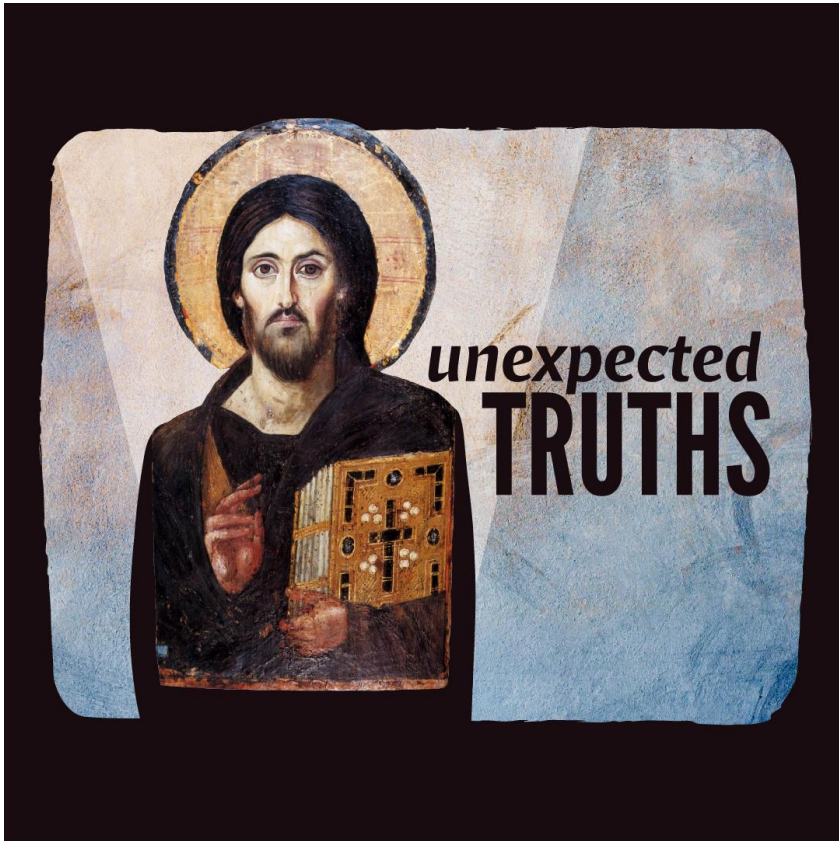




Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace is Amazing

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

September 20, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

Give a single bag of M&Ms to middle-school siblings and tell them to share. You’ll see counting done with accountant-level precision. Each child insists on an equal amount because fairness is expected. Humans have a strong sense of fairness. That’s why God’s unexpected grace can feel so astonishing. Jonah was baffled when God showed mercy to Israel’s enemies. Like Jonah, we must stop expecting God to be “fair.” He doesn’t give us what we deserve. In his grace, he gives mercy. And that is amazing.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Lois Zander

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

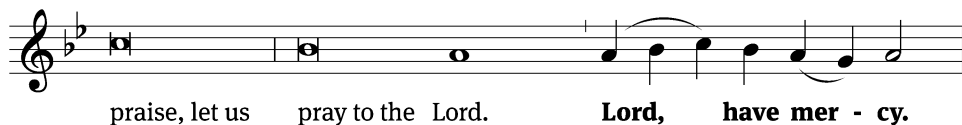
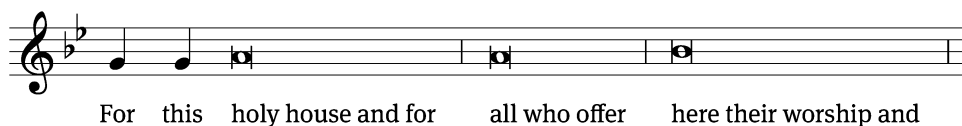
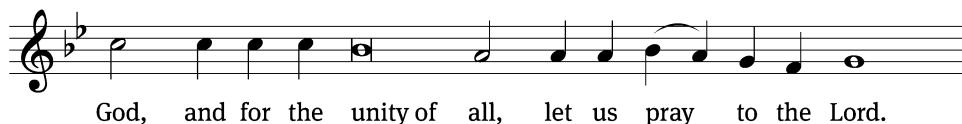
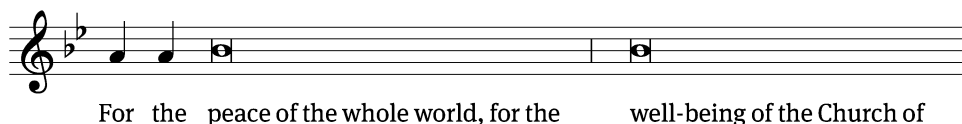
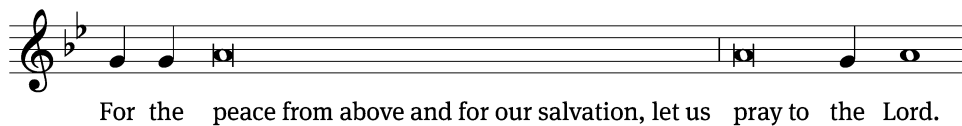
Absolution

CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

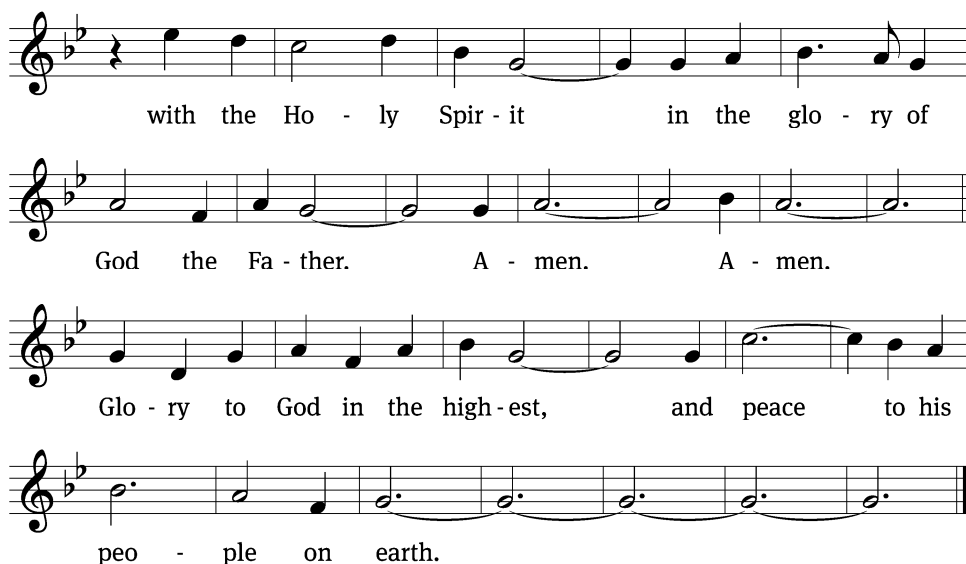
For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Jonah is perplexed by the amazing grace of God.

When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out. But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn’t this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city. Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” Jonah said, “I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!” So the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. So should I not be concerned for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

115A Not to Us, O LORD

Psalm 115A

Second Reading

Romans 9:6–16

God shows mercy and grace to those he chooses.

This does not mean that God’s word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel, and not all who are descended from Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, “Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac.” This means that it is not the

children of the flesh who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants. For this is what the promise said: "I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son." Not only that, but Rebekah also had children by one man, our forefather, Isaac. Even before the twins were born or did anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose in election might continue— not by works but because of him who calls us—it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What will we say then? Does this mean that God is unjust? Absolutely not! For God says to Moses: I will show mercy to whom I show mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. So then, it does not depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:8

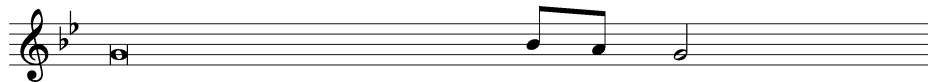


Refrain

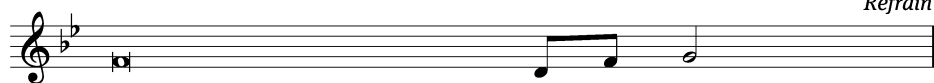


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Tone



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—



and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

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Jesus tells a story of God's amazing generosity.

“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’ ‘They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ ‘He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’ ‘When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’ ‘But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

558 Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 558

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
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 and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

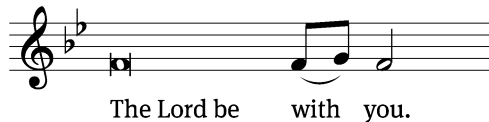
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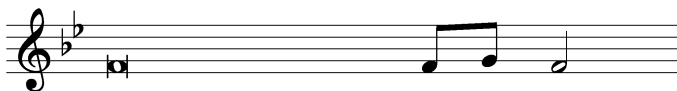
The Sacrament

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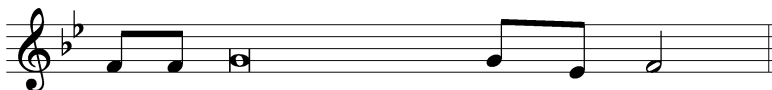
Preface

CW 183





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



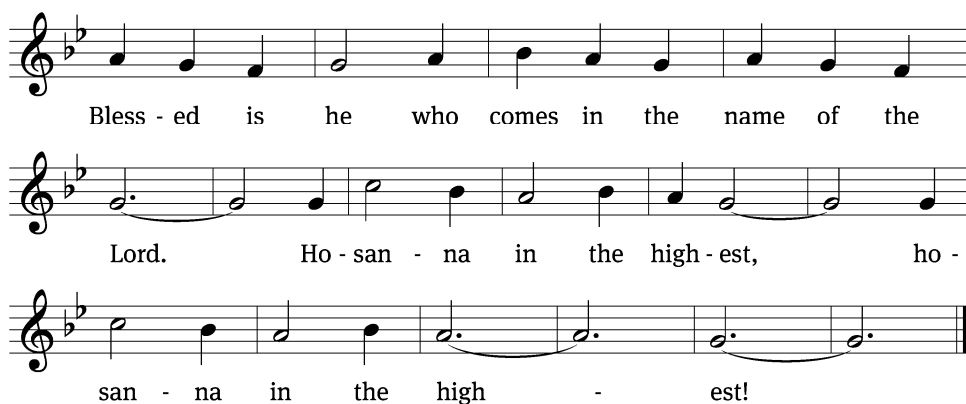
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first two staves form the first line of the song, and the next five staves form the second line. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' followed by 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.'

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Be seated

Distribution

662 Draw Near

CW 662

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

CW 752

Congregational Survey

If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out our survey yet, please use the QR code to do so. There are printed copies available if you can't use the code.



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Islam Study Begins Today

The class meets in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Fall LWMS Rally

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Fall LWMS Rally, as well as food donations. A sign-up sheet is in the binder near the Fellowship Hall. Questions can be directed to any Woven member. Thrivent members, please speak with Jill Jahn about using your Thrivent benefits to help fund the event and for shipping cost to send items to Central Africa Medical Mission.

Choir Begins

The first rehearsal is tomorrow, Sept. 21 at 7:45 pm. You are welcome to join the choir. If you are unsure, come and give it a try.

Reflections Bible Study

There will be no Reflections Bible study in October. Reflections will resume November 10th at 6:30 pm. We will be studying "Time – It is a Gift!"

Rad Zoo

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers invites you to join them for a presentation by the traveling "Rad Zoo". The presentation takes place on Sunday, September 27th from 2-3 pm. It is being held at Saint Peter Lutheran Church, 427 W Mulberry St, Saint Peter. A light snack will be provided. Questions can be directed to lgpdistrict19@gmail.com or Jill Jahn.

Fall Fishing Event

Join us at the Mill Pond on October 4 at 11:30 am for a Fall Fishing Event. There will be prizes and a hot dog lunch. All ages are invited. Bring a fishing rod or use one of the spares. Bait is provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6 pm Woven	3 10 am Senior Fellowship	4	5
6 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study 10:15 am	7	8 6:30 Council Meeting 6:30 pm Reflections	9 Foundations 6 pm	10	11 Heimatfest	12 Heimatfest Parade 12 pm Pickle Booth
13 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	14	15	16 Foundations 6 pm	17 6:30 pm Theology on Tap	18	19
20 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	21 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	22	23 Foundation 6 pm	24	25	26
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SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
9/20	9 am	Greta Newton	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
9/27	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
10/4	9 am	Leah Bertrang	4	Ryan Bertrang	-

September Altar Guild	September Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
September Counters	Service Group 3 Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Dianne Jabs
October Altar Guild	
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	

Attendance	
Sunday	95
Monday	n/a
Total	95

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
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Online Giving	\$667	
Total	\$1801	\$3834



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