

VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR LOST ISLAND:

LECTOR: Kyle Norris (today) Troy Leininger (Sept. 21)

ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPT Sue Geiger, Lavonne Mason, Linda Pitt

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Susan Rohan (Sept. 21)

VOLUNTEER DUTIES FOR BETHANY

LECTOR: Angie Hetrick (today) Amelia Ort (Sept. 21)

GREETERS: Jason & Laura Reinders (today) Darlene Naig &

Lonnie Naig (Sept. 21)

USHERS: Joe Neary, Bob Steger (today) Michael Jacobson

Chuck Noble (Sept. 21)

ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPT: Marla Noble

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kristin Rienhardt, Emmy Dooley
Jen Boevers (Sept. 21)

LET'S GO NUTS!!

It is again time for the "GO NUTS FOR MISSIONS" being offered by Lost Island Church. Orders need to be submitted by **October 6th.**

There are order forms on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Rally Day SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH

AFTER CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
TO GO MEALS AVAILABLE

FREE WILL OFFERING-VBS & BIBLE FUND

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MAID RITES, CHICKEN NUGGETS, MAC N CHEESE, SALADS, AND
DESSERTS



ORDER OF SERVICE FROM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP-

SETTING 10—Pastor Jeff Geiger

Holy Cross Sunday—Sept. 14, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS—PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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. **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of 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. **Amen.**

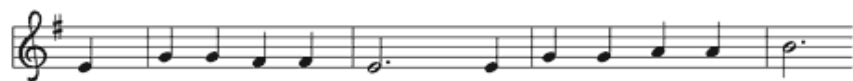
***GATHERING HYMN.....ELW 789 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"**

***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 to tune of “*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*”



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
 Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: sung to tune: “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*”



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
 Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYERS

for Paul Bedard, Shellee Wright, Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Kylee Hill, Omundson Family (Alex), Shirley Knutson, Lon Twait, Jim & Carol Krause, David Stephens, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, Robert Mortenson Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany .

*Our Military Members Tom Crocoll and Logan Murray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15TH—21ST

Monday—Sept. 15th

Quilters: 9 AM Morning
 5 PM Night

Wednesday—Sept. 17th

9:30 am Mary Martha Meets
No Mens Bible Study
 3:30—5 pm SACK Meets

Tuesday—Sept. 16th

6:30 pm Council Meets (Bethany)

6:30—8 pm Connect

7:30—9 pm LIFE

Sunday—Sept. 21st

8:45 am Lost Island Worship w/Communion
 10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School
 9:30 am Bethany Sunday School
 10:30 am Bethany Worship w/Communion

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 OF INTERCESSION**-respond with "hear our prayer"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY**.....**WOV 732** "Create In Me"

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION****ELW PG 112**

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

***SENDING HYMN**.....**ELW 608** "Softly and Tenderly"

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

***FIRST READING**.....Numbers 21:4b-9

When the people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] ^{4b} but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

***PSALM**.....Psalm 98:1-4

God was their rock and the Most High God their redeemer. (Ps. 78:35)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

***SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 1:18-24**

At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** sung to *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



GOSPEL ANNOUNCED and RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord. (Spoken)

***GOSPEL.....JOHN 3:13-17**

After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

CONCLUSION OF THE GOSPEL: Praise to you, O Christ. (Spoken)

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE *PRESENTATION OF BIBLES* (SEE INSERT)
SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY.....ELW 779 “Amazing Grace”**

***SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION* (SEE INSERT)**

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED.....ELW Pg 105**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.
On the third day he rose again.
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**