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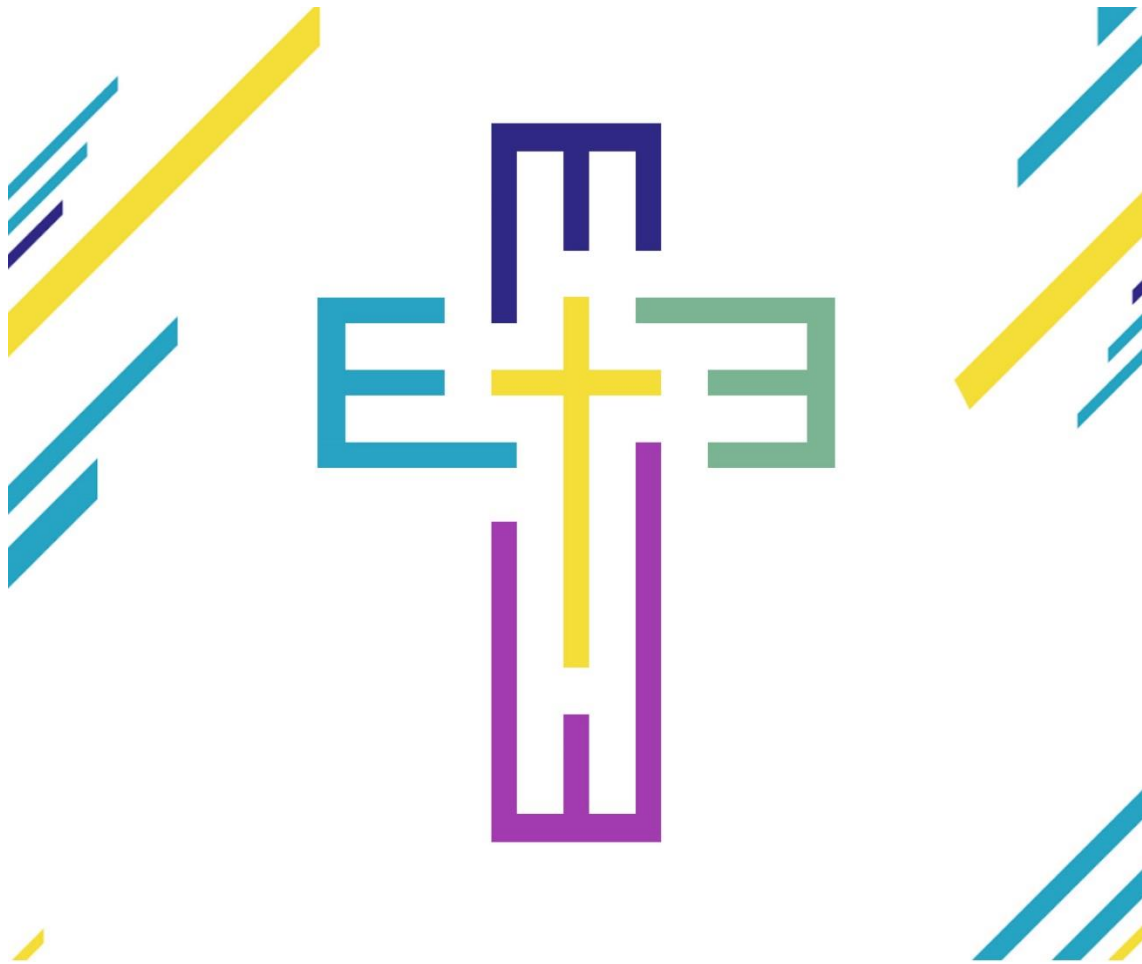
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## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

8:15 AM



### YOUTH MISSION FESTIVAL

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. (Philippians 2:1-2)

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY** by Loretta Englehardt, in loving memory of Christine Ann Fries, her beloved daughter, and by Bill & Debbie Schellman, in honor of Amanda's and Olive's birthdays.

*At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.*

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**THIS WEEK AT FAITH!**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is underway!** Perhaps you have noticed the “shoeboxes” in the narthex alcove... they are there for us to take home. *For more than 30 years, Samaritan’s Purse has been bringing great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of children across the globe through its Operation Christmas Child project. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Samaritan’s Purse partners with local churches worldwide to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER**

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

**Also Happening This Week (Sept 29 to Oct 5, 2024)**

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts  
 Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

**Our Discipleship the past weeks:**

| <b>Worship</b>            | <b>9/1/24</b> | <b>9/8/24</b> | <b>9/15/24</b> | <b>9/22/24</b> | <b>9/29/24</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>8:15 Traditional</b>   | 76 (56)       | 87 (83)       | 90 (83)        | 78 (69)        |                |
| <b>11:00 Contemporary</b> | 72 (51)       | 54 (49)       | 64 (59)        | 57 (50)        |                |
| <b>Sunday School</b>      |               |               | Special (90)   |                |                |
| <b>Monthly Budget</b>     | \$44,200      | \$44,200      | \$44,200       | \$44,200       | \$44,200       |
| <b>Giving MTD</b>         | \$9,910       | \$22,944      | \$30,174       | \$34,759       |                |
| <b>Weekly Giving</b>      | \$9,910       | \$13,034      | \$7140         | \$4585         |                |

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**As We Gather...** From our liturgy and Scripture readings on this Youth Mission Festival we are reminded of the immensity of God's love for us in sending His Son to suffer and die for us. God desires that all people benefit from this salvation. Motivated by God's love for us and the whole world, Christians eagerly proclaim and bear witness to this salvation in Christ!

*A Silent Prayer before Worship: Lord God of the Harvest, in Your grace You have sent Your Son Jesus to redeem us from all our sins. You have called us from many nations to be witnesses of Your saving Gospel to every country, tribe, language, and people. We pray today for Your guidance to show us how to conduct the work You have given us to do with enthusiasm and joy. Give each of us a heart for souls, and sustain us by Your Word so that we may be effective sowers and reapers, for the salvation of all and to the glory of Your name! Amen.*

### INVOCATION

We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

**Declare His glory among the nations.** (Psalm 96:2-3)

Jesus commands us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

**Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

**And surely, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus reminds us: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

**He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."** (Mark 16:15-16)

Jesus informs us: "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

**And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."** (Luke 24:46-47)

Jesus assures us: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

**If you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** (John 20:23)

Jesus promises us: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

**And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."** (Acts 1:8)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord! You have heard the commands, reminders, assurances, and promises of our Savior regarding our roles within His kingdom work. Let us examine both our hearts and our lives, for by doing so we will find reason to approach God with repentant hearts. Let us do so seeking His forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence before our Savior.)*

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of our many sins. We have not always taken Your command to disciple the nations as seriously as we should, but rather have frequently been preoccupied with our own thoughts and desires. You have commanded us to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth, but we must confess that all too often we fail to be witnesses in our own back yards. O Lord, have mercy upon us and by Your grace forgive us. Create within us new hearts and renew us by giving us steadfast spirits, so that we heed Your calls and proclaim the good news of Your salvation.**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins, including those sins involved in our work in His kingdom. To all who believe on His name, He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Indeed, whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. **Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

Tune: *LSB 851*

### **GOD IS LIGHT, HE SHINES UNSHADOWED**

- 1. God is light, He shines unshadowed High and hidden from our view;  
Yet His brilliance is reflected Through our lives in all we do.  
As we walk in light, confessing, By our works the faith within,  
We are bound in love together, Cleansed by Jesus from our sin.**
- 2. Praise the Lord for all the faithful, He has nurtured in this place,  
Pouring out upon His people, Years of mercy, rich in grace.  
Now, in Christ, our faith shines brighter Than the dawn's resplendent ray,  
While His Word of truth still leads us By its light from day to day.**
- 3. "You are light," declares our Savior, "Like a city on a hill,  
To enlighten those in darkness"—Jesus, may this be our will!  
May Your light be always shining Through our deeds of faith and love,  
So that others, by our witness, Praise the Father's name above.**
- 4. Bring us to that holy city, Built, O Lord, by Your design:  
There not sun or moon is needed, For Your glory makes it shine.  
There no curse of sin can harm us; Gone forever is all night;  
There with white-robed saints in heaven We will ever walk in light.**

Stephen P. Starke Tune: HYFRYDOL (*LSB 851*)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

James 5:7-20

### Patience in Suffering

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

### The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: VICAR JOSHUA WAREHAM**

*Vicar Joshua Wareham serves the Lord in Sri Lanka, where he is spending his vicarage before returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to complete his fourth year of seminary. His responsibilities as vicar include preaching and helping lead worship services, teaching catechism classes and Bible studies, and assisting in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. He also encourages other local pastoral candidates with a clear example of the training process for pastoral ministry.*

*Joshua was born in Acworth, Ga. He studied education at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill., and is currently studying for his Master of Divinity at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Prior to entering seminary, Joshua worked as a cook at Waffle House and Panda Express. He also served as a middle school English teacher in Eustis, Fla. for five years, and a middle school language arts teacher in Jos, Nigeria for two years. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and doing anything outdoors. (<https://www.lcms.org/Wareham>)*

## **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:38-50

### Anyone Not Against Us Is for Us

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

### Temptations to Sin

<sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

## **MESSAGE HYMN:**

**♪ Knowing You and Your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease  
To proclaim Your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, Your heav’nly peace.  
Sound we forth the Gospel tidings To the earth’s remotest bound  
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.**

**May our zeal to help the dying Be increased from day to day  
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.  
For the many faithful heralds, For the Gospel they proclaim,  
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of Your name. (LSB 851)**

## **MESSAGE: “SOWERS AND REAPERS”**

**“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:6-7**

*Every Christian is a seed sower.* The Bible tells us we plant seeds of faith and the Holy Spirit does the rest. (Florida-Georgia District, Seed Sowers, [flgadistrict.org/seedsowers/](http://flgadistrict.org/seedsowers/))

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### *Luther's Explanation to the Third Article*

**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.**

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Remember, Lord, Your Holy Church. May Your holy angels watch over her and guard her. Grant her peace and unity throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember all leaders in Your Church, and all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of Your Church. Strengthen them in the true faith, and enable them to teach it well. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice. In Your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember all who suffer for Your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel, and all who cry out to You in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. Grant that Your holy angel may be with them always, that the evil foe may have no power over them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the mission and ministry of Your angels and Your people in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” (Mark 9:50)**

We need the Lord’s help to do this — and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

### LORD’S PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

Father, grant that the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed among us and throughout the world in all its truth and purity, and that we and all believers may live holy and consecrated lives to the glory of Your Holy Name.

**Thy Kingdom come.**

Grant that the proclamation of the Gospel may bear much fruit that many men, women, and children from every nation, tribe, and language may be brought into Your Kingdom of Grace and to the eternal glory of heaven.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Grant that we may never forget that it is Your Will that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that we may always remember that we are to be witnesses for Christ to the farthest regions of the earth. Help us, dear Lord, to remember that it is also Your will that we live a holy life, so that people may see their Savior, not only in our words, but in everything we do.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

Grant that we may always remember that the earth and everything in it is Yours and that everything we have is from You. Teach us to trust You completely for our daily needs so that we may be moved to share our blessings with others and return to You a large measure of the gifts You have entrusted to us. In the countries of our foreign mission fields where the earthly blessings are far less than here, use us as resources to help provide the daily bread for the orphans and others.



**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Forgive us for all the times we have given offense and thus kept others from coming to You. Forgive us for the times that we have not been good witnesses for Christ in our own community and throughout the world. Forgive us for every sin we commit, also those of which we are unaware. Give us grateful hearts that we may forgive those who trespass against us, that we may love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who mistreat us so that we might by all means lead some to Christ.

**And lead us not into temptation.**

Grant that Satan, the world, and our own flesh may not tempt us to neglect the supreme task of the Church. Grant that we may not be tempted to squander our time while the world rushes toward eternal flames, that we may never be tempted to lose our money on luxuries and the pleasures of the world, while at the same time denying to others the Bread of Life. Grant that we may never be tempted to use our God-given talents to our own glory and selfish interests, but that we may always use these talents to proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**But deliver us from evil.**

Protect us from all harm and danger, and grant that we may boldly confess our faith in Jesus Christ no matter what the circumstances, no matter what may be the result. Grant that we may be willing and happy to deny ourselves and take up the cross of self-sacrifice so that Christ may be honored. Watch over our missionaries and their families, especially Joshua, as they go into foreign lands and dangers. We commend them to Your gracious care and keeping.

**For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

*Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.*

*We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.*

**"HOW SHALL THEY HEAR," WHO HAVE NOT HEARD (LSB 831)**

- 1. "How shall they hear,; who have not heard News of a Lord who loved and came;  
Nor known His reconciling word, Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?"**
- 2. "To all the world," to every place, Neighbours and friends and far off lands,  
Preach the good news of saving grace; Go while the great commission stands.**

3. "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
Telling of One who died for all, To bring a lost world home again?

4. "Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart To this poor cold self-centered soul;  
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart, And make a world for Christ my goal.

5. Spirit of love, within us move: Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!  
So shall they hear and find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

**SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD (LSB 830)**

1. Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

2. Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

3. Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

4. Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

5. Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

**TO YOUR TEMPLE, LORD, I'VE COME (LSB tune 830)**

1. To your temple, Lord, I've come, For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

2. I through him am reconciled, I through him become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts your love to trace.

3. While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue  
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.

**4. From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."**

**SENDING**

**Pastor:** Go in peace to serve the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please pray for Joshua as he serves in Sri Lanka. Pray for patience and guidance as Joshua learns many new things, like a new language and a different culture. Pray for endurance and strength as he takes on many new responsibilities. Pray that the Holy Spirit works through Joshua as he shares God's Word, that all may know Christ and come to saving faith through Him.*

**International Mission // The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The LCMS Office of International Mission recruits, trains, sends and cares for our missionaries, human care workers and international educators.

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What do missionaries do?

The main priority of a missionary is to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have never heard the Good News. LCMS missionaries usually share that Good News in the language of the people they serve.

When the Holy Spirit begins to gather people into Christian fellowship, missionaries assist these new Christians in forming their own indigenous church leaders.

Today, the LCMS trains, sends, and supports called and appointed career, long-term, and short-term missionaries in various countries around the world and in the United States where there are mission stations, partner churches, schools, or mission relationships.

LCMS missionary teams are made up of people who focus on planting churches, leadership formation, or some type of locally initiated holistic services in areas of health, agriculture, community development, English-as-a-Foreign-Language classes, or partner support activities.

Missionary teachers also serve in international schools where missionary children, expatriates, and national children attend. Agricultural and medical missionaries are utilized when their work will strategically contribute towards reaching and gathering communities of believers so churches can be planted.

Missionaries usually spend a good deal of time when they first arrive on the field developing language skills and learning about the culture and mastering a foreign language.

The overall LCMS mission "team" consists of ordained pastors, directors of Christian education, directors of Christian outreach, deaconesses, teachers, lay ministers, Directors of Parish music, medical professionals, agriculturalists, vicars, church work program interns, retired Lutheran laity and college graduates.

All are scattered across the globe working together with national partners to tell the Good News of the salvation that is found only in Jesus Christ.



**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)**

## **Guiding Principles of LCMS Youth Gatherings**

Youth Gatherings proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ and God’s saving grace to His people through Christ. In this setting, young people grow in their personal relationship with God and grow in their fellowship of Word and Sacrament in Christ’s Church.

Youth Gatherings are a vehicle by which the Church reaches out to, cares for, and affirms young people, both church and unchurched.

Youth Gatherings equip youth and adults for ministry and vocational service in a variety of settings in their congregations, communities, and world.

Youth Gatherings affirm, equip, and support adults who work with young people.

Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life’s situations, including transitions and crisis.

Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God’s people.

Youth Gatherings affirm, support, and promote the ministry of LCMS Districts and congregations.

## **"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"**

*God has entrusted me with life, body and soul, and all my material and spiritual blessings.*

*By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor,  
and freely and gladly share His gifts.*

*Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.*

*But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. -- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14*

## **Monthly Spotlight October: Board of Family Life**

# September/October Events

## **Women's Bible Study: Acts** **Sundays, 9:45 a.m., LWML Room**

All women are invited as we study the powerful book of Acts! We'll learn how the Story of God continues through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit transforming the lives of the apostles and those they witness to about Jesus the King. **Come and See** how we too can live the story!

## ***The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about... ?*** **Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Board Room**

A weekly study of a current issue, including a news article, editor comments, "five big questions," and Bible teaching. Men and women invited... Join us to understand God's Word to our world.

## **Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** **Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Gathers in Sanctuary**

God the Father created you! Jesus Christ, God's own Son, died and rose for you! The Spirit of God is alive and working in and through you! You are a beautiful creation of our God.

## **High School/College Age Bible Study Sundays, 9:45 am, Youth Room** **"Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation, and Faith"**

A solid study of the truth of God's Word as He reveals His purpose for His creation.

## **Youth Confirmation (7th and 8th Graders)** **Sundays // 9:45 a.m., Conference Room**

Youth Confirmation is a two-year introduction to Lutheran doctrine for 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **Adult Membership Course: GodConnects**

### **Sundays, September 29 - November 24, 2024 9:45 a.m., Conference Room**

Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in God and His truth, **GodConnects** will explore what the Bible says about the Christian faith, and how God's love in Jesus gives purpose, direction and meaning to your life today and forever. **GodConnects** is a video-based course designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Lutheran Church.

## **We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms Church and State Bible Study, Sundays, Sept 29 – Nov 24, 2024, 9:45, Cafeteria**

Dr. Greg Walton and Jon Wareham lead the study of God's Word on this timely topic. Throughout the class, tough questions are raised that help the user understand the demanding balance between Church and State. Yet, no matter what one's perspective is, for the Christian his or her citizenship is an opportunity to serve in both the affairs of earthly government and the mission of the Christian Church on earth -- Martin Luther's "Two Kingdoms."

## The Wednesday Gathering (Every Wednesday)

What? Informal Gathering on Wednesdays

Where? Faith Lutheran Church and School.

When? Starts at 5:30 with light supper.

Who? Members, friends and community.

Why? Fellowship, Learning, Support, Outreach, and more rolled into a strategic and intentional initiative to bring us together, to bring unchurched people to our facility and ministry circle, and to work toward "making disciples" for the Lord.



## The Wednesday Gathering “The Heart of Jesus” (A Women’s Gathering) Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Jesus’ treatment of women with compassion and respect was proof that all are equal in God’s eyes. Participants will be encouraged and uplifted through the stories of the women who knew their Savior and His love for them. This inspirational book from *The Heart of Jesus* study provides women of all ages the opportunity to encounter the lives of the women we know from the Gospel of Luke and discover their own identity in the heart of Jesus.

## The Wednesday Gathering Bible Study “The Titus 10” (A Men’s Gathering) Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Everything in a man’s life hinges on the kind of man he is. Yet, none of us is naturally a godly man. The Holy Spirit works in us to learn, pursue, and cultivate godliness. Taking ten qualities from the Apostle Paul’s short letter to his mentee Titus, *The Titus Ten* will help you grow in your understanding of the Gospel, God’s truth, your identity and character.

## SCHOOL IN PRAYER Friday, October 4, 2024, 9 a.m.

All Faith Members are invited to gather to pray for our School, our faculty, and our precious children and their families! SCHOOL IN PRAYER is a monthly opportunity with our teachers and students to ask God’s mercy, blessing, protection, and healing upon our ministry, our community and nation, and everyone at Faith Lutheran Church and School. We gather on the First Friday of the Month, 8:45 a.m., in the Conference Room. Contact Sandy Skrabanek (678-462-4366).

## LWML Sunday, October 13, 2024 8:15 and 11 a.m. Worship

This year’s **Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday** theme is “Ready to Serve” based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God’s mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were “*everything she had, all she had to live on*” (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord’s kingdom.

*And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38).*

## Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Sunday, October 20, 2024

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's Small Catechism, or trying to teach young children about basic Bible stories without books like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages. Guest Preacher Rev. Mark Moss shares the story of LHF.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF has published the catechism in more than 110 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,300 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

## Saturday, October 19, 2024 Circuit Forum, Rivercliff Lutheran Church

Our pastoral and lay delegate will attend...

### October 20, 2024 Faith Forum: Sunday afternoon

#### Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz... "Citizens/Disciples in the Lion's Den"

Former *Lutheran Hour Speaker* and currently at The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) Dr. Seltz will be with us at Faith to share insights on our privileges and responsibilities as Christian citizens with the right to vote. Check out his many resources at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>

The Center provides input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to engage in discussions in Washington, D.C., to establish partnerships and resources in our nation's Capital for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries.

### Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 25, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a great chance for our church and school to come together and connect with the community. Last year, we had 26 trunks—let's aim for 30 this year!

### Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024, 8:15 and 11 a.m.

#### Principal Call Committee Nomination Forms

Available in the narthex. Please take home a Form, complete it, and return it to the Narthex box or to the Church Office.

#### Faith Lutheran School Upcoming Events

Oct 4 End of First Quarter      Oct 7 Second Quarter begins

Oct 12 Fall Carnival at Faith

Oct 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences, early release 1:00 pm

Oct 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school (in-service meeting)

Oct 25 Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30

Oct 28 – Nov 1 "Red Ribbon Week"

Oct 29 PTL Meeting, 6:30 p.m.



The Evangelism Board will be conducting a workshop to plan to action a few outreach activity or ministry initiatives that will engage the non-churched in our community and connect them to Jesus.

The ***Connect to Disciple*** process, developed by the LCMS Office of National Mission, uses a four-part process of “Build Awareness, Create Connections, Nurture Relationships, Make Disciples” to guide, equip and improve the congregation’s outreach to the lost people in their community. The workshop provides tools and a multi-step process to aid the congregation in creating and implementing planned and intentional actions to reach out to the nonchurched people in the community, and move from making connections to making disciples.

### **Saturday, October 5, 2024 (Cafeteria)**

9 a.m. Gather in Conference Room

9:30 Session 1: “What Is Outreach?” Session 2: “The Outreach Process” *Break*  
Session 3: “Outreach Pathways: Identifying WHOM” *Lunch provided*  
Session 4: “Outreach Pathways: Select a Gateway” *Conclusion*

### **Saturday, October 19, 2024 (Cafeteria)**

9 a.m. Gather in Conference Room

9:30 Session 5: “Identify, Evaluate, and Classify Outreach Activities” *Break*  
Session 6: “Arrange and Capture Outreach Pathways” *Lunch provided*

Please contact Gary Schleicher (garyandkim23@outlook.com), Ward Irvin (fwi3@protonmail.com) or Pastor Ken if you are interested in being a participant.

## **ELECTIONS... VOTERS MEETING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024, 12:30 PM**

### **NOMINATION FORMS**

*AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX*

**You are invited to pick up a form and nominate a fellow member for a leadership office or Board Position. Nominations are due by Oct 27.**

***Thank you to our youth and to Vicar Joshua Wareham for sharing their gifts with us in worship today. We pray God’s rich blessings on you all!***