

## THE GUIDE +++

**August 30, 2020**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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### **THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus  
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

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

**August 23 8:00: 79 10:15: 52 Total 131 - Year Ago: 114 - Sunday School: 49**

**Welcome** Family of God, welcome to this time of worship and fellowship. The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

**Communion Service** The next communion service will be offered on Sunday September 13. Social Hall communion will be on Wednesday September 9th from 2 to 4 PM. Registration with the communion cards is not necessary at this time.

**Weekday School** WDS has begun. We thank the teachers that include Dee Dee Batson, Susie Allen and Mariah Tabbert. Mariah is a new volunteer this year. Welcome and thank you Mariah! We also thank Courtney Wittenberg and Sheryl Vonderheide for sharing their musical talents with the WDS kids. Pastor Cluver has six 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in his confirmation class. They are Dylan Wetherell, Ross McCormick and Seth Rincker in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Samantha Hayes, Ellie Wittenberg and Raegyn Wallin in 8<sup>th</sup>. We ask for your prayers that all participants and teachers will be kept safe this year.

**New Schedule** The new start times for Worship Services and Sunday School are:

**8:30 am** Worship Service

**9:30 am** Sunday School

**10:15 am** Worship Service

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
August 23	\$ 3,214.00	\$3,205.00	-\$9.00
year-to-date	\$ 99,454.00	\$ 106,605.13	\$7,151.13
<b><u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u></b>			
August 23	\$ 423.00	\$ 260.00	-\$163.00
Year-to-date	\$ 14,136.00	\$11,505.00	\$-2,631.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$4,075.00
Building \$245 Seminary Student \$160 Trinity \$45 Cemetery \$150			
			<b>August 23 \$4,065.00</b>

9/8 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study  
 9/9 2:00-4:00 PM Social Hall Communion  
 9/9 6:30 PM WDS  
 9/10 8:30 AM Blanket making  
 9/13 11:30 AM Joint Voters meeting at St. Paul's to call a new pastor

**Voters Meeting to Call a Pastor** The members of the call committee for a new pastor have narrowed the list of candidates from the call list down to two and a joint voters meeting with the members of Grace will be held on September 13 (11:30AM) at St. Paul's to decide which pastor to call. The two candidates are: **Christofer Lieske** from Alive Lutheran Church, Monticello MN <https://www.aliveinmonticello.org/>  
**Kyle Wright** from Holy Cross Collinsville IL <https://holycross-collinsville.org/>  
 Please plan to attend the meeting.

**Return Home** After breaking a hip and suffering a knee injury we rejoice with Mary Rincker that she has been able to return to her home this week. She wants to pass along a special thank you to Pastor Cluver for all his calls and visits while she was in the hospital in Decatur and rehabilitating at Bounce Back and the Manor in Shelbyville. Mary also wants to thank her family and church friends for the cards and phone calls. Thank you and God's Blessings to all of you!

**LYF Invitation** High School Students: Join us for our first LYF meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at Trinity, 7:30 p.m. We look forward to getting together for fellowship and games! Please contact Sarah Luce with any questions.

**Don Gibson** is in a rehabilitation facility in Pontiac. He would enjoy receiving cards. The address is Don Gibson, Accolade Health Care, 300 W Lowell Ave, Pontiac, Il. 61764.

**Approval** Our church council Secretary Travis Dollarhide has informed us that a letter has been received from the Central Illinois District constitution committee approving our change to the constitution allowing women voters. Thanks Travis.

**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!

**September Newsletter** Due to unforeseen circumstances the September newsletter will be delayed. We might even consider a September-October issue. We apologize for any inconvenience especially with the birthday and anniversary list for September.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30 - Jay & Kathy Vogel,  
Dylan & Amelia Ohnesorge
- 1 - Mark & Melissa Luce
- 2 - Roger & Marilyn Kull,  
Brian & Lisa Shelton,  
Brad & Brea Wirth

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 30 - Melvina Lading
- 31 - Luke Rincker
- 1 - Adam Hoene, Roxanna Shelton
- 2 - Steve Weber, Austin Wittenberg  
Jordan Wittenberg
- 4 - Molly Manhart, Ramona Radloff,  
Francis York
- 5 - Ellen Dollarhide, Olivia  
Telgmann

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Todd Daniels, Amanda Doehring,  
Brandon & Jessica Doehring, Darin  
Doehring, Don & Linda Doehring,  
Virginia Vogel, Allison & Bryan  
Vonderheide, Gina & Travis  
Vonderheide, Sheryl & Rick  
Vonderheide, Tanya Walker, Doug  
Walker

### **HEALING**

Don Wallace	Brett Kull
Jackie Stodden	Ken Hagen
Melba Storm	Mary Rincker
Glen Spannagel	Anna Schlechte
Jim Weiss	Diane Paraiso

### **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)**

Melissa Wirth  
Family of Crewe Jones  
Rhannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
Don Gibson  
Doug Ohnesorge (Barb's brother-in-  
law)  
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)  
Janet Ohnesorge (lung cancer, Barb's  
sister-in-law)  
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)

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**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**Opening Hymn**

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

*LSB 904*

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight, Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night, With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

*Please Stand*

- D 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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***All responses to be spoken not sung.***

- 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*

### **Epistle**

*Romans 12:9–21*

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 16:21–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth 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.**

*Sit*

### **Sermon Hymn I Gave My Life for Thee**

*TLH 405*

1 I gave my life for thee; My precious blood I shed,  
That thou might'st ransomed be, And quickened from the dead.  
I gave My life for thee; What hast thou giv'n for Me?

- 2 I spent long years for thee, In weariness and woe  
That an eternity, Of joy thou mightest know.  
I spent long years for thee; Hast thou spent one for Me?
- 3 My Father's home of light, My rainbow-circled throne,  
I left for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone.  
I left it all for thee; Hast thou left aught for Me?
- 4 I suffered much for thee, More than my tongue may tell,  
Of bitt' rest agony, To rescue thee from hell.  
I suffered much for thee; What canst thou bear for Me?
- 5 And I have brought to thee, Down from My home above  
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love.  
Great gifts I brought to thee; What hast thou brought to Me?
- 6 Oh, let thy life be given, Thy years for Me be spent,  
World's fetters all be riven, And joy with suffering blent!  
I gave Myself for thee; Give thou thyself to Me.

**Sermon** "Losing our life for Christ" Matt 16:25

*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.**

*Stand*

### **Closing Collect**

- A** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.**

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

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