


+ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (MATINS) +
September 20, 2020

As We Gather ~ Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

Hymn “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

LSB 719



1	I	leave	all	things	to	God's	di -	rec -	tion;	He	loves	me
2	God	knows	what	must	be	done	to	save	me;	His	love	for
3	My	God	de -	sires	the	soul's	sal -	va -	tion;	My	soul	He,
4	My	God	has	all	things	in	His	keep -	ing;	He	is	the

both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter

fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -

and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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Common Versicles

LSB 219

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,

C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

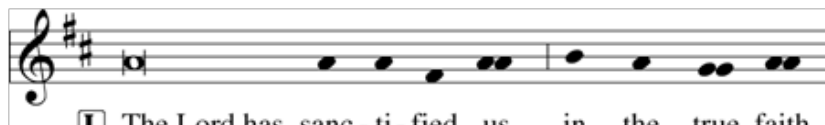
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon (Proper 14-20, Trinity 14-19)




L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.




C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

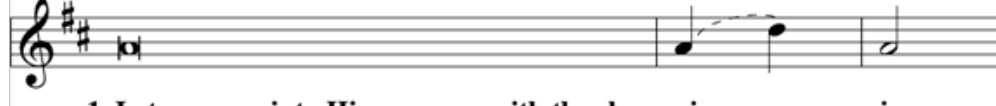
LSB 220




C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Proper 14-20, Trinity 14-19)



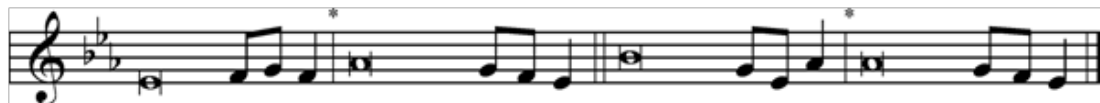
L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Introit

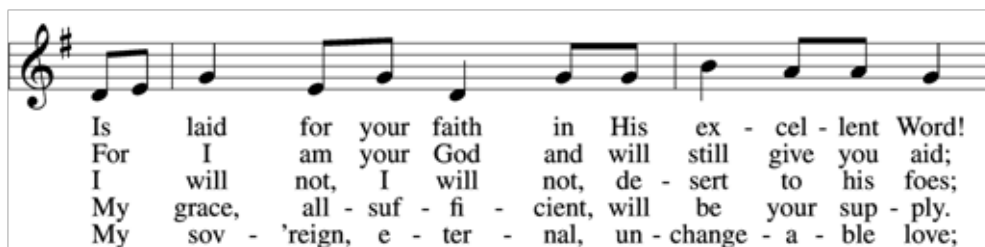
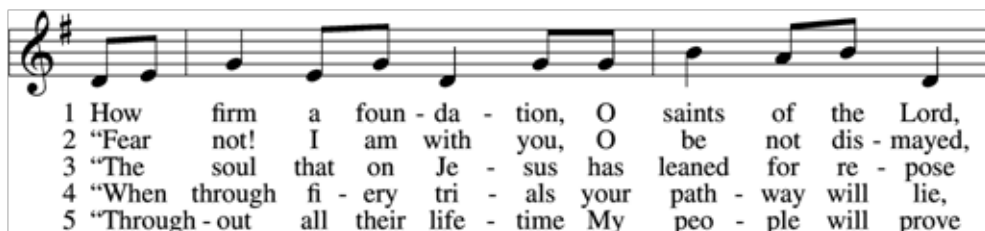
Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.
Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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+ READINGS +

Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering stubble. And he called to her and said, “Fetch to me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” so she went to fetch it and he called to her and said, “Fetch to me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have no baked bread, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not run out, and the jug of oil shall not lack, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour did not run out, neither did the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Reading Response

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Galatians 5:25—6:10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Reading Response

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Matthew 6:24—34

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Reading Response

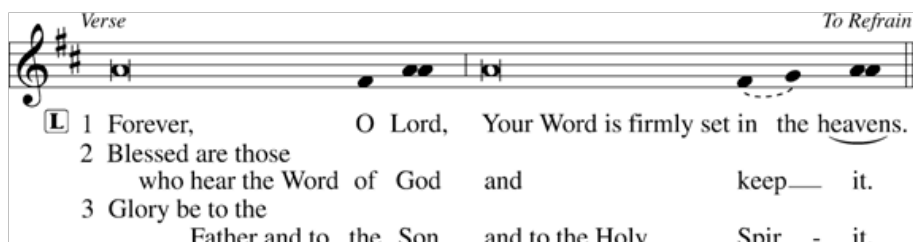
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C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

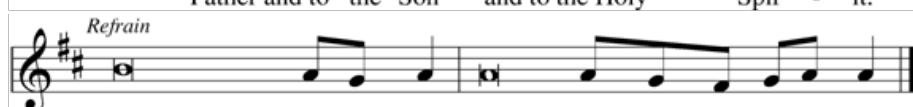
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Verse *To Refrain*



1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Refrain



Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Sermon

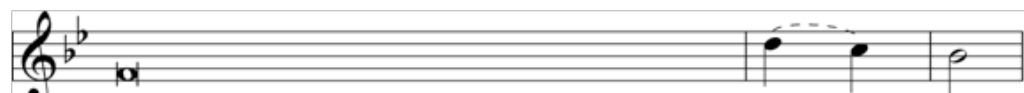
‘In the Face of Death’

1 Kings 17:8-16

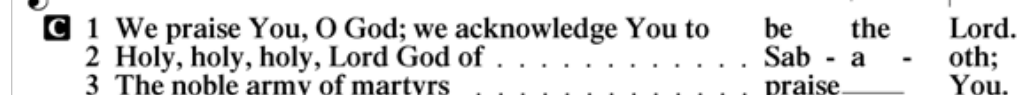
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Te Deum

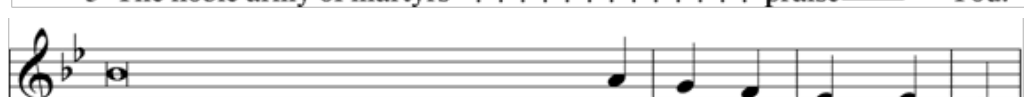
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1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.



1 All the earth now worships You, the Father ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You;



1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be— our— judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out— sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on— us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

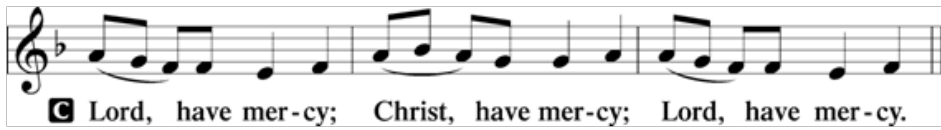
7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Offering

+ PRAYER +

Kyrie

LSB 227



Lord's Prayer

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.

Introduction to Collects

LSB 227



Collect of the Day

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

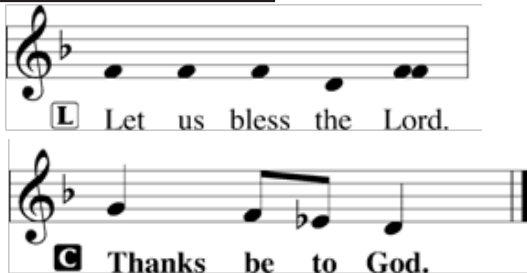
Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



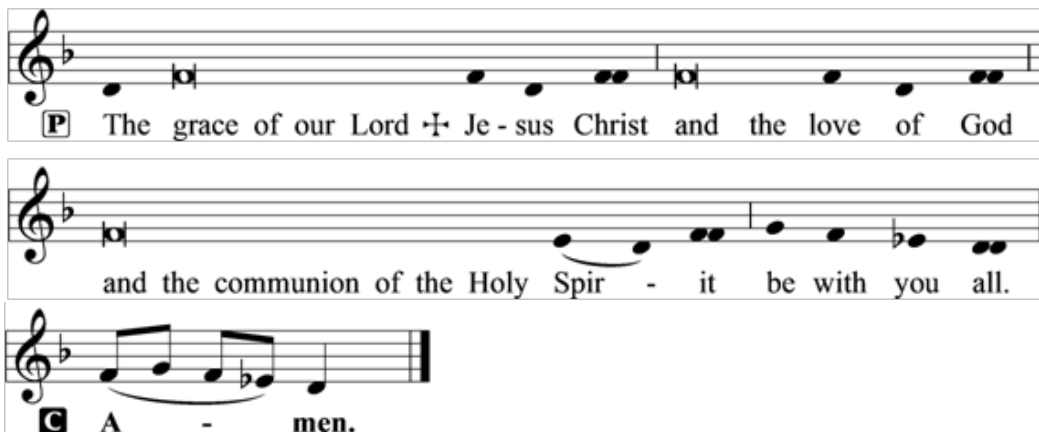
Benedicamus

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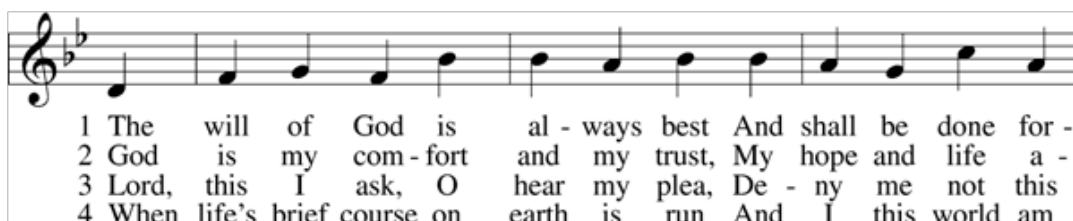
Benediction

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Hymn "The Will of God Is Always Best"

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ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;
bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,
fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"

He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In
I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His
Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My
Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I

time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -
Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and
fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -
now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and

pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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The Immanuel Spirit

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: 1 Kings 17:17–24, Ephesians 3:13–21 and Luke 7:11–17.

Stewardship: Matthew 6:25 – “(Jesus said), ‘Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.’ ” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

Building Healthy Families for Sept. 20th: Did You Know? Every marriage - even the strongest – will experience seasons of discord. It's normal to not be happy and to not feel “in love” all the time. Certainly, work to fix your marriage when it is breaking, but it's even better to prioritize your marriage relationship and work on it every day to assure that it stays strong and healthy. LFS counselors who share your faith and values are here to help with both. ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

Life Quote for Sept. 20th: “The Adoption Creed: ‘Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn't grow under my heart, but in it.’” ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Trinity XV – Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. Amen.*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Sept. 27th: Hear “Room at the Table” based on 1 Peter 4 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series “Households of Faith” ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 9/20—9/26 is **Shutt/Shell** Household(s) responsible for the week of 9/27—10/3 is **Sittig**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Confirmation 5th/6th Grades for September 23

MEMORY WORK: 3rd & 4th Commandment & Meanings

LESSON TO BE COMPLETED IN CLASS: 2-3

BIBLE LESSON: Matthew 4

Confirmation 7th/8th Grades for September 23

MEMORY WORK: 2nd Commandment

READING ASSIGNMENT DUE BEFORE CLASS:

Large Catechism – 363-367

LESSON IN CLASS: SCQ 42-47

A Disaster Recovery Center has opened in Marshalltown to give survivors from the August 10 severe storm options to submit documents for their disaster assistance application. FEMA has adapted to the realities of responding during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve Iowans while protecting their safety and that of FEMA employees.

The DRC will not operate in a traditional fashion. The center will offer drive-through service. Survivors are asked to stay in their vehicles when visiting. Applicants do not have to visit a center to submit documents to FEMA—they can mail, fax or submit them online at DisasterAssistance.gov as well. Information on these options can be found in their FEMA letter. Survivors who have already registered with FEMA and have been asked to provide additional documentation should read their FEMA letter carefully and make sure they have everything they need when they arrive at the DRC. If you do not understand the letter you received from FEMA, call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Central Time, and ask for assistance.

The FEMA DRC is located:
Behind the Marshalltown VA Clinic
101 Iowa Ave. W
Marshalltown, IA 50158
(Please enter from W. Berle Rd and proceed south behind the building.)

DRC hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central Time
Closed Sundays. The DRC will be open for a limited time and is staffed with FEMA personnel who can scan documents and quickly answer questions about disaster assistance programs. All applicants and FEMA personnel will follow current state and local COVID-19 safety requirements. Applicants must wear face masks and will remain in their cars as they hand their documents to FEMA personnel, who will be wearing face masks (or other appropriate face covering) and protective equipment. FEMA staff will take the documents, scan them and return them to the applicants.

Applicants may register in the following ways:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov.

- Download the FEMA Mobile App for smartphones.

- Call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585) between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

If an individual cannot register online or by phone, registration at the DRC will be available.

Documents also may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Mail to: FEMA's Individuals and Households Program, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville MD 20782-7055.

- Or fax to 800-827-8112.

- Or submit them via a FEMA online account. To set up an online account, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, click on "Check Status" and follow the directions.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Ruth Honold...Monday

Dale Schultz...Tuesday

Cindy Cloyed...Friday

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week

Joel & Danielle McDonough on Thursday

Nathan & Stephanie Eichenberger on Thursday

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

Week of Sept 13

Attendance	43
Communion	32
General:	\$4840.00
Missions:	\$100.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9:00am 10:30am	15th Sunday after Trinity Sunday School/Bible Study Acolyte/Crucifier: Lilly/Dylan Elder: Ken Mergen
Tuesday	10:00am	Greek Study
Wednesday	4-5:30pm 5:30-7pm	5th/6th Confirmation 7th/8th Confirmation
Thursday	9:30am	Confessions Study, Carlisle
Next Sunday	9:00am 10:30am	16th Sunday after Trinity Sunday School/ Bible Study Food Pantry Sunday Acolyte/Crucifier: Macey/Simon Elder: Steve Haase