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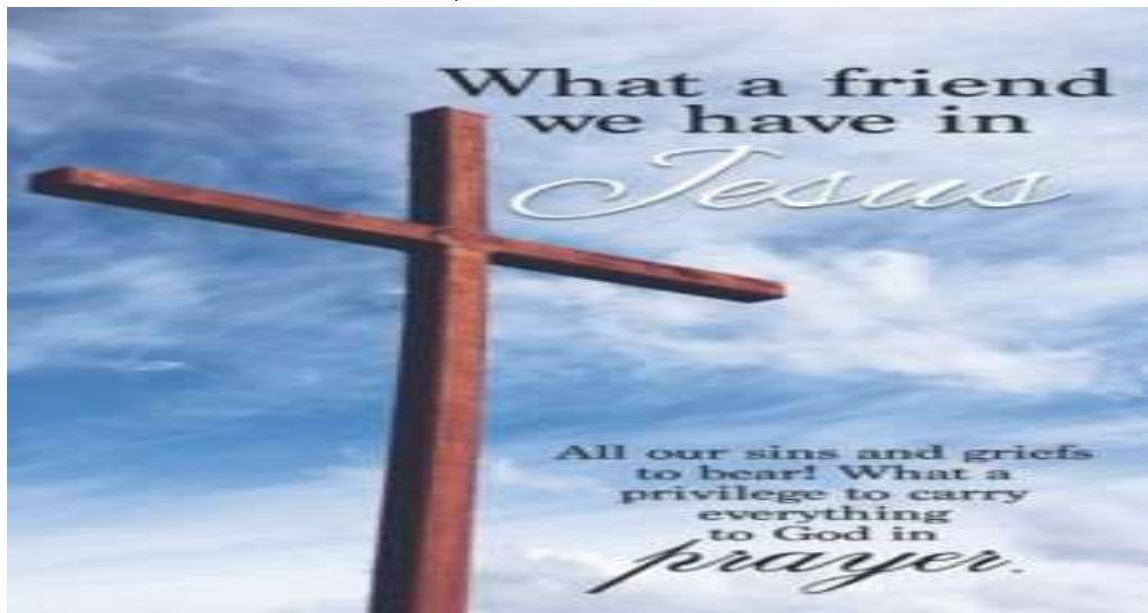
The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

1960 East Johns Avenue

Decatur, Illinois 62521 - Phone 217-422-3630

Lutheran Bible Translators Sunday

September 19, 2021



Adult Bible Study

10:15 A.M. Today

“The Augsburg Confession”

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our Bible based study.

Our hymns for today: 826, 583, (637, 618, 821), 712

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service, especially our visitors. Please fill out an attendance card, available in the pew racks, and introduce yourself at the door. If you would like a visit, prayer, or more information, about Trinity Lutheran Church, please note that on the card.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Service Of Prayer And Preaching, Page 260

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Stand

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

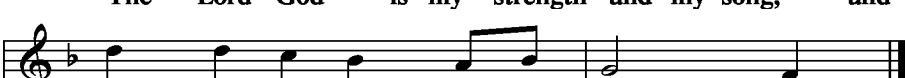


be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 36:1–3, 20–25

¹In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.” ²⁰So they went into the court to the king, having put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they reported all the words to the king. ²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²²It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. ²³As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. ²⁴Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. ²⁵Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:13–25

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake,

²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:3–14

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter, vs. 3-14.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

Sermon

“Paper Shredders”

Stand

Prayer

LSB 265

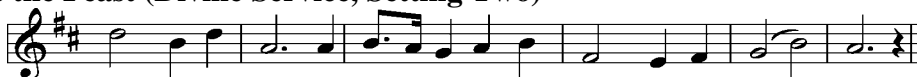
- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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.

This Is the Feast (Divine Service, Setting Two)

LSB 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 ✠ 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.”

Pax Domini (Divine Service, Setting Five)

LSB 217

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, you are invited to communion. If you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to commune at this altar, please contact Pastor Versemann to arrange new member classes so that the confession of Christ from this altar and pulpit may become your confession of faith. As a confirmed member we will then be one in faith and you will joyously be invited to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar for the strengthening of your faith. Peace in Christ.

Distribution

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea, Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
 His the scepter, His the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph,
 His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
 Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation
 Has redeemed us by His blood."

Stand

(Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)

Merciful Lord, I thank You for the forgiving body and blood of Your Son, which are Your pledge and promise of my salvation, and Your promise of eternal life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One, strengthen me for life in this sinful world, and equip me to put to death my sinful flesh. Help me to live as one who continually hungers for Your grace, and thirsts for Your righteousness, who longs to taste anew of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the marriage feast of Your Son, when Jesus, my heavenly Bridegroom comes to take His holy bride home to heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.
Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Collect of the Day

- L** Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your Holy Spirit who writes the preached word into our hearts so that we may receive and believe it, and be gladdened and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify Your Word in our hearts. Make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, and through Your inspiration think what is right. By Your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

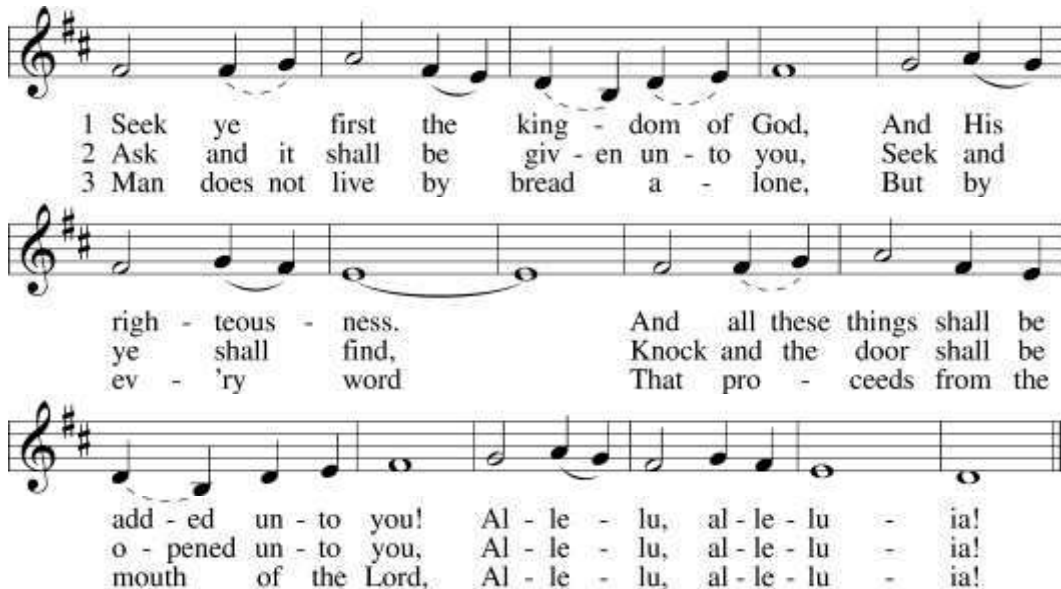
Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Seek Ye First

LSB 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



Ladies Bible Study is starting **TODAY** at 11:30AM in the basement!



The September Youth Group Meeting is **TODAY!**

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS may be found on the stand just outside the center sanctuary doors. **P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE** - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing. **PEW CUSHIONS** are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.

PRE-K – Blain Powell and Denise Roberts – Downstairs

KINDERGARTEN – 5th GRADE – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs

6th-8th GRADE – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – Tracie England and Elizabeth Verseemann – Upstairs

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

THE CHURCH OFFICE regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Verseemann's hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

Weekly Average Offering for 2021 _____ **\$3,001.63**

Weekly Offerings Needed for 2021 Budget _____ **\$4,107.92**

Weekly Average Attendance for 2021 _____ **64**

Attendance for September 12, 2021 _____ **65**

Sunday, September 19, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

5:30 PM – Youth Group Meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021

No office hours, Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:30 PM – Revelation Class at the LSA

Thursday, September 23, 2021

8:30 AM – Quilters

10:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Class

Saturday, September 25, 2021

10:30 AM – Junior Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

Leading us in worship today:

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Organist	Sue Lutz
The Elders	Jim Harper, Bill Buechsenschuetz
The Ushers	Blain Powell, Harold Oldinski
The Greeters	Sharon Harper, Diana Buechsenschuetz
The Acolyte	Elena Rivera
The Altar Guild	Tracie England
The Offering Counters	Bill Buechsenschuetz, Diana Buechsenschuetz

Our Volunteers for Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Organist	Rachel Verseemann
The Elders	Jeremy Zientara-Kelly, John Casbeer
The Ushers	Mike Kurecki, Allen Bork
The Greeters	Cathy Kurecki, Lynette Dukeman
The Acolyte	Jaret Allen
The Altar Guild	Kristy Pranschke
The Offering Counters	Kent Birmingham, Susan Birmingham

Volunteers to serve snacks and coffee and clean up afterwards for Sunday Adult Bible class:

September 19

Jim & Sharon Harper

September 26

Laura Cogan and Sharon Koontz



We will resume midweek Bible Study on Thursday, September 23 at 10AM. PLEASE JOIN US!



LSA NEWS: Please take a look at the posting on the bulletin board of what's going on at the LSA!



Trinity will recognize our members who are celebrating 50 or more years of marriage with a *Nifty Fifty Anniversary Event* here at Trinity on Sunday, October 3, during the Bible class hour. We will have a reception of cake, punch, refreshments, and fun activities in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please plan to join this celebration!



Trinity Lutheran of Decatur is hosting a FREE, 8-week seminar, entitled: **“Revelation – A Lutheran View”**, starting **THIS Wednesday**, September 22nd, from 6:30-8 pm, at **THE LSA** (2001 E. Mound Road)! During this 8-week seminar, you will receive answers to such probing questions as:

- Is Revelation best interpreted from a linear point of view, or a repetitive point of view?
- Can we predict the End of the World, and Christ’s Second Coming?
- Will the church be raptured and avoid the tribulations that occur before Christ’s 2nd Coming?
- What trials do the 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse bring, and must we avoid the number “666”?
- Is the Anti-Christ for real, and, if so, where does he come from?
- What kind of millennial kingdom does Jesus usher in and reign over?
- Should Christians be afraid of Judgment Day, or look forward to it?

Please join us THIS Wednesday at 6:30 pm, at the LSA. To register, call Trinity at: (217)422-3630.



I will be on vacation from Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, October 15. If you are able to come in to answer the phone at any time during my absence, please sign up on the sheet that is on the round table. Thanks, *Judy*



SCRIPS HELP THE KFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

Scrip Orders are back. We will be taking orders once a month. You order one Sunday- pick up your gift cards two Sundays later. If you have questions, see Ilene McQuality.

<u>Order dates</u>	<u>Delivery dates</u>
10/10	10/24
11/07	11/21
12/05	12/19



Please let Pastor Verseemann know if you or a family member are going in the hospital.

A Very Happy Birthday to:

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| <i>Kevin Hoadley</i> | <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>Dylann Koontz</i> | <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>Aaron Nelson</i> | <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>Michelle Warren</i> | <i>September 24</i> |
| <i>Brandon Kurecki</i> | <i>September 27</i> |
| <i>Russ Howe</i> | <i>September 28</i> |

Family prayers for

Joe and Susan Patterson and Jeannie Patterson-Rivera and family

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Shirley Dittus in celebration of
Harry Kaminski's birthday on September 14*

*The worship folders are given to the glory of God
anonymously for blessings received*



On Sunday, October 3, 2021, a Life Chain will be held in Decatur from 2:30 to 3:30PM. All pro-life people are invited to participate in this local event that will be part of a nationwide event being held that day. Signs will be dispensed beginning at 2:15PM from the basement of St. Patrick Church prior to the event. All pro-life people are being asked to take a place along Franklin Street or Eldorado Street, to stand for one hour with signs that show your position against abortion and supporting women and children. Last year several hundred people stood together in the Life Chain in Decatur while others stood in Life Chains in over a thousand other cities involving all fifty states and Canada. Please consider giving one hour to help make this highly visible testimony to life a success. Please wear a mask and social distancing.



Celebrate LWML Sunday with us on October 10, 2021.

Come celebrate here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 10. Based on I Peter 4:8, the theme for the 2021 LWML Sunday celebration is “Our Hearts in HIS Hand.” The author of this service is Rev. Dale A. Meyer, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

As stated above, this year’s LWML Sunday theme is “Our Hearts in HIS Hand,” based on I Peter 4:8: *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly.* Verse 11b goes on to say: *that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Because of your generous donations to mites, we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the LWML!



The 2021 LWML Fall Rally is Thursday, September 23rd. It will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 2055 S. Franklin Street Road in Decatur. The theme for this year’s rally is “All Things Are Possible With Faith”. Registration is 8AM – 9AM with coffee, juice, and treats. The rally will begin at 9AM. The fee is \$5.00 per person. The in-gathering is for Orphan Grain Train (hygiene supplies or school supplies). If you aren’t able to attend the rally, but would like to donate to the Orphan Train, there is a box by the round table for donations.

LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR

Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis are not morally neutral situations (James 4:4). Intentionally ending life arises from sinful selfishness (James 4:2). But we don't have to let our neighbors be led like lambs to slaughter. We can encourage and assist them in committing their cause instead to the Lord of hosts (Jeremiah 11:19-20). He has already given Jesus as guarantee that He will lift them up (James 4:10).



WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS EACH WEEK!!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the round table for volunteers to make/serve coffee and to bring/serve snacks, (ex: fruit, cheese/sausage and crackers, homemade goodies) for the Adult Bible Study Class Sunday mornings for **October-December 2021. (You will be signing up for the same week each month).**



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezekiel 5-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about Mental Health with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (9/20 at 9:30 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (9/25 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!



A volunteer groundskeeper is needed at Trinity! If you are interested, please contact Dave Morris.

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