

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading - Jeremiah 15:15-21 *(Not printed)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26:1-8 *(read responsively)*

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

Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

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

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

**O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where
your glory abides.**

Second Reading - Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

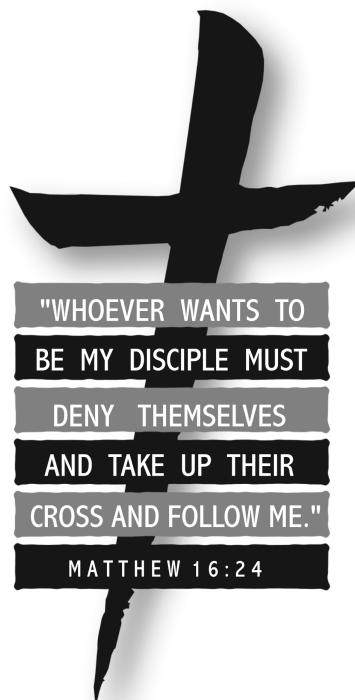
The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Praise to you, O Christ.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULED EVENTS	
M 8/31	12:30pm Mahjong
T 9/1	1pm Worship @ Lake Forest
W 9/2	11am Fellowship
H 9/3	
F 9/4	
S 9/5	4:30 pm Hospitality 5pm Worship - Fr. Don Brown
S 9/6	8:30am Hospitality 9am Worship - Fr. Don Brown

- **Golf Scramble, Sept. 13@1pm. Sign up sheet in narthex.**
- **Women's Build for Habitat for Humanity, Sept.29-Oct.2.**
- **Annual Worship & Picnic Sept. 27@10am. Sign up in narthex.**
- **Leah Venable, concert, Sept 27@2pm, Prince of Peace Lutheran.**
- **Joy in Christ Trunk Sale, Oct 3rd.**
- **Volunteers needed for Trunk Sale. Sign up sheet in narthex.**
- **Keep e-blast submissions brief & submit by 10 am on Friday**

Our prayer list is e-mailed to members every Friday. If you need a printed copy of this list, please contact the office.

Attendance last week: 25 Saturday 29 Sunday

Hymns: 879, 798, 674

Choir Anthem: 808, Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song