

God's Promise to Abraham

September 15, 2024

GATHERING

Praise Him, Praise Him

Lisa Rose, Song Leader
VT #100

Welcome

Richard Gehring

Call to Worship: Psalm 107

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**People: Because of God's everlasting goodness,
we offer God our thanks and praise.**

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**People: Because of God's care and concern
for humanity, we offer God our thanks
and praise.**

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

**People: Because of God's transforming powers
and actions, we gather as a community
of faith and trust in God—and we offer God
our thanks and praise.**

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Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Beautiful Savior

VT #29
VT #130

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt
and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy
Abraham's faith and trust. We want to believe your
promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily
life consume our focus and erode our faith.**

**Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts
to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities.
Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith,
that we, too, may know the everlasting power
of your love.**

—MinistryMatters.com

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation

Karin Redekopp Edwards

Prelude in C-Sharp Major (Bach)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Richard Gehring

Scripture Reading

Ken G Kabira

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Genesis 15: 1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Starry Dreams"

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Listening for the Spirit

Faith Begins by Letting Go

VT #585

Music for Reflection

Karin Redekopp Edwards

Romance in F-Sharp Major (Schumann)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Love
Words of Blessing

VT #590

Today

11:30 AM—Awad Sifri Sharing

- A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor
- Coffee Host: Dinorah Scott
- Greeter: Adriana & Danny Alvarez
- Nursery: Jeremy Steelberg, Melissa Miller; Ken G Kabira, Paul Reimer
- Church Opening and Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant

This Week

Mon—ACA Mtg, 8:00 PM

Tue—Contemplative Prayer via Zoom, 7 PM

Wed—Women of the Word Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Worship Commission, 7 PM

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Sat—Love Your Neighbor Day, 8 AM-noon

Announcements

- Would you like to participate in church life at LMC but aren't sure how to join in? Or perhaps you'd like to find a new way to connect at LMC? Come to the **Introduction to Commissions Fair** during the Sunday school hour on September 29. The chairpersons of Community Life, Mission, Worship, Education, and Administration will each have a location so you can stop by and learn more about how to engage with these lively and meaningful communities within our congregation!