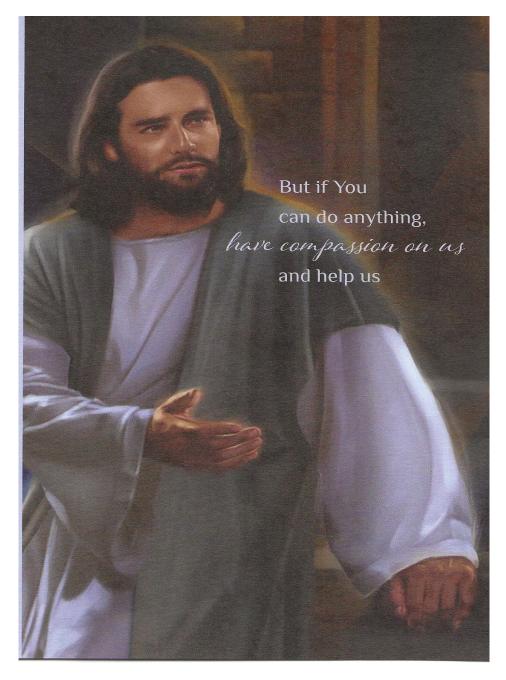
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost | September 15, 2024



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About the Cover

After the disciples could not cast out the demon from the boy, an exasperated father pleaded with Jesus to see if He could do anything. When Jesus said, "'If you can'! All things are possible for the one who believes," it is without question that Jesus can accomplish this. When the father says, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:23-24), it is also without question that Jesus has compassion on all who call upon Him, no matter how weak their faith. His compassion to save depends solely on His love, which is shown in the giving of Himself to conquer sin, death, and the devil for us.

H The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost H September 15, 2024

Stand

Hymn of Invocation:

"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

LSB 528

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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

Invocation

LSB 184

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- **P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,C who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ↓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24



Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,* all you who wait | for the LORD!

But I trust in you, | O LORD;*

I say, "You | are my God."

My times are | in your hand;*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

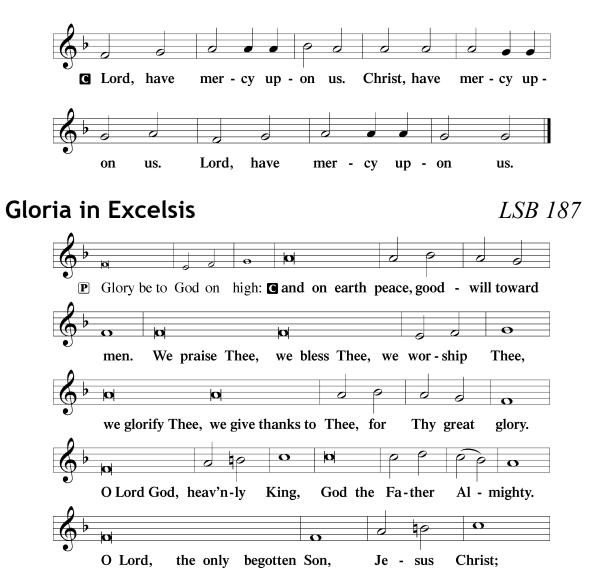
Make your face shine on your | servant;* save me in your | steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,* all you who wait | for the LORD!

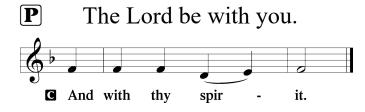
Kyrie

LSB 186





Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189



■ Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

(God sustains and vindicates His people.)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.⁶I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,* for those who fear him lack | nothing! Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,* but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

("From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.")

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast

and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.



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

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



(Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

- ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

LSB 191

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

Hymn of the Day:

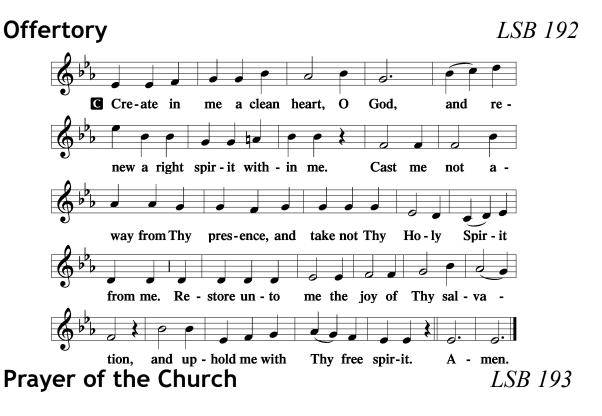
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

- Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
 Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
 Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
 Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
 Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
 Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
 From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

Sermon: *"The Fall's Legacy: The Struggle of Faith and Doubt" Mark 9:14-29*

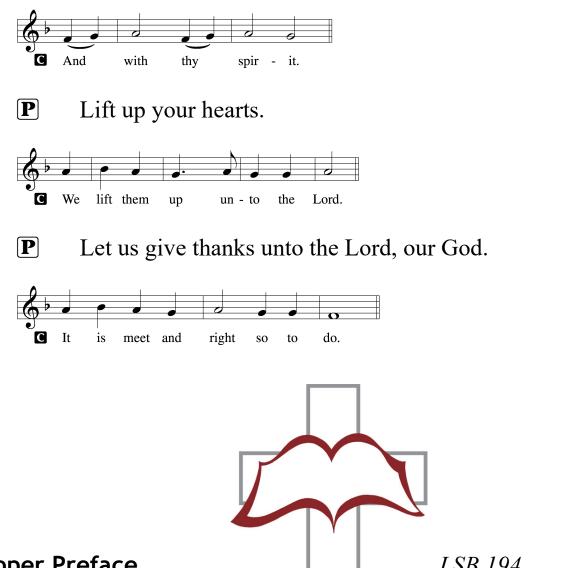
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Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

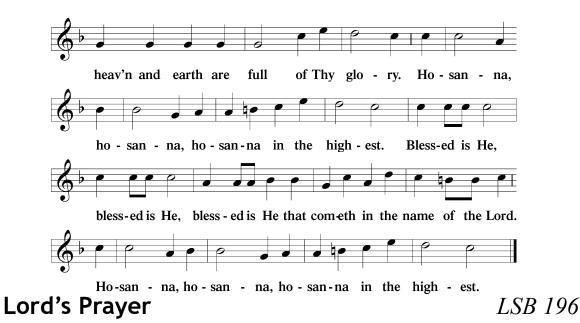


Proper Preface

LSB 194

 \mathbf{P} It is truly meet, 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into the world to be the Servant who would provide vindication for His beloved. Because of His great love for us, we can be confident that He is near even to the end of the age. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





P 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.



The Words of Our Lord

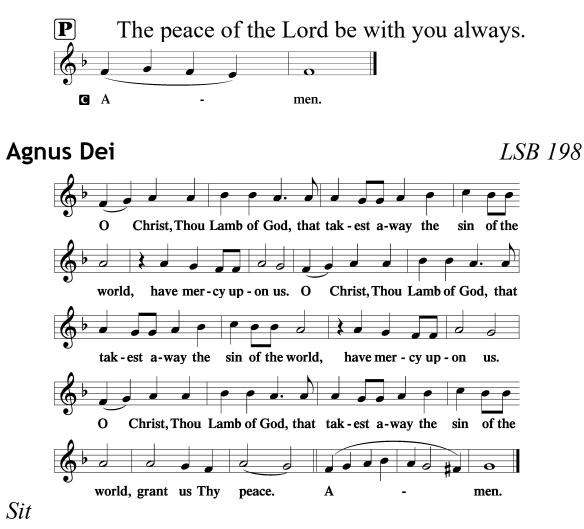
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it

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

LSB 197



Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

LSB 846

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save; It triumphed over ills and death, O'er darkness and the grave. To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame, The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth renewed and frenzy calmed Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before, In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death; Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath. To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

LSB 554

 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
 O Conqueror renowned!
 O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found: 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire, Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore, And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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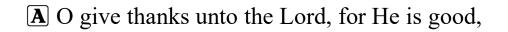
Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Thanksgiving

LSB 200





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.



Salutation

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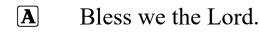
P The Lord be with you.

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And with thy

G Thanks be to God. Benediction LSB 202

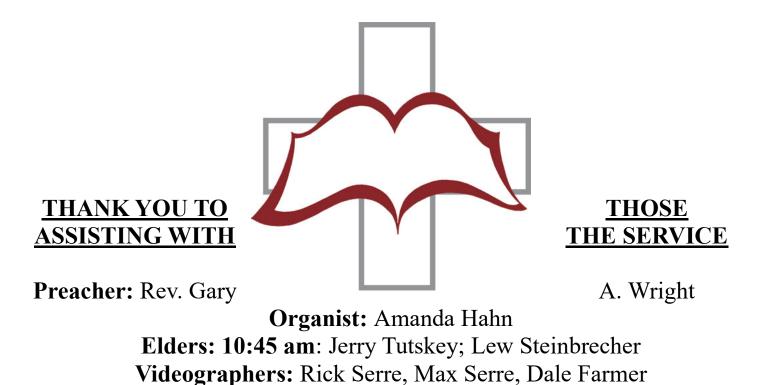
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Hymn to Depart: "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

- Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.



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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES...GOD WILLING

SUNDAY, SEPT 15	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service, HC
Welcome Luncheon – Pastor Wright & Zion Lutheran		
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	LWML Fall Rally
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Bible Class
	10:15 A.M.	Fitness Class
	10:35 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	4:30 P.M.	Bells
THURSDAY	No Peace Quilters	
SUNDAY, SEPT 22	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 A.M.	Divine Service, HC
Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have		

first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer list emphasis for today: Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer.

Serious health conditions: Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe Sympathy to the family of Alfred Karsten, father of Pastor Wilfred Karsten

Birthdays!

9/15 Jill Safe; 9/18 Maria Steinbrecher; 9/19 Armando Chavez, Dan Thorngren; 9/20 Teresa Brown; 9/21 Jeanne Eastman, Jennifer Zecher
Please remember to complete one of the attendance cards in the pew rack. This information is used for many planning purposes.

Voter's at the December 2023 Assembly, entrusted the call committee to condense the call list and present four candidates to the Assembly. The information needed for an informed decision may be evaluated in the church office during business hours. Opportunities to evaluate the information outside of office hours will be by appointment. Six identical folders are prepared and ready for viewing. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

The Voters established the Call Committee at the December 2023 meeting.

Here are the members for those that were not able to attend. Michelle

Bowser, Ben Brondos, Don Freeman, Marcia Green, Alan Schmidt, Lew Steinbrecher, Tom Stuenkel, Jan Tutskey and Rev Nerud, Circuit Visitor.

Quarterly Voter's Assembly will be at 2:30 pm, Sunday, September 22nd

LWML YARD AND BAKE SALE: It's time to clean your closets, attics, basements, garages, etc for our annual yard & bake sale. Our yard sale & bake sale dates are Thursday evening, October 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

• Items for donations may be dropped off at the church beginning Monday, September 30th after 8:30 a.m. (No large pieces

of

furniture, please).

- Baked goods can be dropped off on Thursday, October 3rd.
- We will need help setting up tables on Monday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m.
- Volunteers are welcome all through the week.
- We need helpers for clean-up on Friday.

Please be a part of this major fundraising event for our LWML. Proceeds from the yard sale and bake sale are used to support our seminaries, our missionaries, our

youth and confirmands, and other projects of our congregation, District and Synod. Please contact Jan Tutskey or Marcia Green with questions. **Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of September is YouthHope (Christian Friendliness).** Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out and about!

Just a reminder... There will be <u>NO</u> Peace Quilters in September and October.

FYI... Bell practices will be postponed until further notice. **Thanks!**

When going up to communion crossing your arms over your chest to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion will be helpful to Pastor Wright as he is still getting to know our congregation. Thank you!

Exercise Class/Fellowship Hour: New Time! Exercise class now begins at 10:15 a.m. immediately following the 9-10 a.m. Bible Class led by Pastor Wright. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

The Rock Island Zone fall rally is Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan, IL. beginning at 8:30 am. The theme is "Seek the Lord". Registration is \$15 and is due by September 10th. There are registration forms in the entryway. Any questions, call Mary Pement at 309-797-6367.

Greetings, We will be electing a new Zone Secretary/Treasurer at the LWML RI Zone Fall Rally on September 17th at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Milan. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way, please call or text **Janet Mau 563-209-0723.**

Holy Cross's support of Rev. Mahlburg's Sri Lanka mission work is going very well. Thus far \$3,510 of the \$4000 pledged has been collected. This goal too will soon be met. Thank – you

The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.

The current Dollar for Missions project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) and Hosea on Thy Strong

Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and join us for more stories of KFUO's 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUO Radio's Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. CT! Tune in at kfuo.org or RSVP for the in-person event at kfuo.org/rsvp by September 20.

Prayer List

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Park Vista-Ron & Caroline Luecke; Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg-Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor-Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips.

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri, Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Pastor Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.
Friends of the congregation receiving treatment for Cancer: Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen,
Peggy Arkland (friend of the McLaughlin's),
Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison).

Serious Health Concerns: Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Susan Raber, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake, Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns: Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Lucy Jahns, Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, David Kramer, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.