



# The Eternal Light

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## WORD IS . . .

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

ROMANS 8: 26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

### God Knows

Do you have a request? Do you have something troubling you? Do you have something irking you? What is it? Take a moment right now to give it up to God in prayer. If you can.

Personally, I find that sometimes I am unable to get at the heart of what is bothering me or troubling me or even for the thing that is inspiring thankfulness in me. Sometimes, I fumble and stumble around trying to form the right prayer that expresses my needs, desires, thankfulness and praise. Sometimes, in that stumbling and fumbling, no matter how hard I try, I just don't get it across right. In Matthew 6: 8, Jesus tells the disciples and us that God knows our needs before we ask them. Then Jesus teaches us what we call the Lord's Prayer, what Luther and many Catholics refer to as the "Our Father."

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*"God knows our needs, our desires, our wants and our pain."*

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Some churches don't like using the Lord's Prayer in their services, because it is too formulaic or too "Catholic." They prefer prayers to be *ex corde*, that is from the heart. There is nothing wrong with prayers from the heart, in fact I think that they are good not only to stay in touch with God on a personal level, but they are also a great exercise for us to learn that God wants to communicate with us in our daily life. But, then there are those moments when we don't know how to speak, or are too angry to talk, or too heart-broken even to mutter but sob instead. In those times, God knows our needs, our desires, our wants and our pain. If we can utter anything at all in those moments, the Lord's prayer is a great thing to say, because we know it and it

covers all we need to cover. Even when we are unable to pray that though, the Holy Spirit knows our heart and knows our mind and intercedes for us with groans too deep for human language. You can read that in Romans 8: 26.

In our weakness, which in my case is often (weakness to sin, weakness in sin, weakness of body and spirit, fatigue, etc., etc.), the Holy Ghost takes up our cause and cries out to the Father for our sake. When we hurt, when we suffer, when we struggle, when we make mistakes, when we are ridiculed, persecuted or mocked, when we have no words, and when we have too many words, God knows. He knows and he will answer us. Though sometimes we fail God's Word, the promises he has made us and the forgiveness he gives us through Christ will never fail us. God knows and he will care for you.

In Christ,

*Pastor Paul D. Johnson*

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### Upcoming Events

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Amazing Race

October 5<sup>th</sup> – LWML Sunday

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Meal at ULC

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Congregation Dinner – German themed – 5:30

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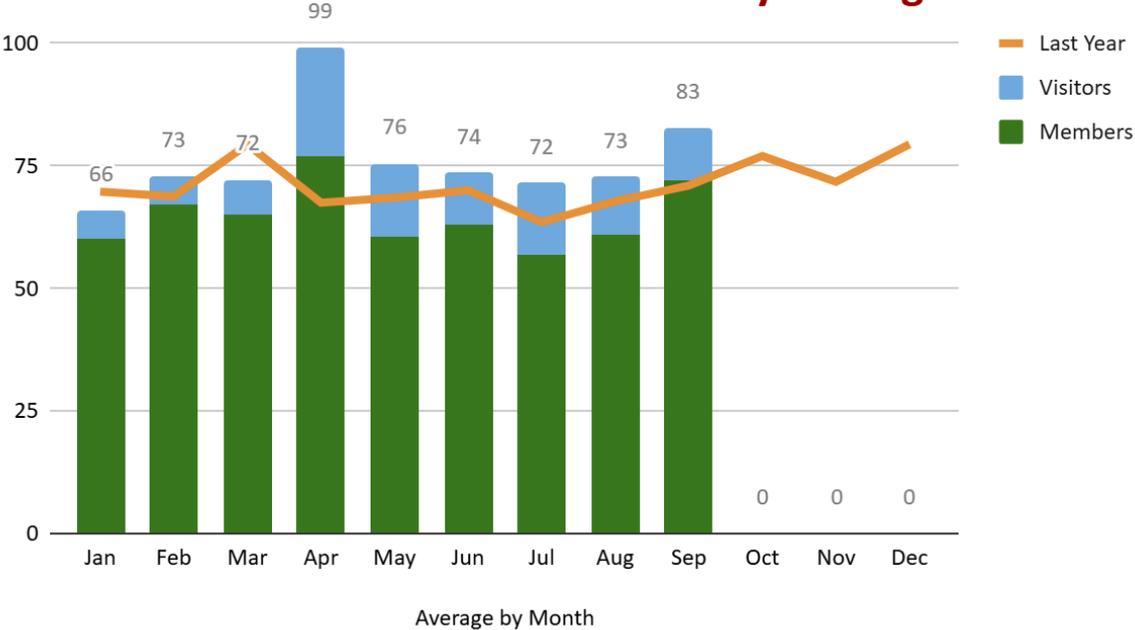
*Matthew 19:26*

# Attendance Graphs!

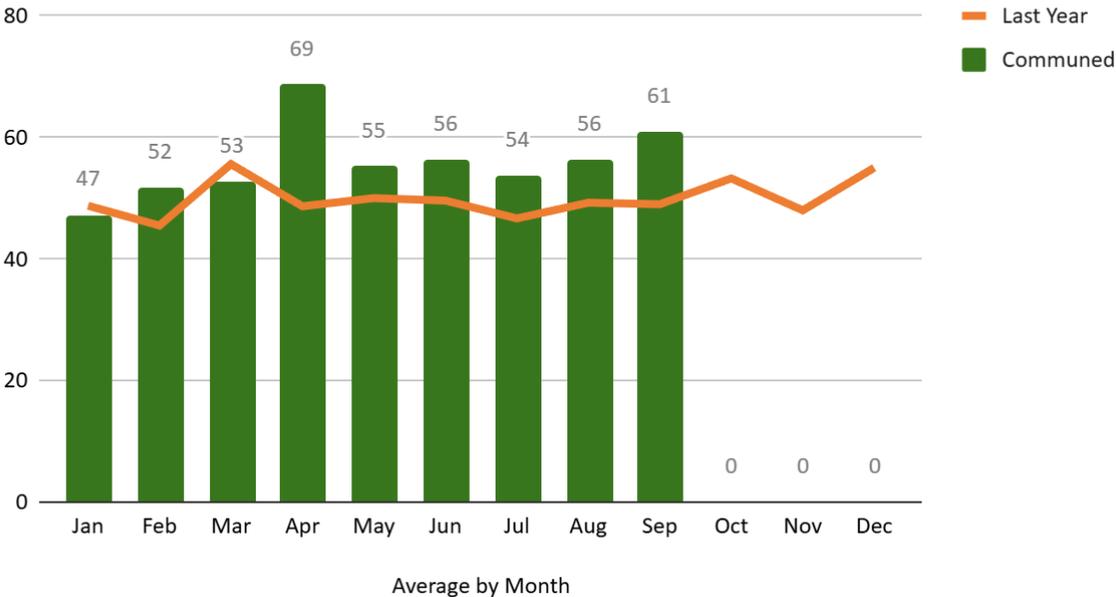
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2025.

## 2025 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



## 2025 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of September were:

September 7	\$11,301
September 14	\$ 1,842
September 21	\$ 2,405
September 28	\$ 2,486
Online Offerings	\$ 2,971



This weekly average (\$5,251) compares to our 2025 weekly budget needs of **\$5,018**.

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## COUNTER SCHEDULE

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

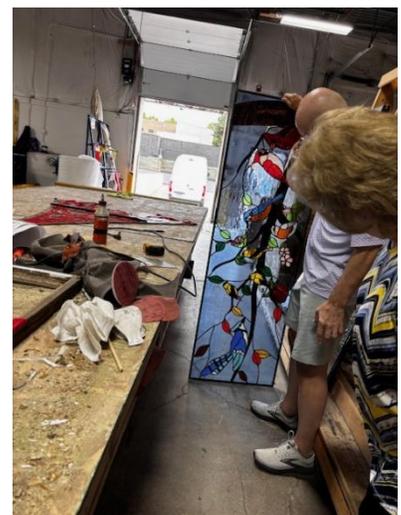
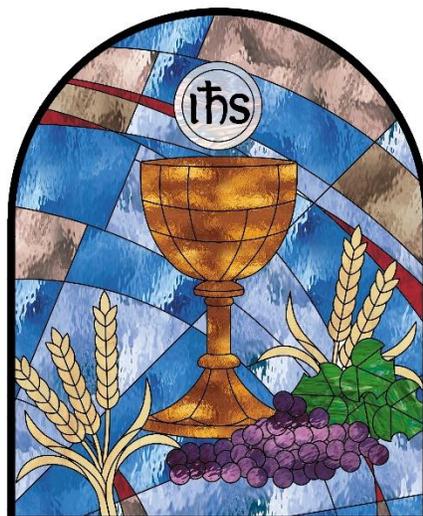
Oct. 5 Marc and Jan Ertle  
Oct. 12 Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 19 Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 26 Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly

Nov. 2 Katherine Moore and Polly Cowley  
Nov. 9 Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly  
Nov. 16 Mark and Mary Bunge  
Nov. 23 Mark and Mary Bunge  
Nov. 30 Marc and Jan Ertle



## **Stained-Glass Window Update**

The committee has been working on the design for the top arched window on the south wall of the church. This window is to represent "Body and Blood" and we felt the best way was to incorporate the elements of Holy Communion. The window contains a chalice, host, grapes and wheat. A group from the committee visited the Scottish Stained-Glass studio to select glass colors for these new elements. Monday afternoon we met with Martin online and approved the final design with him. This window will go into production next week and take 2-3 weeks to complete. Then we will begin design reviews for the other arched window.



# Church Picnic

We had a great day for our annual picnic and a great showing for the Manly Man Dessert Competition.

Manly Man Dessert Winner



# Baptism

We had the baptism of Mack on September 14. Welcome to the family of Christ.



## New Members

We welcomed many new members on September 21.



## REMINDERS

**The Deacon's Fund** supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

**Please be responsible!!!** For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

**We ask that all members of the congregation please be conscious of protecting their valuables while at church. Many times, the doors are left unlocked, and people are downstairs. This gives easy access to someone who may not be a member. We will try to remember to lock the doors after service.**

**Sign Up to Receive Text Messages** - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura Raben if you need help signing up.

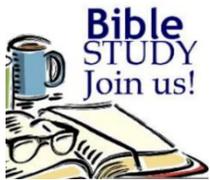
**\*\*\* There are many open spots for flowers on Sunday.** Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

**Parking spaces** in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

**Large print worship** service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. This Bible Study is covering the Book of Ezekiel.



**Sunday School!** We are studying the "Enduring Faith" curriculum. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. We will be studying the Apocrypha.

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## SERVING IN OCTOBER

### **Sunday, October 5**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht, Trinity Anderson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Cindy Griffin
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Altar	Cindy Stahly/Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly and Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Noah Mayer
Flowers	Raben

### **Sunday, October 12**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Acolyte	Lydia Hurst, Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Cindy Stahly/Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	Breitweiser

### **Sunday, October 19**

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs and Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Eric Olson, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Pete and Levi Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Pete Hinrichs
Flowers	Bunge

### **Sunday, October 26**

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Mark Bunge
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson (r), Wayne Thomas
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Nick and Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Innes

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!