



**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30 A.M.

Divine IV

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## Prelude

*Belva Hanson, Organist*

## Welcome

*Pastor Jake Parsons*

## Announcements

- Would you like to read Scripture during worship? Please contact Pastor Jake to become a regular reader.
- Next week's Scripture reader is Shelley Klein.
- Celebration of Life: Jack Smith, August 27th, 1pm

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## +Confession and Absolution+

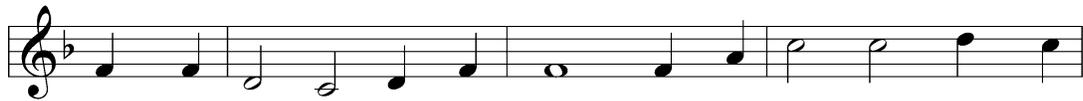
### 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

*Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## +Service of the Word+

### Introit

**P** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**C** **He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

**P** He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.

**C** **His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

**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** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number

them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

- P** <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- C** <sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;**
- P** <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
<sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.
- C** <sup>16</sup>**The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**  
<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**
- P** <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.
- C** <sup>20</sup>**Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.**  
<sup>21</sup>**For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**
- P** <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:22–34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, 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. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles’ Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

*sts. 1, 4–6*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;  
5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest.  
6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.  
The Lord hath judg-ments for the proud And jus - tice for the op-pressed.  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Donations, Tithes and Offerings

Here are three ways to support Grace Lutheran with your tithes, gifts and offerings.

1. Place offering in the plates in the Narthex.
2. Mail your offering to the church directly.
3. Use the new "Offering Button" found at [gracelutheransm.org](http://gracelutheransm.org)

Your offerings are significant in the ministry of the church and preschool and we appreciate them!

## +Service of the Sacrament+

### Communion Distribution

*If you are visiting or if you are a member of another church, please join us for communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing either for yourself or a family member, please let Pastor Jake know before worship or during communion. If you would like to discuss the meaning of Holy Communion please contact Pastor Jake after worship.*

*Stand*

### Preface

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

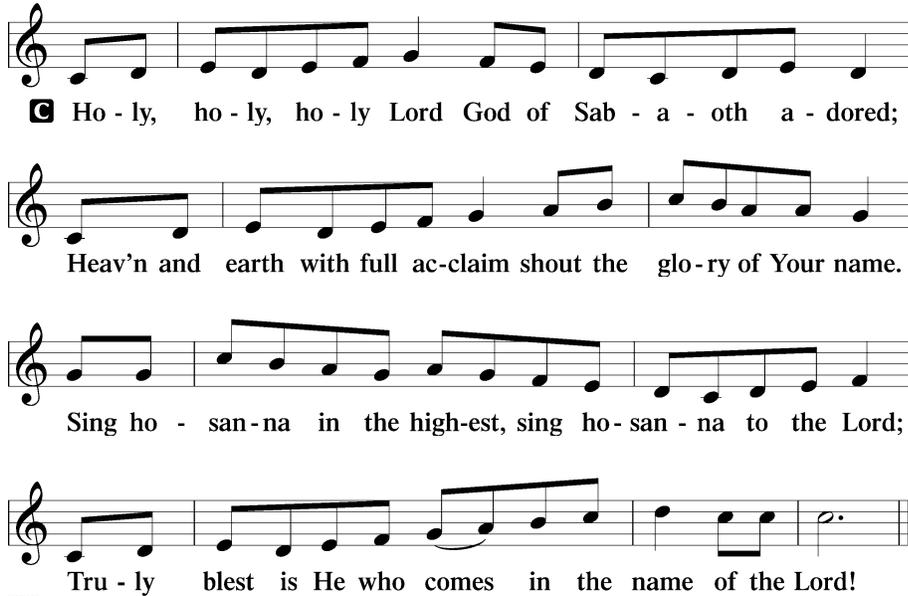
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

## The 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

## Distribution

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

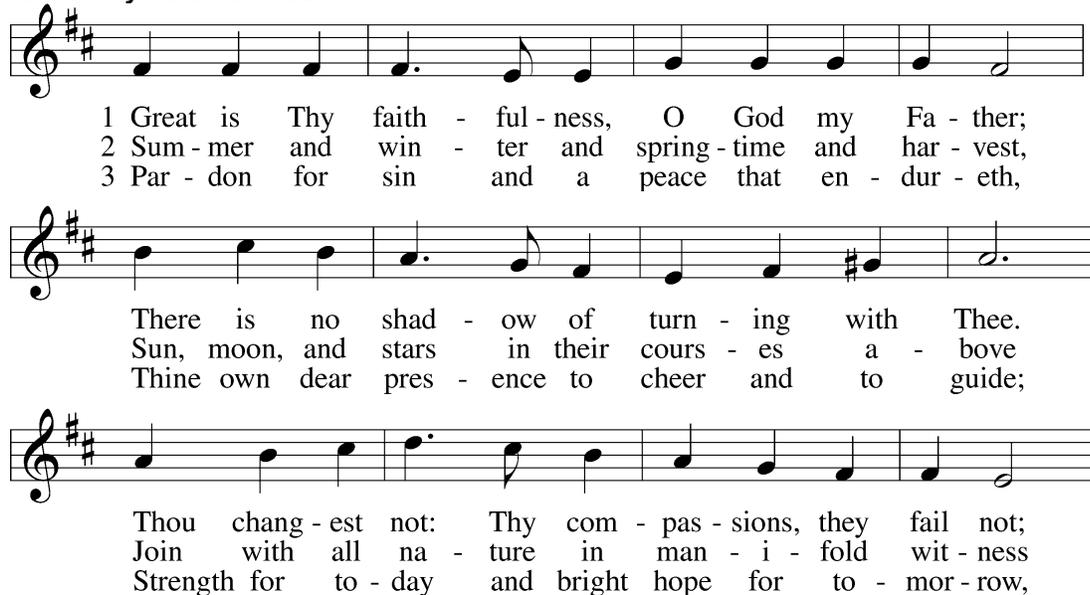
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;  
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!  
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;  
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## Prayers of Grace

***...for those who cannot be with us today.***

Liz Lepper, Gene Ryzski, Charlie Larson, Maxx Hanneman, Maxine Raymond, Nan Lippitt, Joan Edwards

***...for those recently diagnosed.***

...Rodger Bunch, Cali Pullium, Jeannette Hyatt

***...for those preparing for, or recovering from surgeries and procedures.***

Sandra Bunch, Gloria Byrd, Dick Williams, Patty Taylor, Elwyn Byrd

***...for those suffering with the pain of chronic illness.***

Edith Quaid, Ruth Webber, Christy Esparza, Moira Sandroock, Barbara Aris, Henry Span, Theresa Squires, Dorothy Abel, and Delores Feliz

***...for those battling cancer***

Diana Williams, Cam Riley, Barbara Diaz, Sandra Rodriguez, Kim Passmore, Mike Mueller, Jobie Stiegler

***...for those grieving a lost friend or family***

Millie Smith, Nancy Dewey, Lou Brum

***...for those awaiting their final rest***

Norma Chapman, Vernon Huelle

***...for those in broken homes and relationships.***

Tammie Earl

**...for those serving in the military and the government.**

President Joe, Vice-President Harris, Governor Newsom and Mayor Alice

**...for missionaries, sister congregations, pastors and Church workers.**

Herb and Markie Burch, Paul and Gena Nelson, Pastor Greg, Pastor Ray and Pastor George

**...for all other prayers and answered prayers**

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### **Adding and Updating Prayers**

Do you have a prayer to add or celebration/answer to prayer you'd like to share? Or, would you like to update a prayer with current information?

Instructions:

1. Open your phone's camera app.
2. Point the view finder at the square below.
3. Click the yellow link that appears.
4. Complete the form and hit "Submit."



*Enter the information requested and hit submit!*

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### **The Right Hand**

***"Christian Disciplines:" Review***

Perhaps you thought we had completed this LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet last week with the review of the third and concluding subsection: "*Staying on Track*" Actually, there is more to cover in the "hovering" overview of this prodigious little booklet. As you can tell, I am profoundly impressed with the depth and the scope of this valuable little booklet....

In looking at its Contents (page 3), we can see the clear outline of its presentation (always a good way to get an introductory impression of a book). Part 1 ("*Connecting with God*") establishes a good foundation for our developing faith and that which follows. Part 2 ("*Reaching Out to Others*") gives us a trajectory outward, which is always God's intention and expectation. Part 3 ("*Staying on Track*") informs us that we are to stay in relationship with Him while we serve His kingdom. (We are to be **in** this world, but not **of** it....)

The introductory essay ("*Getting the most out of Christian Disciplines*") is both authoritative and inspiring. I have read it several times, and I am inspired and challenged each time I read it. (Being revived again and again never gets old!) The quotation at the bottom of my essays is from this introductory essay....

They describe their booklet as "*an inductive Bible study designed to help you (to) discover for yourself*" what the carefully selected passages of Scripture are saying. If there is sufficient interest (*Mt 18:20*), I would be thrilled and delighted to lead a study group on this sterling booklet this Fall.... Let me know, please.

*"May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully."* More next week! In Deo speramus.

Rev. Gary Hanson, Elder  
Stewardship Chair