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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CONFESSION/FORGIVENESS

screen

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LBW #250 (vs. 1,2,5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-21

HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW #474 (vs. 1)

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW #474 (vs. 2,4)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Pr. Melody Kirkpatrick

HYMN OF THE DAY

“He Leadeth Me: Oh Blessed Thought!”

LBW #501 (vs. 1,3)

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING	ARCC Emergency Shelter	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		screen
GREAT THANKSGIVING		screen
WORDS OF PRAISE		screen
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD’S PRAYER		screen
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNION HYMNS		
“Come Ye Sinners”		Fernando Ortega
“Creation Song”		Fernando Ortega
“Psalm 23”	Phil Wickham and Tiffany Hudson	
“By the Grace of God”	“Bethal Music and Brian Johnson	
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		screen

SENDING

BENEDICTION		
BELLS		
CLOSING HYMN	“Lift High the Cross”	LBW #377 (vs. 1,4,5)
DISMISSAL		
	P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.	
	C: Thanks be to God!	
POSTLUDE		

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<u>Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6</u>
Tue	<u>Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13</u>
Wed	<u>Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32</u>
Thu	<u>Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21</u>
Fri	<u>Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21</u>
Sat	<u>Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36</u>
Sun	<u>Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20</u>

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Galen & Charlotte Negen	Sherry Grantham
Ushers	Wayne & Heather Lenander	Galen & Charlotte Negen
Reader	Denice Johnson	Danny Lecy
Communion	Charlotte Negen & Raylan Stanley	

Prayer Concerns: Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Venezuela; ARCC Emergency Shelter ; Marlys Stainbrook, Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Joyce Lecy (Charlotte Negen's aunt), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Mellisa Tibbets, Jana Dunham, Bill T. (Shannah Geimer's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies), TK Flynn (friend of Greyson Goehring), Cherie (niece of Carol Jones), Leslie Neppel, Roger Geimer (Shannah Geimer's father-in-law), Joan Engels (friend of Shannah Geimer), Nellie Parrish (great niece of Cina Pidde & Denice Johnson), Kyrsten Larson (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

Sun	Worship Service	10:00 AM
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	Blessing of the backpacks	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ➔ There are ARCC ES volunteer forms on the table in the narthex.
- ➔ Sunday, September 13 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday – sign up in the narthex.
- ➔ Sunday, September 20 is the Blessing of the Animals Sunday at the 11th Crow Wing boat landing and picnic shelter.

August Mission of the Month ARCC Shelter Backpack Project

Akeley Regional Community Emergency Shelter's mission is to provide safe shelter and supportive services to those experiencing intimate partner violence. As victim/survivors begin processing their trauma, there are far too often many barriers to overcome—from homelessness and economic insecurity to isolation from healthy support networks. Our gifts help a person or family start over as they begin to heal from their trauma. People will come to the shelter for a safe place to live; some move on from the shelter and begin to rebuild a new home—with no furniture or other household items. Some will arrive at the shelter without a change of clothing or shoes on their feet. All the backpacks gifted to the Shelter by First Lutheran Church in the past have been gifted to the children of clients over the course of the school year. This August we are again assembling backpacks full of school supplies. Monetary gifts can be used as the need arises. Cash readily available can pay for gas cards, cell phones, even a student's computer. Checks should be written to First Lutheran Church with ARCCES written on the memo line. We filled 14 the backpacks on August 23.