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Welcome as we gather in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on this special Independence Day weekend.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, we give thanks to God for the many freedoms and blessings we enjoy. We remember with gratitude those who have faithfully served and sacrificed to preserve these freedoms, and we pray for our nation, its leaders, our military, first responders and our communities.

Yet today we celebrate an even greater freedom. While nations may protect our liberties, only Jesus Christ sets hearts free. Through His life, death and resurrection, we have been delivered from sin, death and the power of the devil. As Jesus declares, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Today we worship with thankful hearts, giving thanks for our country while rejoicing in the eternal freedom that is ours through Christ. As citizens of both our nation and God's Kingdom, may we live faithfully, bearing witness to the One from whom every blessing flows.

The Lord's Table

Our Lord graciously shares with us His precious body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves according to these truths of the Christian faith:

- ✝ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.
- ✝ I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.
- ✝ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

The inner ring of the Communion tray has grape juice for those unable to take wine.

✠ Holy Communion Worship Divine Service One ✠

Opening Hymn

God Bless America

(please stand)

Invocation & Confession

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ Hearing His Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: v.1

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

C: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

P: the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High*

C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P: *The Lord be with you*



■ And al - so with you.

P: *Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



■ A - men.

(please be seated)

First Reading

2 Chronicles 7:11-18

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished.

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time. And as for you, if you will

walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.'"

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

As it is written, *For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.* No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

Alleluia And Verse



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.*



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, *We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"*

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

Hymn Of Praise

America the Beautiful

Sermon

UNITED WE STAND: Freedom Worth Celebrating

Responsory Hymn

My Country, Tis of Thee

Gathering Of The Offerings

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Prayers Of The Church

✠ Gathering at His Table ✠

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

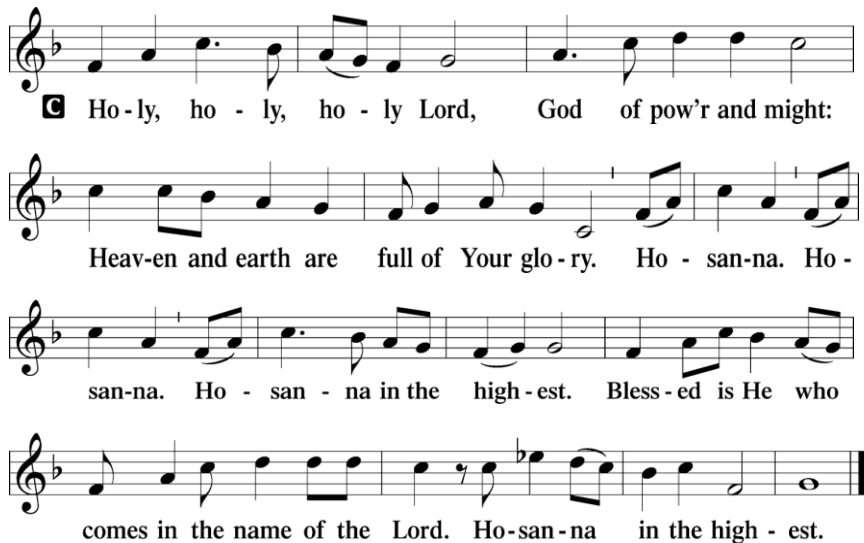
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Words Of Our Lord

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgement. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

Das Vater Unser - The Lord's Prayer

P: *Vater unser im Himmel,*

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

P: *geheiligt werde dein Name.*

C: hallowed be Thy name;

P: *Dein Reich komme.*

C: Thy kingdom come;

P: *Dein Wille geschehe,*

C: Thy will be done

P: *wie im Himmel so auf Erden.*

C: on earth as it is in heaven;

P: *Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.*

C: give us this day our daily bread;

P: *Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,*

C: and forgive us our trespasses,

P: *wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.*

C: as we forgive those who trespass against us;

P: *Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,*

C: and lead us not into temptation;

P: *sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.*

C: but deliver us from evil.

P: *Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft*

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power

P: *und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.*

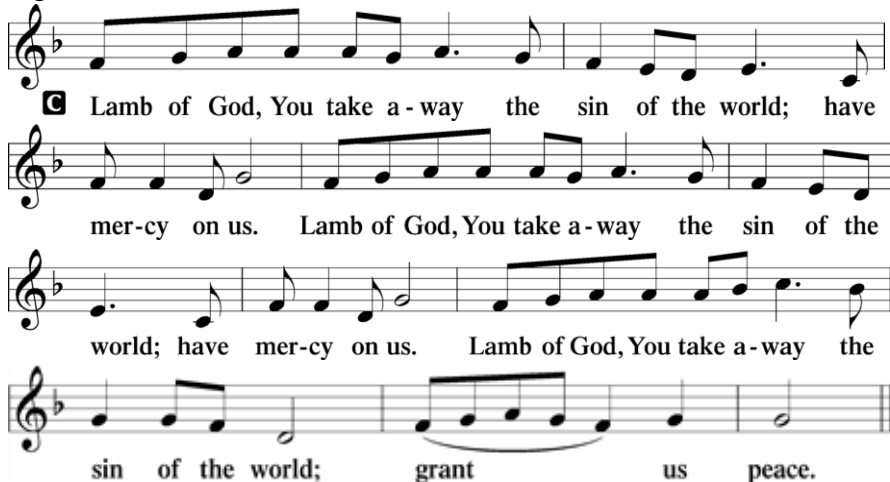
C: and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



Agnus Dei



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(please be seated)

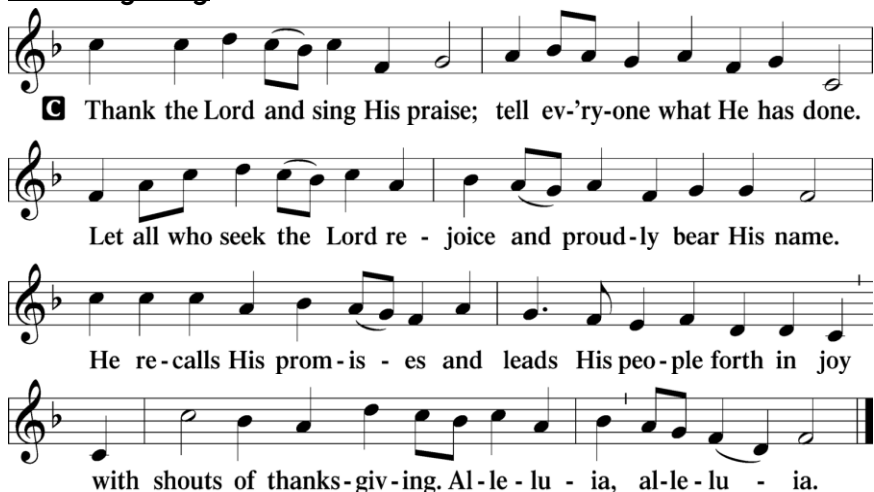
Distribution

Distribution Hymn

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
God of Grace and God of Glory*

*LSB 844
LSB 850*

Thanksgiving



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.



(please be seated)

Announcements

Closing Hymn

God Bless the USA

Silent Prayer

Prayers Of The Church

- † Almighty God and Father, throughout the ages You have called men and nations to worship You, praise You, honor You, and hold You above all others as the One true God. Hundreds of years before our nation was even founded, You led people to this land of plenty to discover the blessings You had for them here in America.
- † Through the many years that followed, Your people in Europe suffered persecution for their faith and trust in You. But by Your providence, You allowed them to remain faithful, and even to find a place where they could worship You in faith and truth.
- † These United States were founded on the principles that men and women should have the right to worship freely, without governmental obstruction. Keep us ever grateful O God of this precious freedom in these United States.
- † As we continue to exercise this freedom, let us always do so in ways that honor You and give to You all the glory that is Your due. Help us to keep the first things first. Remind us daily of our need to walk in the ways in which You would have us to walk. Loving each other as You have loved us. Give us compassion for those who have differing viewpoints, and space in our hearts to love them in spite of our differences. Help us see others first as men and women created in Your image, loved by You, and ones who we should love in the same way.

- ✠ Holy Spirit send forth the flame of Your love to fill our streets and our land with a people moved by compassion for one another.
- ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, lead us to humble ourselves as a nation before Your throne of mercy and grace, asking Your forgiveness, as we seek to return to You in all the seasons that follow. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.
- ✠ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing. Hear us now as we name these aloud, and lift up all the others in the silence of our hearts. Hear our prayers for Philomena (granddaughter of LuAnn Cooke), Elise Gorman, Moe & Alena Fakhari, Russ Reque (step-brother of Carla Nicklas), Amanda, Patti Smith, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Leigh Fulford, Dee Bright, Ray Bangel, Lisa Holzwart, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Sally & Dean Moore, Amy, Richard Pruefer, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette, Bill Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar, Phyllis Jodis.

Did you know? Pastor Galligar is available to meet with you at your home, a local coffee shop or the church office at your convenience. Whether you are facing a difficult season, recovering from illness, navigating a major life change or simply would like someone to talk and pray with, you do not have to walk through it alone.

At Faith Lutheran Church, we are committed to praying for one another, encouraging one another and bearing one another's burdens as the family of Christ. If you would like others to join you in prayer, requests may be submitted using the yellow prayer cards in the pews, online at faithlecanto.org/prayer or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential.

Do you know someone who could use prayer, encouragement or pastoral care? Members and non-members alike are welcome. By connecting someone with Pastor Galligar, you are helping Faith Lutheran be a beacon of God's love in our community.

For assistance, please contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

Opportunities To Serve There are many ways to serve here at Faith Lutheran—whether welcoming others, supporting worship, caring for our church, serving behind the scenes or lifting others up in prayer. Current opportunities include:

*Ushers • Trustees • Elders • Prayer Team • Sound Room Team • Children's Ministries
Offering Counters • Finance Team • Office Volunteers*

If you feel called to serve, we invite you to take the next step. Speak with Pastor Galligar or a member of the Church Council to learn more about where your gifts can be used. Together, we serve as God's hands and feet in this place.

Fragrance-Free Seating & Hearing Assistance A fragrance-free seating area is available for those with sensitivities. Hearing assistance devices are also available - please see an usher before worship.



LIFE TOGETHER AT FAITH

Gathered in Worship

Saturday	32
Sunday	60
Total Worship	92
Ladies Bible Study	5



Giving at Faith

Week	Budget Giving	Plan	Over/Under Budget
23	8,984	7,000	1,984
24	2,886	6,000	(3,114)
25	4,003	5,000	(997)
26	3,022	4,000	(978)

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Celebrating Together

Happy Birthday
July 4th Nancy Griffin
July 9th Mollie Anne Houghtaling
July 10th Dennis Schmidt

Wedding Anniversary
July 7th Don & Jerra Hunt
July 7th – Don & Melissa Climer
July 11th Charles & Jane Boerger
July 12th Steven & Lois Schick

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
— Psalm 118:24

Flowers Given Today

To the Glory of God



THIS
WEEK
AT FAITH

July 6th through July 12th

Monday	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Monday @ Papa J's Diner
Thursday	8:30 AM	Trustees Meeting – FH
	10:00 AM	Elders Meeting – FH
	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study – FH
	2:00 PM	Ukulele Group – Narthex
Friday	9:00 AM	Stitch N' Tie – FH
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship – Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)

Men Of Faith Start your week with breakfast @Papa J's Diner, Inverness for fellowship and God's Word! Bible Study to discuss "Southern Kingdom – Time of Reckoning" Isaiah 14. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

Trustees Meeting The Trustees will meet this week to care for the needs of our church property and facilities. Contact: Deanna Sobocienski (734) 735-2596.

Elders Meeting The Elders will meet this week to support the ministry and care of our congregation. Contact: Don Mueller (810) 705-2539.

Ladies Bible Study Join us as we continue *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer, led by Delores Clouse. It's never too late to join us as we grow together in God's Word. Contact Delores at (515) 729-1501.

Ukulele Group Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship and fun. New participants are always welcome! Contact Joy Wilson at (352) 726-0406.

Stitch N' Tie is back! Join us for sewing, crafting and fellowship. Contact: Ann Panas (262) 993-4068.

****Looking Ahead****

Vacation Bible School Tropical Trek VBS is coming July 13th-17th, and excitement is building with children already registered and volunteers preparing for a great week of faith, fun and adventure!

Please continue to keep our VBS children, families and volunteers in your prayers, and help spread the word to friends, neighbors and grandchildren.

Ladies of Faith Summer Luncheon Join us Thursday, July 23 at 12:00 PM at Wallace's at the Greenhouse in Homosassa for food, fellowship and fun. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

Questions or need a ride? Contact Carla Nicklas at (352) 257-1480.



Free Indeed! Have you ever been stuck? Maybe your bicycle chain came off, your kite got tangled in a tree or you couldn't untie a knot. It feels wonderful when someone comes to help and sets you free!

Jesus said: "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." -John 8:36

Jesus wasn't talking about ropes or trees. He was talking about something much greater. We all sin, and we can't fix that on our own. But Jesus can!

Because Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He forgives our sins and sets us free to follow Him, love others and live as God's children.

As we celebrate our country's freedom, let's remember the greatest freedom of all—the freedom we have in Jesus!

Coloring Activity As you color today's picture, think about the words:

"I am FREE in Jesus!"

Color the cross, the dove and the hearts. Then color the words Free and Jesus in your favorite colors!

My Freedom Challenge This week, use your freedom to share God's love. Choose one, or more:

- ☐ Pray for someone.
- ☐ Help with a chore without being asked.
- ☐ Thank a veteran, first responder or someone who serves our community.
- ☐ Invite a friend to church.
- ☐ Tell someone, *Jesus loves you!*

Extra Challenge Memorize *John 8:36* and share it with someone in your family!

Prayer Dear Jesus, thank You for the freedom we enjoy in our country. Most of all, thank You for setting us free from sin and making us Your children. Help us to follow You, love others and share Your love wherever we go. Amen.



✝ Growing In God's Word ✝

Summer Bible Challenge As Pastor's Sunday morning and weekday Bible Studies take a summer pause, we invite you to continue growing in God's Word through the

Free Bible Road Map.

This chronological reading plan guides us through the story of Scripture in the order the events occurred, helping us see God's faithfulness from Genesis to Revelation. Each week includes six days of reading and one day to worship, reflect or catch up, making it easy to stay on the journey even during a busy summer.

Whether you have been reading since January, have fallen behind or are just getting started, this is the perfect time to jump in. The

Road Map is designed with grace in mind—you don't have to be perfect. Simply begin where you are and keep walking with the Lord.

As we continue *The Orchard Project*, remember that healthy fruit grows from healthy roots. Spending time in God's Word is one of the ways He strengthens our faith and helps the fruit of the Spirit grow in our lives.

Free Bible Road Maps are available in the Narthex and the church office. We invite you to join us as we spend the summer growing deeper in God's Word together.

