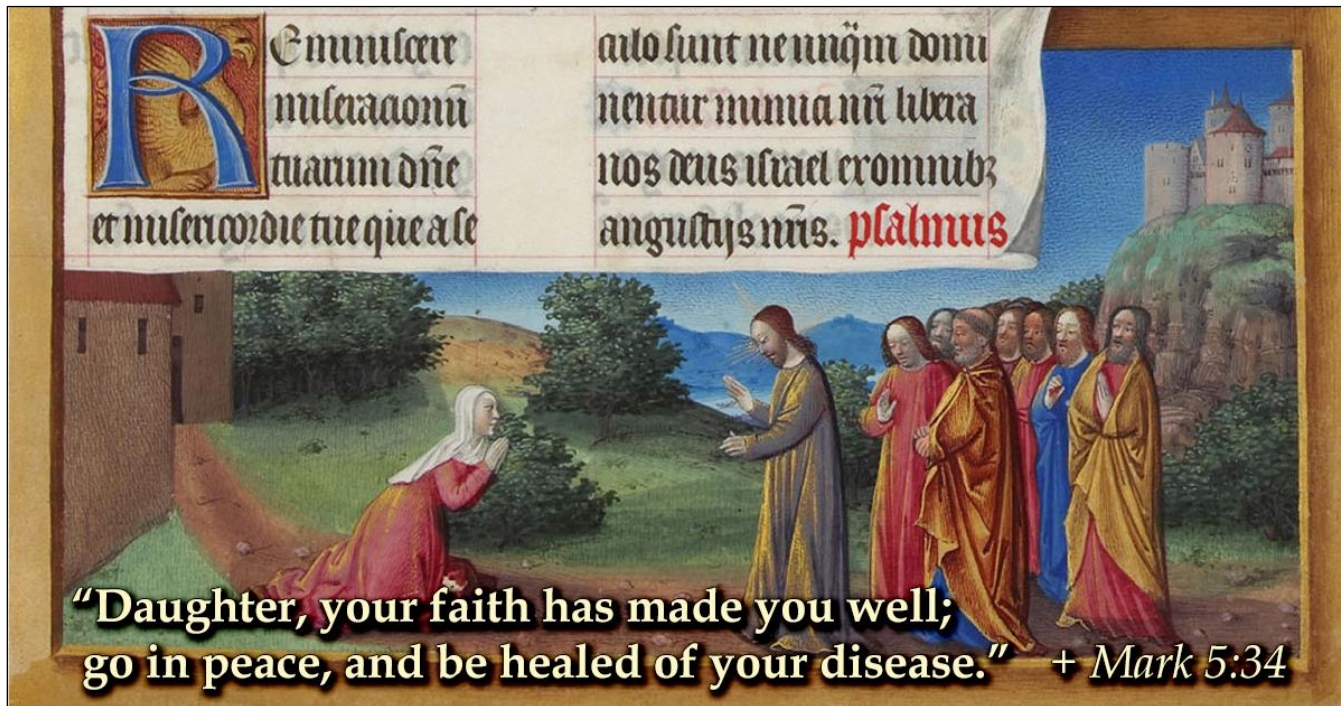


The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him.

+ *Lamentations 3:25*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 207, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you forget to pray now and then? This is fallen human nature. But God never forgets to listen. The Lord’s steadfast love never ceases. When Jesus walked this earth this was evident as He raised Jairus’s daughter who had died between the request and Jesus’ arrival at his home. And He cured a hemorrhaging woman whose only prayer was touching His robe. But God does more than restore us to physical life and health.

Christ was rich in the glories of heaven but became a poor and despised human being. He did so that we by His poverty might become rich, joining Him in eternity. In the meantime, the Epistle encourages us to thank God by sharing whatever blessings He has given us. Moreover, both the Old Testament Reading and Gospel make clear that our faith, hope, and trust must always be in God, who has given us all we are and have.

It is our divine privilege to pray to God, knowing that He hears every word of our pleadings. Indeed, both Jairus’s fervent prayer and an unnamed woman’s desperate touching of Jesus’ robe were answered by our Savior. We are the special object of God’s steadfast love and favor. We are rich indeed!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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Stand – The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 121:5-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my | help come?*

My help comes from the LORD, who made | heaven and earth.

5 The LORD is your | keeper;*

the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

6 **The sun shall not strike | you by day,***
nor the | moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*

He will | keep your life.

8 **The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in***
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

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.

The antiphon is repeated.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



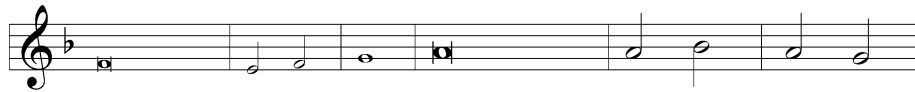
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, during His earthly ministry Your Son Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. By the healing medicine of the Word and Sacraments pour into our hearts such love toward You that we may live eternally; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Lamentations 3:22–33

P The Old Testament Reading is from Lamentations, chapter three.

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;

²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;

³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever,

³² but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love;

³³ for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 11:33, 36

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable | His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are | all things.*

To Him be glory forever. | Amen.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, chapter eight.

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. . . .

¹³I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Lamentations 3:25



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
to the soul who seeks Him. Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about Him, and He was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing Him, he fell at His feet ²³and implored Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴And He went with him.

And a great crowd followed Him and thronged about Him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. ²⁸For she said, “If I touch even His garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power had gone out from Him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “**Who touched My garments?**” ³¹And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing around You, and yet You say, ‘**Who touched Me?**’” ³²And He looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, “**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.**”

³⁵While He was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “**Do not fear, only believe.**” ³⁷And He allowed no one to follow Him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when He had entered, He said to them, “**Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.**” ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him. But He put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with Him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand He said to her, “**Talitha cumi,**” which means, “**Little girl, I say to you, arise.**” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And He strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: In the Very Midst of Life

LSB 755



1 In the ver - y midst of life Snares of death sur - round us;
2 In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'er - take us.
3 In the midst of ut - ter woe When our sins op - press us,



Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe con - found us?
Who will help when they as - sail, Who se - cure will make us?
Where shall we for ref - uge go, Where for grace to bless us?



Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! We mourn that we have great - ly
Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! Thy heart is moved with ten - der -
To Thee, Lord Je - sus, on - ly! Thy pre - cious blood was shed to



erred, That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
ness, Pit - ies us in our dis - tress. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
win Full a - tone - ment for our sin. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!



Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
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Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Lord, pre - serve and keep us



In the bit - ter pangs of death. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
Of the fi - ery pit of hell. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
In the peace that faith can give. Have mer - cy, O Lord!

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SERMON

Rev. Doug Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** To the Lord from whom our help comes, that as He has brought us into the Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy, so He would preserve us in such faith until at last He brings us out of this world into resurrection forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Church, that God would give us generous hearts to supply the saints from our abundance, seeing that Christ has made us rich by His humble poverty; for our preachers, that they may serve for the sake of Christ's call, not earthly gain; and for all Christians who have received excellence in faith, speech, knowledge and every gift of God's Word, that they may provide richly for the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For every Christian home, that our gracious Lord would bestow on them His never-ending compassion; that He would turn parents in kindness to their children; that He would make children ready in obedience and love toward their parents and each other; for the young, that they would learn discipline and trust in God; and for fathers, that they would not exasperate their children, but be examples of devotion to the fear and instruction of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our governing authorities, that peace and order would be preserved in our nation; for our president and governor, our military and police and other civil servants; and for a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

P For those in any need of mind, body, or soul, that as God did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the woman, so He would drive away our fears and give us believing faith; and for those who mourn that they would know and believe Christ will awaken the dead on the Last Day as if from a mere sleep, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that they may seek worthily the medicine of immortality given in the Lord's Supper, believing that as Christ on earth always used His divine powers as a man to heal and save, so here in the blessed Sacrament He is present, just as He said, in His true body and most precious blood to deliver His healing and saving power to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The live-stream concludes with the following:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

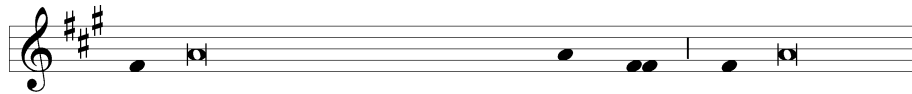
Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

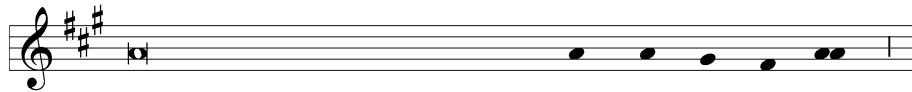
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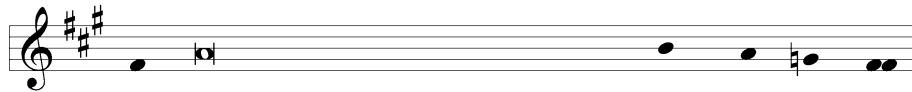
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn. If you desire to receive Holy Communion, please text/call Pastor (he is usually at the church for a while on Sundays).

CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

It was so fun to have coffee fellowship after service last Sunday and be able to chat and catch up! It's another sign that life is getting back to normal—the REAL normal that we all remember and miss. Now, if only we could do something about the insane heat of El Centro summers . . .

Actually, we DID do something to “beat the heat” . . . in the midst of the heat, I blew up our inflatable pool and Leo went for a dip (eventually, I joined him, but I'll save you from having to see me squeezed into that tiny pool). It was the first time that Leo went “swimming” but he had so much fun! And then Holly heard about swim lessons being offered at El Centro's new Aquatic Center so we're going to get him some proper lessons!



With Holly enduring the outdoor heat while Leo soaked in the pool, I had time to play with Sam inside! What a precious little guy with a great smile! He and I had so much fun bouncing balls and counting and pretending to go on vacation (he carries around a bag of blocks like it was a suitcase). He even waved goodbye before taking his luggage to the living room!



Speaking of goodbyes . . . I'm heading off to a retreat this week with some of my brother pastors. We'll be at the Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, California. I sure am going to miss my family!

I'm also going to miss seeing all of you on Tuesday and Wednesday because **there is no Tuesday Bible Study nor Wednesday Evening Prayer Service this week.** We will resume the week after next (July 6 and 7). And if you would like, you can use Responsive Prayer 2 (the service we have been using on Wednesdays this summer) with you family at home (just pick a psalm that you enjoy and one or two readings). I hope you'll consider it.

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box:
Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw