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so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father pities his own children,  
so is the Lord merciful to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:11-13

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# The Holy Eucharist

*Renewed Ancient Text*

## **Pre-Service Music**

**Announcements** – beginning at 9:55am; followed by a few minutes of quiet reflection, prayer in preparation for worship

## **Processional Song**      **Holy Holy Holy**

(Verse 1)

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons  
Blessed Trinity

(Verse 2)

Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be

(Verse 3)

Holy holy holy  
Tho' the darkness hide Thee  
Tho' the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r  
In love in purity

(Verse 4)

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons  
Blessed Trinity

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## **Opening Hymn**

## **Now Thank We All Our God**

(Verse 1)

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things hath done  
In whom His world rejoices  
Who from our mother's arm  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today

(Verse 2)

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next

(Verse 3)

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given  
The Son and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven  
Eternal, Triune God  
Whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was is now  
And shall be evermore

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## Acclamation *page 146*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity *prayed together page 124*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Summary of the Law *page 124*

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

## Gloria in Excelsis *said together page 125*

*Celebrant:* Let us glorify the Lord together.

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day *page 614*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading Lamentations I

*Lector:* A Reading from the book of Lamentations

<sup>1</sup>How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave. <sup>2</sup>She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup>Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. <sup>4</sup>The roads to Zion mourn, for none come to the festival; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her virgins have been afflicted, and she herself suffers bitterly. <sup>5</sup>Her foes have become the head; her enemies prosper, because the Lord has afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. <sup>6</sup>From the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed. Her princes have become like deer that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer. <sup>7</sup>Jerusalem remembers in the days of her affliction and wandering all the precious things that were hers from days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the foe, and there was none to help her, her foes gloated over her; they mocked at her downfall. <sup>8</sup>Jerusalem sinned grievously; therefore

she became filthy; all who honored her despise her, for they have seen her nakedness; she herself groans and turns her face away.<sup>9</sup> Her uncleanness was in her skirts; she took no thought of her future; therefore her fall is terrible; she has no comforter. "O Lord, behold my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed!"<sup>10</sup> The enemy has stretched out his hands over all her precious things; for she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, those whom you forbade to enter your congregation.<sup>11</sup> All her people groan as they search for bread; they trade their treasures for food to revive their strength. "Look, O Lord, and see, for I am despised."<sup>12</sup> "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger."<sup>13</sup> "From on high he sent fire; into my bones he made it descend; he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back; he has left me stunned, faint all the day long."<sup>14</sup> "My transgressions were bound into a yoke; by his hand they were fastened together; they were set upon my neck; he caused my strength to fail; the Lord gave me into the hands of those whom I cannot withstand."<sup>15</sup> "The Lord rejected all my mighty men in my midst; he summoned an assembly against me to crush my young men; the Lord has trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah."<sup>16</sup> "For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed."<sup>17</sup> Zion stretches out her hands, but there is none to comfort her; the Lord has commanded against Jacob that his neighbors should be his foes; Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them.<sup>18</sup> "The Lord is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering; my young women and my young men have gone into captivity."<sup>19</sup> "I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their strength."<sup>20</sup> "Look, O Lord, for I am in distress; my stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious. In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death."<sup>21</sup> "They heard my groaning, yet there is no one to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it. You have brought the day you announced; now let them be as I am."<sup>22</sup> "Let all their evildoing come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many, and my heart is faint."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm Psalm 103:1-14**

Lector: We will read from Psalm 103 in unison.

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father pities his own children, so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.

## Second Reading

## Romans 14:5-12

Lector: A Reading from the book of Romans

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

## Nicene Creed *said together page 126-127*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true**

God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People *page 128*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*After each bidding, please silently or aloud offer your own prayers.*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and Michael, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the leaders and staff of Campus Outreach and the Mossy Foot Project.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Joseph Biden, our President.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution of Sin *page 129-130*

LEM: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence* *Everyone may kneel as able and pray*

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words *page 130-131*

Celebrant: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

## Peace *Please stand page 131*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.** *Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Offertory *page 131*

Celebrant: They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. *Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

## Offertory Song I Am The Light Of The World

(Verse 1)

I am the light of the world.  
You people come and follow me.  
If you follow in love,  
You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you should do and can be.

(Verse 2)

I am the bread of life  
You people come and follow me  
If you follow in love,  
You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you should do and can be.

(Verse 3)

I am the Shepherd of the sheep  
You people come and follow me  
If you follow in love,  
You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you should do and can be.

(repeat verse 1)

If you follow in love,  
You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you should do and can be.

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## Doxology *Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Offertory Prayer *page 131*

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

**People:** **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion page 131(154)

*Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Sing: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Consecration** page 132-134

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become, subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer *Prayed together page 134*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access *page 135*

All Pray: **We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## Holy Communion *page 136*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.*

## Communion Hymn 1

(Verse 1)

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

And worship at His feet

(echo) And worship at His feet

(repeat)

(chorus 1)

*For He (for He) is holy*

*For the Lord our God, He is holy*

*For the Lord our God, He is holy*

*For the Lord our God, He is holy*

*Yes the Lord our God, He is holy*

(repeat all)

## Exalt The Lord

(chorus 2)

*For He (for He) is holy*

*For the Lord our God, You are holy*

*For the Lord our God, You are holy*

*For the Lord our God, You are holy*

*Yes the Lord our God, You are holy*

(ending)

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

Exalt the Lord our God

(echo) Exalt the Lord our God

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## Communion Hymn 2

Jesus name above all names

Beautiful Savior glorious Lord

Emmanuel God is with us

Blessed Redeemer living Word

## Jesus Name Above All Names

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## Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing *page 137*

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn Lord I Lift Your Name On High

(Verse 1)

Lord I lift Your name on high

(echo) Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

(echo) Lord I love to sing Your praises

(Verse 2)

I'm so glad You're in my life

(echo) I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

(echo) I'm so glad You came to save us

(chorus)

*You came from heaven to earth*

*To show the way*

*From the earth to the cross*

*My debt to pay*

*From the cross to the grave*

*From the grave to the sky*

*Lord I lift Your name on high*

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## Dismissal *page 138*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FREE MEN'S CLOTHING CLOSET** – Open by appointment contact Gretchen Lucky 231-622-2057
- **GIVE A KID A CHANCE FOOD DRIVE** – this outreach project to help to stock Inland Lakes School Youth Pantry Shelves was a great success and has formally ended, but if you'd still like to make a contribution please contact Lacy.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – begins Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall. We hope you will join us as we work through the book of Hebrews. This is a 10-week study using the Jen Wilkin's "Better" study. The Bible study book plus streaming access is \$24.99. Please see Suzanne Schulte or Bonnie Bridge to reserve a copy. There are a number of free books available if you need a complimentary copy.

## MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10am in the annex study
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is Thursday, September 28th in Blanz Hall and will be lead by Wally Stansbury. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

## MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – Every Thursday at 8:30 am in Fr Mike's Office. All are welcome
- **SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER 12WK BOOK STUDY** – Please join us at 9:00 am in the annex classroom to study **None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God** by Matthew Barrett. Contact Fr. Mike for more information or to join the study.
- **THE BOOK OF I TIMOTHY – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** – we meet each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.

### THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE *(Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)*

<b>Sunday 9/17</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Summer Book Study - None Greater</b>
	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
	<b>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>	
Tuesday 9/19	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant
Wednesday 9/20	10:00am	Men's Bible Study - in the annex study
	6:00pm	Pizza & Salad Dinner / 6:30pm 1st Timothy Bible Study
Thursday 9/21	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
	6:30pm	Women's Fall Bible Study in annex classroom
<b>Sunday 9/24</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Summer Book Study - None Greater</b>
	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>	
	<b>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>	

## SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Ferd, Wes & Dylan  
Lector: Wally Stansbury  
Lay Minister: Karen Dielman  
Prayer Team: Sally & Leah  
Usher/Counter: Dan W./ Mark D./ Randy F.  
Greeter: Sally Stump  
Coffee Hour: The Zakos

### NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Ferd, Wes & Dylan  
Lector: Mary Jane Zako  
Lay Minister: Howard Bates  
Prayer Team: Sharalen & Betty  
Usher/Counter: Randy F. / Mark D./ Dan W.  
Greeter: Taylor DuBois  
Coffee Hour: The Ostranders

## ORDINARY TIME

We are now in the season of ordinary time, celebrated with the color green. It is the liturgical period that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, and runs for 34 weeks. It is celebrated two times a year throughout the year. The first period runs from the feast of baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from the second Sunday of Pentecost to the 26th Sunday of Pentecost. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christian's spiritual life.

