

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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## Church Mission

" Bringing Christ  
to the people...  
...the people to Christ "

## Church Slogan

Living, Loving,  
Leading, and Laughing;  
that's Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church

## Our Ministers

The people

## Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten

## Parish Administrator

Debbie Miller

## Financial Administrator

Carol Lattier

## Organist & Keyboardist

Jaeyong Lee

## Council President

Bill Videtto

## Member Goals

*As disciples of  
our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
we strive to grow in  
faith through daily prayer  
and bible reading,  
attending worship  
services, tithing,  
and serving others.*

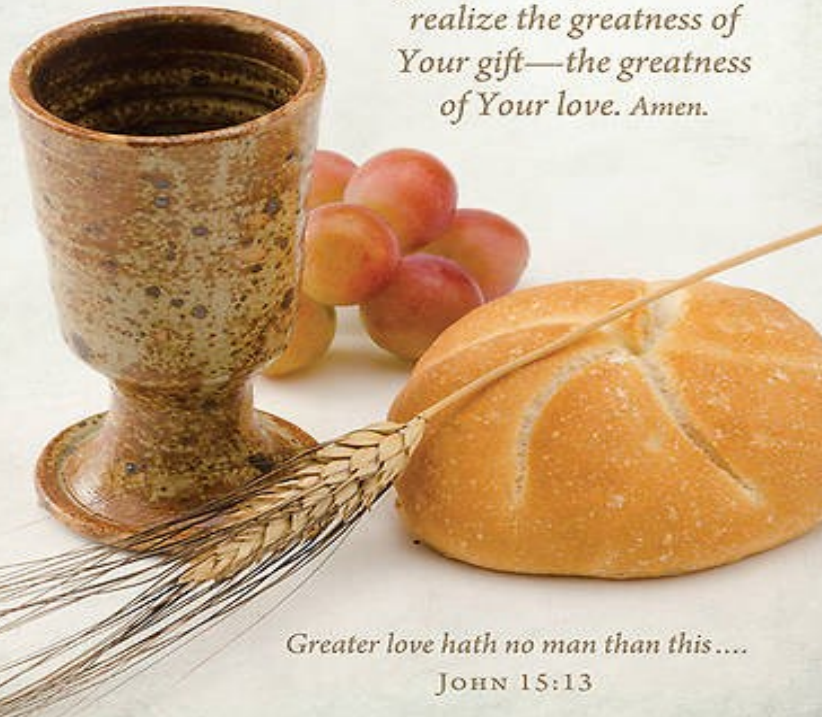
**September 27, 2020**

**Worship Service**

**9:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.**

*A Communion  
Prayer*

*Lord, how can we thank  
You enough for Your  
sacrifice? Do not let us  
take communion for  
granted today, but let us  
realize the greatness of  
Your gift—the greatness  
of Your love. Amen.*



*Greater love hath no man than this....*

JOHN 15:13



**TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

\* Because of COVID-19, we are not providing child care during today's service. Please have your family sit together.

\* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us. Our communion today is different than usual so that we can be in compliance with proper "social distancing."

\* We begin communing children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will offer a communion class to prepare 5<sup>th</sup> graders to receive this sacrament once we are able to offer in person classes again.

\* Let us know if we can be of assistance to you! If so, please let one of our ushers know.

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**9:00 A.M. Worship**

LMC: Bob Tardiff  
Ushers: Ed Lattier & Launa Tardiff  
Reader: Pending  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

**10:15 A.M. Worship**

LMC & Usher: Pending  
Usher: Pending  
Reader: Pending  
Music Leader: Sherry Towns

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 27, 2020 — WELCOME!**

It is a joy to worship together.

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**PRELUDE**  
**JAEYONG LEE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand*

**OPENING HYMN ~ ALABARE**  
WOV 791

Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior.	Power and riches, and wisdom and strength
Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior.	And honor and all blessing shall be His.
John saw the number of all those redeemed, And all were singing praises to the Lord. Thousands were praying, ten thousands rejoicing, And all were singing praises to the Lord.	Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior. Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior. Sing with the people, the people of God, And join creation in a joyful hymn. Blessing and honor and glory and might To God and to the Lamb be without end.
Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior. Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior.	Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior. Alabare! Alabare! Alabare a mi Senior.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood has set us free for ev'ry sin.	

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **KYRIE ~ SUNG**

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ~ O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH YOU

LBW 492

O Master, let me walk with you In lowly paths of service true; Tell me your secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.	Teach me your patience; share with me A closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong,
Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.	In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broad'ning way, In peace that only you can give; With you, O Master, let me live.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray; O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please sit*

### AWARDING OF BIBLES

#### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house

of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being

found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG ~ I JUST WANNA BE A SHEEP**

I just wanna be a sheep	I just wanna be a sheep
Baa baa baa baa baa	Baa baa baa baa baa
I just wanna be a sheep	Don't wanna be a goat nope
Baa baa baa baa baa	Don't wanna be a goat nope
I pray the Lord my soul to keep	Haven't got any hope nope
	Don't wanna be a goat nope

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Please stand

#### **GOSPEL VERSE ~ THY WORD**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
...And a light unto my path.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

<sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

## **SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN**

*Please stand*

## **SONG OF THE DAY ~ BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

LBW 518, vs. 1,2,&3

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,

truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,



fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

### **THE PRAYERS**

Congregation sings refrain of "Lord, listen to your children praying." WOV 775

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Pastor Mark prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background

**Congregation repeats refrain**

Pastor Mark prays while Jaeyong plays refrain in background

**Congregation repeats refrain**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 89 LBW**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up 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 indeed right and salutary . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

**LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

(COMMUNION SONGS ARE FOR 10:15 SERVICE ONLY)

**COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

*Chorus:*

*I am the Bread of Life,*

*All who eat this Bread will never die*

*I am God's love revealed.*

*I am broken that you might be healed.*

All who eat of this heavenly Bread,  
All who drink this cup of the covenant;

You will live forever

For I will raise you up. *Chorus*

No one who comes to Me  
shall ever hunger again

No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come to Me

And I will give them rest. *Chorus*

**COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**

In remembrance of Me,  
Eat this bread.

In remembrance of Me,  
Drink this wine.

In remembrance of Me,  
Pray for the time

When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me,  
Heal the sick.

In remembrance of Me,  
Feed the poor.

In remembrance of Me,  
Open the door

And let your brother in,  
Let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted;

Drink and remember too,

That this is My body and precious blood

Shed for you,

Shed for you.

In remembrance of Me,

Search for truth.

In remembrance of Me

Always love.

In remembrance of Me,

Don't look above,

But in your heart

Look for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "SONG OF SIMEON"**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the Salvation,  
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.  
A light to reveal you to the Nations,  
And the glory of your people, Israel.  
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: 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.  
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG ~ GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME**

Chorus:  
*God is good, all the time.  
He put a song of praise  
in this heart of mine.  
God is good all the time,*

*Through the darkest night  
his light will shine.  
God is good, God is good...,  
all the time.*

If you're walkin' through the valley  
And there are shadows all around,  
Do not fear, He will guide you,  
He will keep you safe and sound.  
'Cause He has promised to never leave you;  
Nor forsake you, and His Word is true.

*Chorus*

We were sinners, so unworthy,  
Still for us He chose to die.  
Filled us with His Holy Spirit;  
Now we can stand and testify  
that His love is everlasting,  
and His mercies they will never end.

*Chorus*

Though I may not understand  
all the plans You have for me.  
My life is in Your hands,  
and through the eyes of faith  
I can clearly see...

God is good, all the time.  
He put a song of praise  
in this heart of mine.  
God is good all the time,  
Through the darkest night  
his light will shine.  
God is good, God is good,  
God is good, He's so good,  
God is good, He's so good,  
... all the time!

**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE ~ DR. JAEYONG LEE**

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## **\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\***

### **Looking for Change**

Remember on Sunday mornings we are collecting loose change. There are containers near the entrance to worship, just put your change in the containers. All proceeds will be given to PATH or the East Texas Food Bank to help those in need in our community. And thank you, we are off to a great start!

### **Schedule Change Beginning Next Sunday**

We are beginning Sunday School next Sunday, October 4. We will offer classes for the youth, but not the adults at this time. Beginning Sunday School will make for a few adjustments to our Sunday morning schedule:

9:00 – 9:45 – Outdoor Worship Service

9:45-10:25 – Sunday School for ages 3 through high school.

10:30 – 11:30 – Indoor Worship Service

### **A Few More Things On Sunday School**

\*If you would like to help with teaching and leading Sunday School, please talk with Carmen Nazario or Pastor Mark.

\*We are planning to make Sunday School as safe as we possibly can. We will set up social distancing in each classroom. And we are requiring that all teachers and students wear masks during Sunday School.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles**

One of our great and fun traditions at OSLC is to award Bibles to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are doing that today at our 9:00 service. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are:

Charlie Cumming

Rylan Tabler

Elliot Sartor

Lily Leifer

### **Procedures for Indoor Worship**

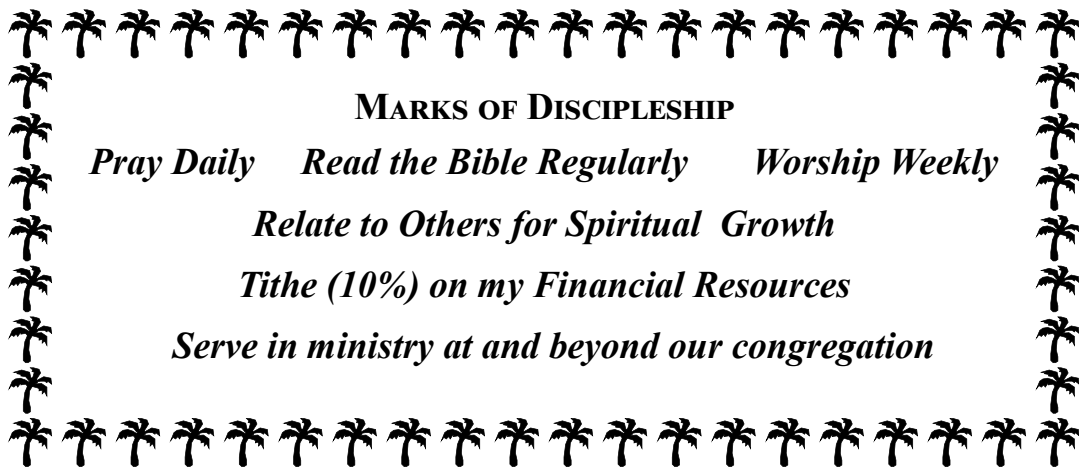
Just a couple of reminders for our indoor worship service:

First, please do remember to social distance in the narthex as you talk. We are excited to see each other, but let's keep a safe distance.

Second, remember at the end of the indoor service, the ushers will usher you out. Please remain in your seats until you are instructed to leave.

Third, of course please do wear your mask for the indoor service as long as you **are inside the church building**. That is a great way to care for our neighbors.

Thank you!



**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*Pray Daily    Read the Bible Regularly    Worship Weekly*

*Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth*

*Tithe (10%) on my Financial Resources*

*Serve in ministry at and beyond our congregation*

\*\*\*Thank you for wearing a face mask. We are all in this together\*\*\*

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 4, 2020)**

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: VARIES DUE TO COVID-19.  
 IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ **903-561-1865** AND IF NO ONE ANSWERS,  
 LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

**SUNDAY—Sept. 27, 2020**

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:15 a.m.

**THURSDAY**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
 CODA 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**FRIDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**TUESDAY**

Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
 ACA 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**WEDNESDAY**

No Activities Scheduled

**SUNDAY—Oct. 4, 2020**

Worship Service, Outside 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service, Inside 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,058</u>	Worship Average as of March 15, 2020	130
Offering Sept. 20, 2020	<u>Pending</u>	Attendance Sept. 20, 2020:	79
Other Sept. Offerings		9:00 a.m. Service—36	
Total September Offerings		10:15 a.m. Service—43	
2020 Congregational Offering Year To Date		Worship Average Since Returning on May 31, 2020	75.4