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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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*Divine Service, Setting IV*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we enter again into the house of God and we consider with joy what that means. As we come into His house, we come as those who are weary, troubled by the hardships of life, and weighed down by our own sin and guilt. But here, at His house, God graciously welcomes us in, that He might forgive us our sins through Christ and strengthen us for our journey ahead.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Stand

# Hymn of Invocation: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Stanzas 1 & 2



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*

- P** Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"  
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.
- C** [The Lord] saved him out of all his troubles;  
this is God, our God forever and ever.
- P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- C** I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- P** things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.
- C** We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

**All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"  
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.
- C** [The Lord] saved him out of all his troubles;  
this is God, our God forever and ever.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10–17

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 141:1–2

**P** O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!

Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

**C** Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Epistle

Ephesians 4:22–28

<sup>22</sup>Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:1–8*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>6</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup>And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup>When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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: 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all pastors, that they may eagerly follow Christ and answer His call to forgive sinners in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For zeal in our witness to Christ, that we would bring those we know and love to His feet to receive the healing of forgiveness, which alone restores true life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the vocations of the Christian home — husband and wife; father and mother; sons, daughters and siblings — that they may be established on the enduring promises of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For Joseph, our president; *Gretchen*, our governor; and all our leaders, that even as God rules the world by His mighty power, He would be pleased to give our nation wisdom, peace and success in accordance with His commandments, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, broken and needy among us, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that Christ who has authority over sin and death would grant them healing now according to his will and resurrection at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who come to the altar this day, that they would see this as the very house of God and gate of heaven, where Christ is bodily present to forgive, heal and renew us in true righteousness and holiness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

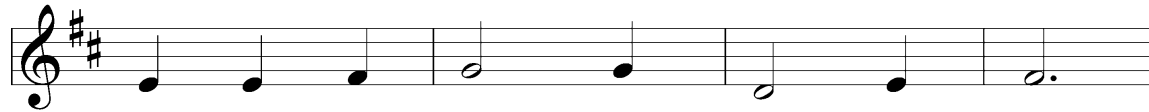
John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see the note on the inside front of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.*

## Distribution Hymn 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## Distribution Hymn 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release
- And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

*Stanza 3*



3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in  
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sun. 10/06**    **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
- **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

**Thurs. 10/10**    **Quilting Bee, 10 a.m.**

**Fri. 10/11**    **Game Night in Fellowship Hall, 7-9 pm**

**Sun. 10/13**    **Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
- **Fall Clean-Up** 10:45 a.m.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – All are invited (Members and Visitors) to join Pastor Pies in the basement Fellowship Hall directly after Church (10:45) for Adult Bible Study. Please come and meet with Pastor and your fellow Christians as we engage in conversation over coffee and the word. **Please note:** Due to the Fall clean-up there will NOT be Adult Bible Study next week.

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There will be a **Game Night** held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the insert flyer for more information.

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**Is needed on October 13<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the church service, please mark your calendars, it is fall clean-up time. More of a Tidying up... if you can stay and help that would be great. More details to come.

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**REFORMATION DAY AND FALL HARVEST MEAL**– On Sunday, October 27, the church will observe Reformation day. On this day, we celebrate what the Lord did through Martin Luther and the other Reformers over five centuries ago. By their day, the Roman Catholic Church had fallen into many abuses and errors which obscured and denied the salvation of Christ. However, at the right time the Lord revealed to Martin Luther the Truth to the Church — a blessing which we still enjoy today as we preach that we are saved by Grace Alone, through Faith alone, as taught in Scripture Alone. You are invited to wear red to church that day in celebration. And following the service, we will be holding our Annual Fall Harvest Potluck! A sign-up sheet will be posted soon where you can list the dish you'll be bringing and the number of people coming with you. Please join us on this special day!

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**LWML Rally:** All ladies are invited to the Multi-Lakes Zone LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm. This will be held at: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1950 S. Baldwin Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360. A Luncheon will be served. Please contact Leslie Oehring no later than October 27<sup>th</sup> by calling her at: 248-310-9173 if you are interested in attending this event.

**ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 BOARD/OFFICER POSITIONS** - Would you like to serve at St. Mark's in an official capacity? Do you know of anyone whom you think would be well-suited to serve? We are now accepting nominations for our elected positions. This year, we are accepting nominations for the following Officers:

- Congregational Vice-President
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

**Additionally, we're accepting nominations for all six congregational Boards:**

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support
- Assimilation & Stewardship
- Family & Youth
- Properties

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**TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER –**

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

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**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT** used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave 1/4" of the envelope paper around the stamp.

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**THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING** Our Food pantry served over 450 people in September and the shelves are very empty. We are in dire need of the following items:

**Here are our food locker needs:**

cereal  
peanut butter  
spaghetti sauce  
spaghetti noodles  
pasta  
mac and cheese boxes  
tuna  
canned chicken or any canned meat  
protein beans

canned pasta dinners  
rice  
canned vegetables, both starchy and non-starchy  
canned or dried fruit  
soups  
Raman noodles  
protein bars  
dried potatoes

**For large family supplement bags:**

large cans of canned meat  
dried milk  
large family dried soups  
large family sized baked beans  
large family sized spaghetti sauce  
large family sized spaghetti noodles  
large cans of fruits and veggies  
family sized shampoo and conditioner

**For personal bags:**

toilet paper  
bar soap  
deodorant  
toothpaste  
hand sanitizer  
Diapers - size 4,5 & 6 and newborns. And wipes.

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:  
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**OPEN DOOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY – GIVING TREE**

Once more this year, we will be collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas for those families in need. This year's date will be December 6 from 9-1 or 4-6 with family pick up December 12<sup>th</sup>. We need people to assist in this very important outreach. Those who can help through donations and those who can help with the collection and distribution of the gifts here at St. Mark's. Sign – Up sheet will be posted soon.

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## **A LETTER FROM LISA MOYER – CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH from Lisa Moyer, Director of Youth and Family Life...**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I'm writing this letter today to introduce myself as Director of Youth and Family Life at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford. I am currently in training as a deaconess at the Fort Wayne seminary, scheduled to finish in July of 2025.

As a new staff member at Christ, I will be learning the ins and outs of life in the church. Part of my position is to work closely with the area congregations to encourage life together of our youth and families. There are certainly times and education that needs to be done within the immediate church family. But by sharing resources we can certainly be blessed and encouraged in the receiving of God's gifts. And in time, we will learn what works well for our congregations.

Recent LCMS statistics tell us that only 1 in 5 children baptized in the LCMS remain faithful through young adulthood. We believe that one way to combat this trend is to support the family. To strengthen their ability to do discipleship within the home and give them skills and confidence in their parenting. To that end, we would offer to partner with you in family discipleship.

One of the ways we seek to help one another is through Faith milestone workshops. These milestone workshops encourage parents in their Christian parenting skills and give them an opportunity to pass along faith habits to their children. Our first shared workshop is coming up Saturday October 12, 2024. This father/son retreat gives middle school boys a chance to ask questions in a safe environment with their dads. They will learn about honor, courage, and faithfulness from Biblical narratives. On November 17<sup>th</sup> we will host a parent workshop on technology for Christians and in February one about dating for 7-9<sup>th</sup> graders.

We invite your families to join us for any of these workshops and youth events as they are organized throughout the year.



**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING**

Presiding Minister  
Altar Guild  
Elder on Duty  
Greeter(s)  
Offering Counters  
Organist  
Usher

Pastor Frank Pies, Emeritus  
Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald  
Darryl Swainson  
Mary Ann Lockwood  
Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead  
Rob Wheeler  
Trent Johnson

**SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Presiding Minister  
Altar Guild  
Elder on Duty  
Greeter(s)  
Offering Counters  
Organist  
Usher

Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Emeritus  
Cathy & Gail Fitzgerald  
Tom LoCascio  
Mary Ann Lockwood  
Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead  
Rob Wheeler  
Tom Kaufman