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The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Divine Service, Setting IV

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we remember the depth of Jesus' love for us, and how His love alone is the cause of our salvation. In our sin, we were hopelessly lost, condemned to eternal sorrow and death. However, Jesus looked upon us in love and took our place in death, breaking its power through His resurrection. And now, in His perfect love, He comes to us to lift us up and give us life through His Word.

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: 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense (v. 1-4)



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; Otto von Schwerin, 1616-79
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Text and tune: Public domain

Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5

- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
- C** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- P** Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- C** In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.
- P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

C For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

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 Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.

C For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

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 - shiped 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.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 102:15–16

P Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

C For the LORD builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height

and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 7:11–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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: 752 Be Still My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa-tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un-der-take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear-est friends de-part And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has-t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or-der
fu-ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con-fi-dence let
dark-ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet-ter know His
be for-ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and



and pro-vide; In ev-'ry change He faith-ful will re-
noth-ing shake; All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor-rows and your
fear are gone, Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n-ly Friend
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je-sus can re-pay
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
From His own full-ness all He takes a-way.
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697-1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon (If you are so moved, there is a page near the end of the bulletin to jot down notes)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For confidence in Christ, who is risen to put an end to death, that we would not lose heart in the face of sorrow; that the Spirit would strengthen us with His power; and

that we would know the love of Christ and through Him no longer weep, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the mercy of God would be powerfully accomplished among us, causing life to flourish and increasing faith in the true words of His servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, especially in times of loss and heartache, that hearing our cries, our faithful Father would bless us and renew our faith and life in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bear the sword and rule the nations in the stead of Christ, that they would do so faithfully, ever mindful of His authority over all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For widows, shut-ins and those who live alone, that as God gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain, so He would also provide faithful friends and companions to the lonely, encouraging them in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For [*and*] all who suffer, that God would lead them through their trials in order to know the fullness of His love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who receive the Sacrament this day, that they would rejoice at Christ's visitation with His body and blood and receive the gift of sins forgiven in true faith, 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

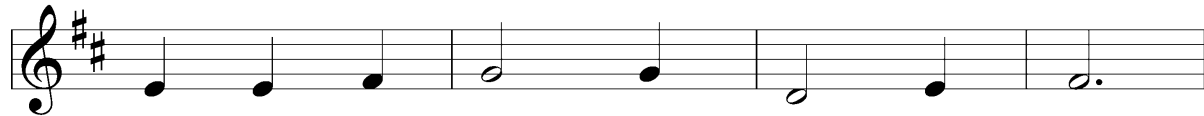
John 1:29



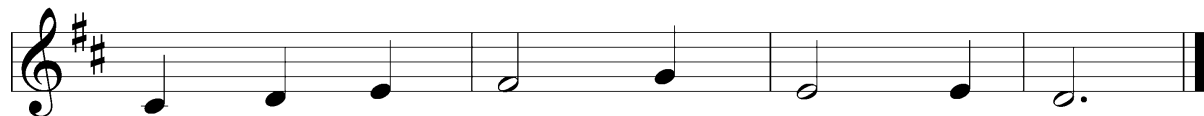
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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 cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

Distribution Hymn: 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Tune: Silesian, 19th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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 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.

Hymn to Depart: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense (v. 5-8)



5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then be en -
6 Then take com - fort and re - joice, For His mem - bers Christ will
7 Laugh to scorn the gloom - y grave And at death no long - er
8 O, then, draw a - way your hearts From all plea - sures base and



shroud - ed; In this bod - y I shall view
cher - ish. Fear not, they will hear His voice;
trem - ble; He, the Lord, who came to save
hol - low; Strive to share what He im - parts



God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; In this
Dy - ing, they will nev - er per - ish; For the
Will at last His own as - sem - ble. They will
While you here His foot - steps fol - low. As you



flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.
ver - y grave is stirred When the trum - pet's blast is heard.
go their Lord to meet, Tread - ing death be - neath their feet.
now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts be - yond the skies!

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 9/15 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
- Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
 - Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Thurs. 9/19 Quilting Bee, 10 a.m.

Fri. 9/20 Deadline to Submit Newsletter Articles

- Sun. 9/22 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
- Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
 - Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – All are invited to attend **this morning's** Adult Bible Class with Pastor starting at **10:45 a.m.** in the basement Fellowship Hall.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING AT THE CIVIC CENTER COMPLEX: 4550 WALNUT LK. RD.

Senior Drop-Off: Fri., Sept. 20, 4 – 6 p.m.; **Regular Collection:** Sat., Sept. 21, 9 – 12 p.m.

For more information regarding what is accepted and what is not, please see the following website:

https://wbtownship.org/government/building,_planning___development_services/environmental/household_hazardous_waste.php

Thank you A Thank you note was received and it reads as follows:
Dear Donor,

Thank you so very much for your generosity! Whether you have donated to our food pantry, thrift store, events, and/or monetarily, we cannot begin to thank you enough. Every donation helps us help our neighbors. Open Door Outreach Center continues to provide an array of services to people in need because of donors like you. We appreciate all you do to help your community. "Neighbors helping Neighbors for over 40 years". Sincerely, Open Door Outreach Center

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES (LSEM) is having **their 19th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 16th, 2024** and you're invited! Play a round of golf and raise funds for children who have learning needs in Christian schools here in SW Michigan and across the country. Golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in your ticket price. There will be plenty of fun games to play as we fundraise for these kids. Register your team today or sponsor the event. Together we can help these children grow in learning and love of God. [https://2024 LSEM Golf Outing – LSEM \(luthsped.org\)](https://2024LSEM.org)

OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER PRESENTS OUR 29TH ANNUAL JULIE RUN/WALK 5K & 1K TO END HUNGER! We are pleased to announce our **29th Annual Julie Run/Walk**

5K & 1K on Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus Saturday, September 21st 2024! Check in 8:00AM at the Physical Education building off of Cooley Lake Rd. enjoy warm up exercises, photo booth FUN compliments of Witty Grin, race starts 9:00AM. Awards and announcements will be made after race completes.

QUILTS:

The quilts made by our Quilting Bee will be on display next Sunday, September 22 as well as on the 29th. On both of these Sundays, we will be accepting door offerings to help to defray the cost of shipping our quilts.

BLESSING: The blessing of the quilts will be September 29th.

LWR QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND – When you make and support Quilts, you join countless other servants of Christ who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. Together, L.W.L. distributed an incredible \$18 million worth of quilts in 2023! LWR currently spends about \$1.9 million annually to operate this program. They do their best to steward funds efficiently, but the behind-the-scenes operating costs have increased in recent years. (This is largely due to the significant rise in shipping costs since 2020.) You can ensure LWR has the financial resources they need to distribute quilts where they’re needed most by donating to the Quilt & Kit Shipping fund. This is a way for the congregation to support the quilt ministry. The Cost to ship just one quilt is \$2.80. St. Mark’s Missionary League is accepting Donations to defray the cost of shipping our quilts. Donations can be made by cash or Check. If you are writing a **check**, please make it out to the **St. Mark’s Missionary League**. Please place either type of payment in an envelope found in your pew and have it designated for the Quilt Shipping Fund-Missionary League. Thank you.

ANNUAL MISSION PLANNING WORKSHOP –On **Saturday, September 28**, The Council and Boards will be holding our annual Mission Planning Workshop. Anyone from the congregation is invited. On this day, we will gather to pray, give thanks to God, hear His holy Word, and make plans for our congregation for the upcoming year. This workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will end at 2. Lunch will be provided.

QUILTING BEE ON THURSDAYS –Anyone who would like to learn how to quilt, (or even if you already know how to quilt) are welcome to join our Quilting Bee group that meets each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs senior youth room. The quilters work pretty much year ‘round to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and then LWR distributes the quilts to needy individuals worldwide. Many hands make for light work, so if you’d like to help, just show up on any Thursday!

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.**

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.

THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING CLOSET here at St. Paul's Community Lutheran Church has been very busy this spring. We served over 300 families in the pantry alone since January. This has led to a depletion of our supplies. We are in urgent need for the following items:

Powdered milk - 1qt envelopes or boxes

Plain pasta - macaroni

Spaghetti Noodles

Spaghetti Sauce

Non-starchy canned vegetables

Peas, Corn or mixed vegetables

Soups

Rice

Baked beans

Protein bars

Instant Potatoes

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Toilet paper, Tooth Paste, Hand sanitizer,

Large bars of soap and diapers (size 5)

For Larger families we need:

Family sized shampoo & conditioner

Large cans of baked beans

Large can of fruit

large can of vegetables

Large Rice, dried potatoes or spaghetti noodles

large cans of chicken or meat that will serve 5 or more.

Laundry detergent

Dishwashing soap

Dried soup that serve 8 or more.

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

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 12th. 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.

The **Body** of **Christ** and the **Public Square** **October 5, 2024**

A Religious Liberty Conference Featuring:

Dr. Ben Carson,
Kyle Mann,
Father Calvin Robinson,
Rev. Dr. Christopher Thoma,
Major (Ret.) Jonathan Turnbull,
Timothy Goeglein

General Admission: \$75

VIP Admission: \$145

Clergy, Teacher, Student,
& Law Enforcement: \$40

Register **ONLINE ONLY** by visiting:
<https://www.bodyofchristandthepublicsquare.org/>

Morning Refreshments and Lunch will be provided.

Location:

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church & School (LCMS)
13667 W. Highland Rd.
Hartland, MI 48353
248-887-4300

Registration closes

Monday, September 30, 2024

or when seating capacity is met.

Doors open at 8:00 AM for general seating.

Program begins promptly at 9:00 AM.

Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Speaker: _____

Text: _____

Title: _____

Notes: _____

What I Learned: _____



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Tom LoCascio
Greeter(s)	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Trent Johnson

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Arendell, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Tom & Debbie LoCascio
Offering Counters	Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon