

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST**  
**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**October 5th, 2025**

**10:00am**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #128:1,3,4  
“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?

**People: Even when God feels far, His steadfast love never fails.**

Liturgist: We cry out in sorrow, yet God listens and draws near.

**People: The Lord is not distant, but comes close to us in mercy and grace.**

Liturgist: In Christ, God has come to dwell among us—Immanuel, God with us.

**People: We rejoice in the God who walks beside us and calls us to walk with Him.**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord our God—near to the brokenhearted, faithful to all generations!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Lee

OFFERTORY

RECEIVING OF OFFERING

*(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)*



DOXOLOGY #95

A TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Lee  
*(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)*  
**Response: “Hear our prayer, O God”**

ANTHEM Choir  
“In You We Are One” (Althouse)

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor Lee  
“Psalm 13:1-6” ESV

SERMON Pastor Lee  
“Misunderstanding God: Distant or Near?”

HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” #618

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THE 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. Amen.

HYMN “Thy Word Is a Lamp” #601

BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Leanne Lee by the Lee Family.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**—Starla Knox, Ainsworth Brown, George Kranz, Karen McGinley, Marcia and Ralph Watt, Susan Barkman, Suzane Abbott, Rita Harned, Lettie Witt.

### **WEEKLY REPORT**

\*Worship attendance 09/28/2025: 83 people.

\*Giving 09/28/2025: General Fund \$1793, Food Pantry \$3697, Buckets of Hope \$75, Luncheon \$20, Total \$5585.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***MEMBERSHIP CLASS REGISTRATION**—Sign up at the Narthex. Deadline: Today, October 5.

\***RIDE ASSISTANCE SIGN-UP**—Rides to church needed for members with health or mobility challenges. Please sign up at the narthex if you can help. All rides will be coordinated by the church office.

\***CLOTHES CLOSET**—Needed: Men's pants sizes 34/36, polo shirts size M/L, men/women underwear, personal grooming supplies. Please drop off items in the narthex/office.

\***FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**—Today, October 5, immediately after worship in Henderson Hall. Everyone is welcome.

\***UMW**—Tuesday 10/7, 1pm. Unit meeting with special guest speaker from Hospice. ALL are invited.

\***MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VONNIE MAYTUM**—Saturday 10/11, 11am, Meadow Lawn Funeral Home.

\***PACK-THE-PARK FOR PACK-A-SACK**—Family festival in Sims park, Saturday 10/25, 10am-3pm.

\***CRAFT GROUP**—Mondays 12:30pm-3pm.

\***TAI CHI CLASS**—Tuesdays 10am.

\***BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesdays 10am.

\***PRAYER GATHERING**—Wednesdays 11:30am.

\***AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC**—Wednesday 5-7pm.

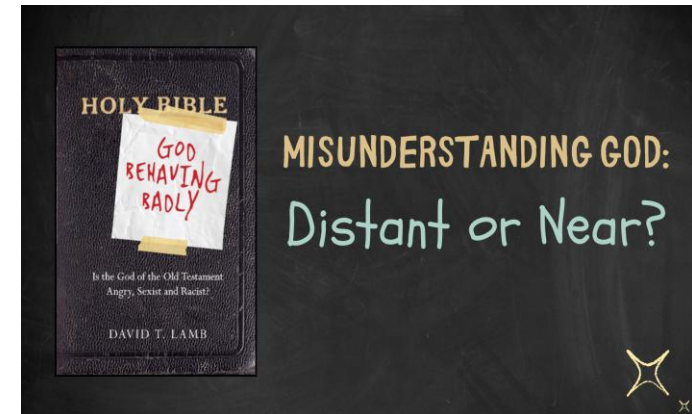
### **KEY DATES RELATED TO THE CHURCH CONFERENCE**

- October 14 – Meeting to Draft the 2026 Annual Budget
- October 21 – Church Council Meeting
- November 2 – Church Conference

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