

THE GUIDE +++

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service-LWML Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School BC
10:15 AM Worship Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:20 AM Chapel @ Trinity
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline
6:30 PM WDS
7:30 PM LYF @ Trinity

THURS 8:30 AM Blanket Making

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, High School BC
10:15 AM Communion Service

September 27 8:00: 79 10:15: 53 Total 132 - Year Ago: 120 - Sunday School: 34

Welcome Good morning and welcome! Let us worship God who creates all things, came as Jesus to save the world and breathes life into us through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes With the approaching of fall comes shoe box time. We need your help in collecting items for the shoe boxes. Last year the yoga class brought items for the boxes to each class we had. Since we have not met since March we do not have a supply of items. Would you please help us with this worthwhile project. There are Christmas decorated boxes in the narthex where you can place items to be included in the boxes. Some items that are needed are wash cloths, ivory (it floats) soap, school supplies, small toys, clothes, and shoes. We cannot send candy or toothpaste. May God bless you for helping with this gospel spreading project.

LYF Join us for our next LYF meeting on Wednesday, October 7th! It will be held at Trinity at 7:30p.m. Please bring your completed paperwork if you have not already turned it in.

Sympathy Don Wallace died this last Tuesday afternoon. We rejoice that Don has received the crown of everlasting life through faith in His Savior. We remember Pat, Kim, Rick and all Don's family and friends in our prayers. Visitation will be held October 10th, from 9:00-10:30 AM at St. Paul's. Graveside service will be at 11:00 AM at the Windsor Cemetery.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
September 27	\$ 3,214.00	\$2,867.00	\$ -347.00
year-to-date	\$ 115,524.00	\$ 125,928.17	\$10,404.17
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
September 27	\$ 423.00	\$ 60.00	\$- 363.00
Year-to-date	\$ 16,251.00	\$13,760.00	\$-2,491.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$4,810.00
Cemetery \$10 Seminary Student \$250 LCMS World Relief \$100 LYF \$60			
Lutheran Hour \$50 Trinity \$260 Rev. Gordan Alex \$110			

September 27 \$3,767.00

- 10/13 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Council Meeting
- 10/14 8:20 AM Chapel @ Trinity
2-4 PM Social Hall Communion
2:30-5:30 PM Blood Drive @ Strasburg Community Building
6:30 PM WDS
- 10/15 4:30-6:30 p.m. Stew-Stras PTSA-spaghetti fundraiser @
Strasburg Comm. Building dine in or carry out

Blood Drive There will be a blood drive held on October 14th from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Community Building. To donate, call the Blood Center at (217) 367-2202 or visit www.bloodcenter.org (using group code 70741). All donors must have an appointment and wear a mask!

Cards Boxed and individual cards are available in the choir room/parlor off the narthex. Birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, and other types of cards are available! Place card money in an envelope and slide it under the office door. The card sales support the LYF. Thank you!

LYF will be hosting their annual wiener roast & hayride Sunday, October 18 at St. Paul's, 6p.m. All high school aged youth are welcome and may bring a friend! Please bring a mask so we can safely enjoy this event and follow social distancing protocols.

Communion Service The next communion service will be offered on October 11th.

Social Hall Communion The next social hall communion will be on October 14th from 2-4 p.m.

Wedding Congratulations to Kelsey Weber, daughter of Steve and Sharon Weber and Zachary White, son of BJ White and Cindi White, who were married on Saturday October 3rd at St. Paul's.



ANNIVERSARIES

4- Gaylord & Dixie Stremming

BIRTHDAYS

- 4- Gary* Brehmer; Melba Storm
6- Karen* York; Kathleen Gray
7- Roy Reed III; Randy Stremming;
Jacob Gilbert
8- John Cress; Joe Oakley
9- Holden Ashmore; Landon* Wirth; Jim Weiss
10- Susan Hanfland; Dustin York

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Adam & Brittney Hoene, Norma Huddleston, Diane Jack, Megan Jack, Stephanie & Delia Jack, Alicia & Rachel Kessler, Carolyn Stremming, David & Deb Stremming, Doris Stremming, Doug & Amy Stremming, Elizabeth Stremming, Gaylord & Dixie Stremming

HEALING

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Mary Rincker	Glen Spannagel
Anna Schlechte	Jim Weiss
Ken Hagan	Carolyn Stremming
Merle Ragan	Noah Vonderheide
Mary Rincker	Rosemary Sporleder
Carl Lading (Effingham hospital)	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH
Imogene & Carl Lading - Villas of Holly Brook
Nida Miller
Bill Orr
Mildred Rincker - Brookstone Suites
Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Erica Stollard (cancer)
Matt Durbin
Melissa Wirth
Family of Crewe Jones
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)
Don Gibson
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois Ogle's son)
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda Oakley' daughter)
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)
Karl Zalman (cancer)
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother, health)
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis & Nitelle Lading's gson.)
Sarah Grove (Neuroendocrine lung cancer)

LWML Sunday, October 4, 2020
PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus’ name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

Opening Hymn

Safely Through Another Week

TLH 11

- 1 Safely through another week, God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today:
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest!
- 2 Mercies multiplied each hour, Thro' the week our praise demand;
Guarded by almighty pow'r, Fed and guided by His hand,
How ungrateful we have been, In repaying love with sin!
- 3 While we pray for pard'ning grace, Thro' the dear Redeemer's Name,
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day with Thee.
- 4 As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near;
May Thy glory meet our eyes, While we in Thy house appear!
Here afford us, Lord, a taste, Of our everlasting feast.
- 5 May Thy Gospel's joyful sound, Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
May the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints.
This may all our Sabbaths prove, Till we join the Church above.

Text: Public domain

Please stand

All responses to be spoken.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- 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.**

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.**

Please be seated

LWML PLEDGE (© 1955 LWML authored by Rev. Harry Fricke)

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

The Epistle is read

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn Praise, Love, Serve

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: *LSB 361*)

- 1.** Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.
- 2.** In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.
- 3.** Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.

Sermon "Pressing On" Philippians 3:8-14

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Collect

P Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.**

Closing Hymn

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Tune: LSB 662

1. Serve the Lord with gladness!, It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings, Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory, Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name.
2. Serve the Lord with gladness!, He gave us command,
To proclaim His Gospel, Now in every land
So that fellow sinners, May, like us, be blest
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name
3. Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom, Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner, Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Silent prayer. Please be seated. Pastor will dismiss by row to maintain distance.

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