



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**September 7, 2025**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Pastor:** David Reim - 549-5250  
**Organist:** Julie Reim  
**Ushers:** Willy and Roman  
**Prepare for worship:** Ps. 19 pg. 126

**Opening Prayer** O gracious LORD, our hearts are filled with joy when we consider the great privilege and blessing of coming into your presence to worship you as our God and King! That is only possible because Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and to give His life for ours. Therefore we come to you in His name, clothed in His righteousness. Come to us today and strengthen our faith and love for you that we may sing your praise with joyful hearts and praise you daily with our lives. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**Responsive Invocation:**

P: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord!"

**C: HALLELUAH! HALLELUAH!**

P: Oh most gracious God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**C: "We enter into Your Gates with Thanksgiving and into Your courts with Praise."**



**{ Our hearts prepare }**

We enter the presence of the Holy Almighty God, to receive his greatest blessing - the full and free forgiveness of all our sins.

God comes to us in his word and this morning He also comes to us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In this sacrament he gives us his body and blood which made the payment for our sins.

God's gift can only be received by faith otherwise it is lost. Therefore let us prepare our hearts to receive God's love and forgiveness by reading **Psalm 32** (on screen).

P: Let us do as King David did and confess our sins unto God to receive His full and free forgiveness.

**Confession of Sins:** From 1 John 1

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Therefore let us confess our sins unto God:

**C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



**Opening Hymn: 779 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven**

1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!  
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;  
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

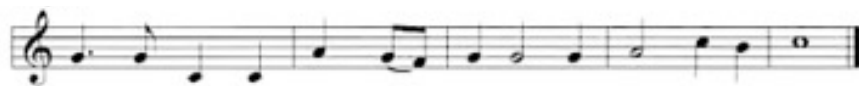
2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,  
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.  
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.  
With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.

3 Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.  
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?  
Not ours, not ours the merit; To You alone the praise!  
Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.

4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In Your true love and fear,  
And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere  
Till, in Your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,  
Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise You evermore.

**Response of Praise: Psalm 146**

*Antiphon*



I will praise Your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

P: While I live I will praise the Lord;

**C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P: Do not put your trust in princes,

**C: Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.**

P: His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;

**C: In that very day his plans perish.**

P: Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,

**C: Whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.**

*Antiphon*



I will praise Your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

P: He keeps truth forever. He executes justice for the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.

**C: The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.**

P: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord raises those who are bowed down;

**C: The Lord loves the righteous.**

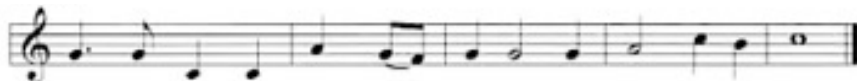
P: The Lord watches over the strangers;

**C: He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.**

P: The Lord shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**C: Praise the Lord!**

*Antiphon*



I will praise Your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

### **Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make

something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

**The Gradual:**

P: Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed:

**C: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.**

P: How amiable are Your tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!

**C: My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.**

P: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:

**C: And to sing praises unto Your name, O Most High.**

P: To show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning:

**C: And Your faithfulness every night. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

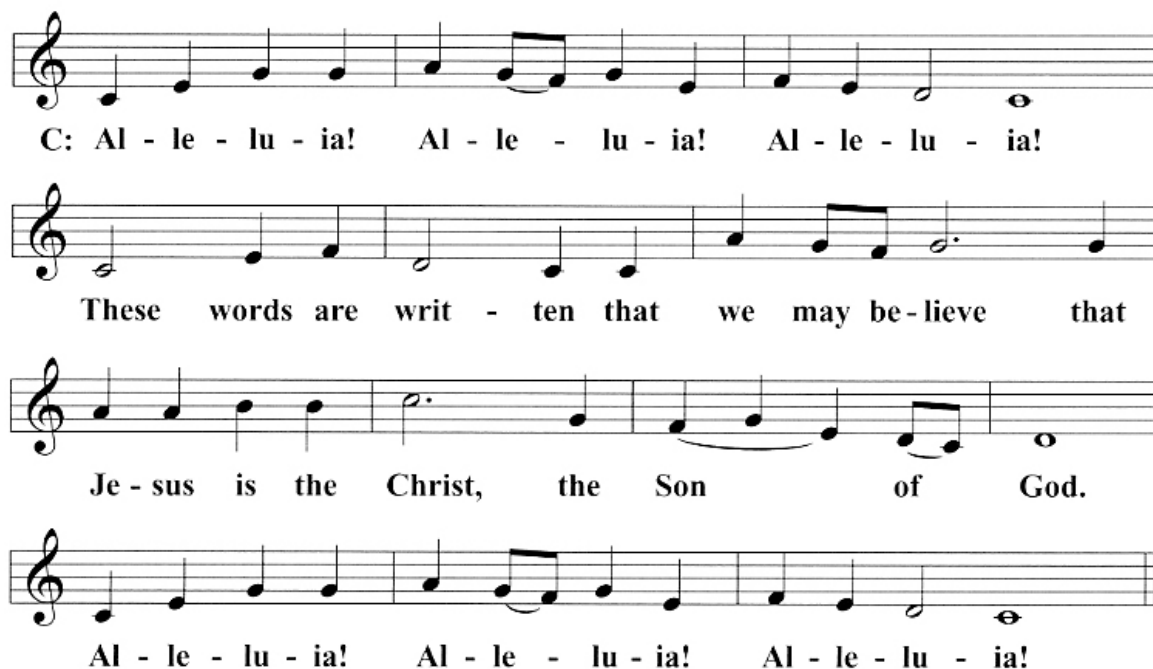
P: Praise waits for You, O God, in Zion:

**C: And unto You shall the vow be performed. Hallelujah!**

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Confession of Faith: 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.

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 worshiped 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.

## **Hymn: 156 Not All the Blood of Beasts**

1. Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.
2. But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.
3. My faith would lay her hand  
On that dear head, of Thine  
While like a penitent I stand  
And there confess my sin.
4. My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree  
And knows her guilt was there.
5. Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

## **SERMON TEXT: MARK 12:38-44**

38 And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces 39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 40 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Theme:

## **FAITH AND HYPOCRISY**

- I- Hypocrisy is a cover for Pride, Faith shows itself in Humility.**
- II- Hypocrisy Trusts Itself, Faith has a Firm Trust in God.**
- III- Hypocrisy is Void of Love, Faith Works in Love.**
- IV- Hypocrisy is a Cover for Sin, Faith Confesses Sin to be Cleansed.**

**Hymn: 442** Lord of Glory, Who has Bought Us

1. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us  
With Thy life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that hast freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Thine own unsparing hand;
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee  
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;  
With the sunshine of Thy goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by Thee, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.



3. Wondrous honor hast Thou given  
To our humblest charity  
In Thine own mysterious sentence,  
"Ye have done it unto Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
Thou dost deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Thy poor and needy,  
"Give as I have given to you"?

4. Yes, the sorrow and the sufferings  
Which on every hand we see  
Channels are for tithes and offerings  
Due by solemn right to Thee;  
Right of which we may not rob Thee,  
Debt we may not choose but pay,  
Lest that face of love and pity  
Turn from us another day.

5. Lord of Glory, who hast bought us  
With Thy life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice,  
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;  
But, oh! best of all Thy graces,  
Give us Thine own charity.

**Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**Sing** - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

**Prayers of the Church:**

## The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

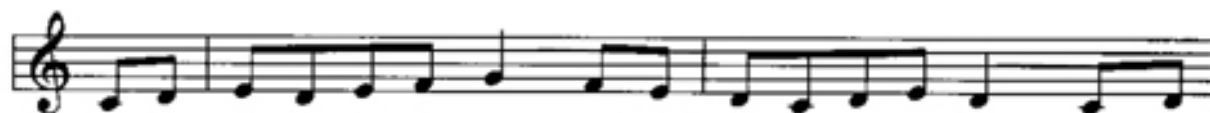
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is good and right to do so.**

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus**



**C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-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!**

**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 and ever. Amen.

**Words of Institution:**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**LAMB OF GOD** *Agnus Dei*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is: 'C; Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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

**Distribution:**

**P:** Take and eat. This is the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*



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: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For

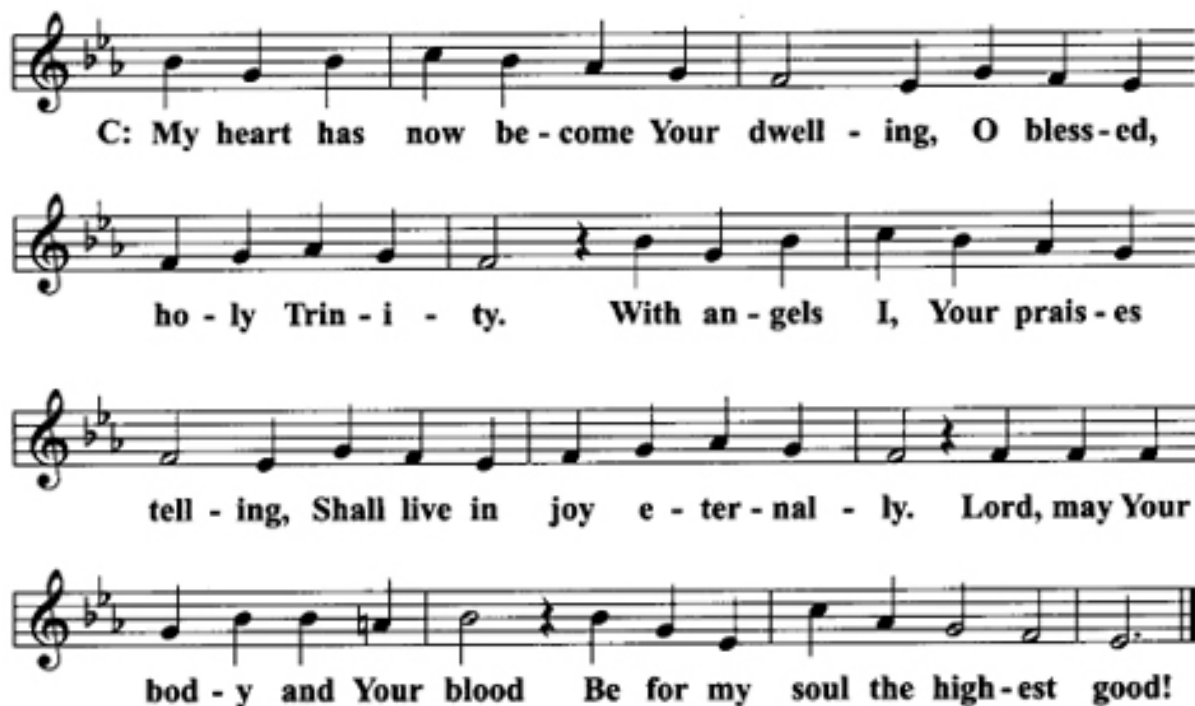
light as to in lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is

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.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## THANKSGIVING



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

### Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### Closing Hymn: 777 Amazing Grace — How Sweet the Sound

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first  
begun.



### **Scripture Treasure to Remember:**

#### **Psalm 19:9-10**

“The just decrees of the Lord are truth. They are altogether righteous.  
They are more desirable than gold, even better than much pure gold.  
They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the  
honeycomb.”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

**Wednesday:** Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

**Friday:** Funeral Service for Rosalie Genier.

Committal Service at 11:00 at the Lumby cemetery.

A Service of Thanksgiving at 1:00 at Pleasant Valley Funeral  
Home.

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

### **Praying for our Family of Faith**

We pray for Erma Kruger that God may be merciful and grant her  
strength for body and soul.

We thank the Lord for granting Rosalie Genier the final victory over  
sin and death, relieving her from her suffering and receiving her into  
eternal glory with Christ.

## **September Birthdays and Baptisms**

<b>Pastor Reim</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>Julie Reim</b>	<b>16th</b>	
<b>Karrie Würmann</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>23rd</b>
<b>Guy Harding</b>		<b>29th</b>

### **Pastor Hein Update:**

John has been struggling to recover from his last chemo on August 25. He writes:

"Today I had a hydration infusion. Thus far it has provided me a little more of a boost. It didn't have steroids in it like normal since Dr. King was concerned about what the eye doctor said about that possibly causing the swelling of the optic nerve and retina. Dr. King dropped by during the treatment in order to go over the brain and orbits MRI. There's something in the upper right frontal lobe that's either a cancerous lesion or an inflammation from a small stroke. He's unsure which, but believes it could be more the latter. The MRI didn't show swelling on the optic nerve so he didn't seem to be as concerned about the possibility of metastatic activity there, although he said it was still a possibility. Thus he is curious what the ocular oncologist will say (still unscheduled). When I told him the pain had reduced at the subcutaneous tumor, he was greatly relieved as that's a good sign. The other pain I have in the rib area still puzzles him. The plan is to move ahead with the chemo treatments and then repeat the scans in a few weeks to see what changes occur. Here at the end of the day I do have some energy returning and hopefully that means a productive day tomorrow. Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Our devotion in school this morning had a story of a family who was driving through dense fog. Dad was getting nervous and thought the family might have to pull over for the night. Meanwhile, in the back seat, little Bobby was sleeping. Mom commented that he was able to sleep because he trusted Dad behind the wheel. What a reminder for us to let go of our cares and anxieties because Jesus is the one "at the wheel." We can rest peacefully knowing that with Him in control, He will be with us here on Earth and we will safely reach our Home where we will live with Him forever.