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September 20, 2020

Sixteenth 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, 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

THURS 8:20 AM Blanket making

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September 13 8:00: 69 10:15: 71 Total 140 - Year Ago: 136 - Sunday School: 30

Welcome “The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,” writes Paul, “but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV). This is why we’re here!

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.

Call to Pastor The congregations of St. Paul’s and Grace have issued a joint call to Pastor Kyle Wright of Holy Cross in Collinsville, IL and we are awaiting his decision. **Kyle Wright** from Holy Cross Collinsville IL <https://holycross-collinsville.org/>

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
September 13	\$ 3,214.00	\$4,052.75	\$ 838.75
year-to-date	\$ 109,096.00	\$ 118,558.17	\$9,462.17
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
September 13	\$ 423.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 37.00
Year-to-date	\$ 15,405.00	\$13,205.00	\$-2,200.00
<u>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</u>		Total to Date	\$4,450.00
Building \$560 Trinity \$25 LYF \$110 Cemetery \$50			

September 13 \$5,257.75

- 9/29 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
- 9/30 8:20 AM Chapel @ Trinity
- 6:30 PM WDS
- 10/1 1:30 PM Ladies Aid-hostess Charlene Telgmann
- 10/2 6:00 PM Weber/White Wedding Rehearsal
- 10/3 2:30 PM Weber/White Wedding

Ladies Aid Mites for Mission If you have been saving cancelled stamps for the Ladies Aid Mites for Mission, please drop them off in one of the two boxes at church. Or, you can also give them to Marlene, Neva, or Linda Doehring. We will be turning them in at the Zone Fall Rally, September 23. Please have them turned in by September 20! Thanks for the many stamps we have already received. Keep saving them and trim with an 1/8" to 1/4" border around each one. We can always use them!

Rev. Gordon Alex Many thanks to God for keeping you safe during these difficult times in life. My Wife and our children are doing good. Except I've lately had eye problems which needs attention. Covid-19 has really frustrated us with life turning abnormal. We've been home since March 9th, away from work, school, and churches. Of course everyone is struggling to have food on the table. However, last month the government allowed worship services to resume, though with tight measures. It's a new mission since most members have resorted to stay home. I've been engaged on radio preaching in one of the vernacular stations as well as Parish Administration. I sincerely thank God for giving me strength at a time when resources are very scarce. Right now, I am seriously contemplating on youth mentorship program. Most of the children and teenage youths have been converted to peer pressure influence. Having stayed away from school and church, most of whom have engaged in unwanted activities. I request you keep us in prayers so that my ministry may continue growing despite the present challenges. I am excited you have Pastor Cluver to steer the work of God. Blessings to him. Send my regards to the congregation. Always blessings Rev. Gordon Alex

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.

Glen Spannagel Glen Spannagel is now home, please continue to pray for healing and strength.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 22- Rick & Susan Allen;
Colton* & Alecia Booher
- 26- Rick* & Sheryl Vonderheide;
Kevin* & Lori Mathis;
Adam & Brittney* Hoene

BIRTHDAYS

- 20- Mark Luce; Logan* Wirth;
Isley Wallin;
- 21- Nick McCormick; Raina Teague
- 23- Mary Brehmer
- 24- Robert Stremming
- 25- Kim Storm
- 26- Doug Stremming; Autumn
McCormick

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Darrell & Molly Gilbert, Jacob & Brittney Gilbert, George & Deb Glasscock, Joshua Glasscock, Kathleen Gray, Doris & Augie Supan, Chris & Karla Tabbert, Joshua Tabbert, Mary Tabbert, Matthew Tabbert, Shalyn (Wildman) & Jacob Tabbert

HEALING

Don Wallace Brett Kull
Jackie Stodden Diane Paraiso
Melba Storm Mary Rincker
Glen Spannagel Anna Schlechte
Jim Weiss
Merle Ragan(St. John's hospital)
Ken Hagan

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)

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)

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PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME

Opening Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

TLH 423

- 1 Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shalt be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still mine own.
- 2 Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face, and all is bright.
- 3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba, Father! I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.
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

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

The Epistle is read

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth 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 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

1 Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me
And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will
Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

Sermon "To Live is Christ" Philippians 1:21

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 Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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.

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

Acknowledgments

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