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TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome! We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. Special aids, such as **large print copies of the Order of Service** and **personal PA's** are available. Please ask an usher for any of these. **Restrooms** are in the southeast corner of the basement.



BEFORE PARTAKING IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Again, we welcome you to this Divine Service, however, because of the sad divisions in Christendom we cannot extend to non-members a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in accord with the historic and Biblical Christian practice, confesses that the Lord's Supper gives testimony to oneness in faith, love and worship. Those who come to receive come in repentance of their sins, which implies the desire to turn from all contrary beliefs and allegiances, and trusting Christ and His work for our salvation alone. Though we certainly pray for union in faith and doctrine, reception of the Lord's Supper by one who is not fully united with us would proclaim a false Communion. **Visitors who have never received the Lord's Supper with Rev. Meissner are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar.**

*Please ask an usher for direction. Please kneel for Holy Communion as you are able, but know this is not an obligation. To indicate to the assistant that you wish to partake of the blood of the Lord from the chalice, please fold your hands until the pastor approaches. When partaking from the chalice, you may assist the pastor by tipping its base.

In addition to Sundays 8:15-8:40, Pastor Meissner is available throughout the week for **private Confession and Absolution. Please phone him either at his home or the church office to make arrangements.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created all things: We thank Thee that Thou hast given us sound bodies, and hast graciously preserved our tongues and other members from the power of the adversary: We beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace, that we may rightly use our ears and tongues; help us to hear Thy word diligently and devoutly, and with our tongues so to praise and magnify Thy grace, that no one shall be offended by our words, but that all may be edified thereby, through Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*” (Rom.10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life–giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

PRELUDE:

Fugue in C

Praise The Almighty

Thy Strong Word

W. Boyce

J. G. Walther

K. Hildebrand

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Please Stand and face the procession

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1–2a

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

**Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!**

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,

and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 34:1–2

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Epistle

Romans 10:9–17

⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Ps. 81:1

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thy Strong Word (men only st. 2; women only st. 4)

LSB 578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- 2 *Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!*
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
 Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
 And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
- 4 *From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
 All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!*
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **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 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.

Sit

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Sanctus

LSB 161

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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 T 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 T 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

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820

1 My soul, now praise your Maker!

Let all within me bless His name

Who makes you full partaker

Of mercies more than you dare claim.

Forget Him not whose meekness

Still bears with all your sin,

Who heals your ev'ry weakness,

Renews your life within;

Whose grace and care are endless

And saved you through the past;

Who leaves no sufferer friendless

But rights the wronged at last.

2 He offers all His treasure
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us,
He puts our sins away.

3 For as a tender father
Has pity on his children here,
God in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

4 His grace remains forever,
And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never
 Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,
 His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling,
 With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning,
 All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining.
 My soul, O praise the Lord!

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
 In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
 Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
 That the tempter flee confounded.

- 3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.
- 4 Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Please stand and face the procession

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

POSTLUDE

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

P. Manz

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers given today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents,
J.C. and Ruth Rhodes from Dennis and Debbie Rhodes.

CHANCEL CANDLES

For the month of SEPTEMBER are in loving memory of William, Steven &
James Graves (father and brothers of Christine Meyer, and father-in-law,
brother-in-laws of Dennis Meyer, from Dennis & Christine Meyer.

SERVING THIS MONTH:

ELDERS: Marty Boudreau
USHER: Tom Metzger/Volunteer

ALTAR GUILD:

Barbara Coy and Lois Genova

Supplication and Thanksgiving

“Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. (Psalm 86:1)

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Your servants for whom we offer our supplications:

(Rev.) Matthew Harrison; President, LC-MS

(The Rev.) Alan Buss, President, Northern Illinois District

(The Rev.) Craig Meissner, our Pastor

Cody Baine, Travis Baine, Rebecca Burkhart, Stephanie Burns,
Fred Burt (brother of Susan Paul), Bonnie & Joe Escoe, Carolynn Fields,
Nancy Hanck, Don Judd, Evelyn Martinez, Elva Mednansky,
Kim Merrell, Iola Middleton, Evelyn Miller, Henri Miller,
Amber Oakes, Michelle Oakes, Christopher Oldendorf, Kathy Peternell, Loretta Rach, Carol
Risley, Dennis Rhodes, Melanie Shannon,
John & Mary Stachulak, Barbara Stofa, Gertrude Themer,
Jim & Rochelle Walters, Brittney Wolff, Carrie Woodruff,
Terri Yoder, our shut-ins & caregivers.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Beverly Bloom, Sheree Mata, Iola Middleton,
Caroline Pfeifer, Jim and Rochelle Walters, Cal Yoder.

Christians in Syria and Iraq.

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Nathon Capps, Tyler Coy, Scott Dickover, Steven Dickover.

Immanuel Congregation: Her members, officers, boards, volunteers, and Her Pastor.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: The congregations, schools, seminaries, missionaries, officers, service organizations. The Northern Illinois District, the pastors & congregations of our circuit.

The United States of America: Her President, Vice President, Congress, Legislature, Armed Forces, and all in authority.

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in You, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

“But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me! (Psalm 66:19-20)

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY - We begin studying 1 Corinthians tomorrow. If you've considered in the past, now is a great time to join. We plan to meet at 930AM in the church basement.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY – This fall we'll be holding it *after* the Divine Service at approximately 11:30 AM. Please join us! We begin studying 1 & 2 Peter next Sunday.

LIFE QUOTE “We speak truth and show love in reflection of His own toward us. We respect and protect even the least among us because we have received the same favor freely from Him. We treat both our life and our neighbor's as privilege to us and treasure to God.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE:Romans 10:15 – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” The Word goes out to us each week in the Lord's House. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the Church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed – we receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

ZION (Grant Park) is hosting a Fall Pork Fest on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 4-7 PM, Meal includes: bar-b-que pork sandwiches, brats, hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, German potato salad, mac-cheese and pies. Mark your calendars for this. Cost is \$10/adults, \$5/children, 6-10 FREE for kids under 5. Adult & children beverages are available for donation. This family-friendly event will include a bounce house, lawn games, and musical entertainment by Frank Paul & band. All proceeds will support the Zion Parsonage Project.

ST. JOHN(Eagle Lake) are having their annual Church Supper on Sunday, September 22 from 4-7:00 pm. (See bulletin board for more information.)

PASS is hosting their 36th annual PASS banquet on Thurs, October 3rd at Odyssey Country Club. (See Bulletin board for more information) Reservations due by September 15th.

NID LIFE TASK FORCE: 40 Days of Life, an international campaign to end abortion especially through prayerful trust in God's mercy is slated this year for September 25-November 3. Please consider participating and/or bringing a group from your congregation to a local site to participate. Northern Illinois locations include Flossmoor. See <https://40daysforlife.com> for more details.

VOICE OF CARE: Voice of Care is equipping people to become Certified Trainers in the Lutheran **REST** (Respite Education and Support Tools) training program. Certified Trainers educate volunteers to become Respite Companions. The course is being run as a weekend retreat to accommodate people who work full time. It will be start at 6:30PM Friday, October 11th and continue through noon on Sunday, Oct. 13th at Walcamp Outdoor Retreat Center in Kingston, IL. This deeply discounted \$125 course (normally \$425) is made possible by a generous grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District. To register or ask questions about becoming Certified Trainer for the Voice of Care REST program (or a Volunteer Respite Companion) call Deaconess Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491 or vocexec@voiceofcare.org The deadline to sign up for this opportunity is September 27, 2019. Learn more about Voice of Care REST at

<http://voiceofcare.org/respite-care-ministry.html>

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

SUNDAY: 8:10-8:40 AM – PC&A
8:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS
10:00 AM – DIVINE SERVICE
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MONDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS
9:30 AM – BIBLE CLASS
7:00 PM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

THURSDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS
6:00 PM – DIVINE SERVICE

SATURDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

SUNDAY: 8:10-8:40 AM – PC&A
8:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM – CATETHESIS CLASS
10:00 AM – DIVINE SERVICE
11:30 AM – BIBLE CLASS

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Sun: 2 Kings 5:9-27, Phil.1:1-20,
Mon: 2 Kings 6:1-23, Phil. 1:21-2:11,
Tues: 2 Kings 9:1-13,10:18-29, Phil. 2:12-30,
Wed: 2 Chron. 29:1-24, Phil. 3:1-21,
Thurs: 2 Chron. 31:1-21, Phil. 4:1-23,
Fri: 2 Chron. 32:1-22, Col. 1:1-23,
Sat: 2 Chron. 33:1-25, Col. 1:24-2:7,
Sun: 2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33, Col. 2:8-23.

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The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Now we have the sum and general understanding of this commandment: Let no one do any harm to his neighbor with the tongue, whether friend or foe. Do not speak evil of him, no matter whether it is true or false, unless it is done by commandment or for his reformation. Let everyone use his tongue and make it serve for the best of everyone else, to cover up his neighbor's sins and infirmities [1 Peter 4:8], excuse them, conceal and garnish them with his own reputation. 286 The chief reason for this should be the one that Christ declares in the Gospel, where He includes all commandments about our neighbor, "whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them" [Matthew 7:12].

Even nature teaches the same thing in our own bodies, as St. Paul says, "On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty" (1 Corinthians 12:22–23). No one covers his face, eyes, nose, and mouth, for they, being in themselves the most honorable parts that we have, do not require it. But the most weak parts, of which we are ashamed, we cover with all diligence. Hands, eyes, and the whole body must help to cover and conceal them. So also among ourselves should we clothe whatever blemishes and infirmities we find in our neighbor and serve and help him to promote his honor to the best of our ability. On the other hand, we should prevent whatever may be disgraceful to him. It is especially an excellent and noble virtue for someone always to explain things for his neighbor's advantage and to put the best construction on all he may hear about his neighbor (if it is not notoriously evil). Or, at any rate, forgive the matter over and against the poisonous tongues that are busy wherever they can to pry out and discover something to blame in a neighbor [Psalm 140:3]. They explain and pervert the matter in the worst way, as is done now especially with God's precious Word and its preachers.



There are included, therefore, in this commandment quite a multitude of good works. These please God most highly and bring abundant good and blessing, if only the blind world and the false saints would recognize them. For there is nothing on or in a person that can do both greater and more extensive good or harm in spiritual and in temporal matters than the tongue. This is true even though it is the least and weakest part of a person [James 3:5].

Large Catechism 1.285-291; Concordia: *The Lutheran Confessions: A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord* (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2006).