

*A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*  
**Proclaiming Christ 150 Years**



† LWML Sunday † September 25, 2022 †



*For Us  
and With Us*

Romans 8:31-39

**Welcome in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you join us in worship of our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the registration book at the back of church.*

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

**In the Lord's service today:**  
*Rev. Martin Kaufmann, interim pastor*  
*Connie Komnick, organist*

**308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL**  
**Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM**

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

*Psalms 124:8*

**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.

*Psalms 130:3-4*

**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.

*Luke 18:13*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 100*

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>**Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**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.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

*Mark 10:47*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

*LSB 803*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

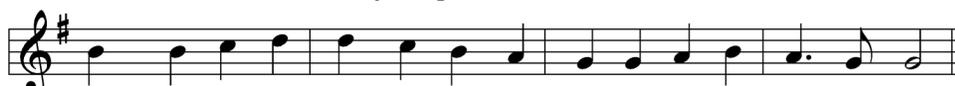
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:31-39*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

*John 20:31*



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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:35-40*

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

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

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 206*

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

# Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Sermon

For Us and With Us (Romans 8:31-39)

Pastor Martin Kaufmann

Offering

## LWML Pledge

- C** In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks for your goodness and love in Christ that sustains us each day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is for us and with us in all things. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and sustainer of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Guide, we pray, our congregation in our life together and witness in the world. Grant us your grace and strengthen your people through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.
- P** For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that each person involved would see opportunities to be salt and light to their neighbors and through various opportunities for mission. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Sanctify our homes with Your presence, reminding us that nothing can separate us from Your love. Unite the members of all families in love toward you and each other. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.
- P** For ... *(additional intercessions of the congregation)*. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.



## 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.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

- C** Thanks be to God.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

*sung to the tune of Onward, Christian Soldiers, LSB 662*

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command

To proclaim His Gospel

Now in every land

So that fellow sinners

May, like us, be blest.

Leading them to Jesus,

We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

There’s no greater joy

Than to serve the Master,

Work in His employ.

As we build His kingdom

Angels, too, rejoice

Over every sinner

Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Glorify His name!

*--written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz*



# Church News

## **PRAYER LIST**

Alissa Mercier, past teacher at STJNB and now at OS, as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.

Amanda Sedivy, recovering from a cancer-related surgical procedure.

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

The pastor call process.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Kaufmann.

## **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING**

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be conducted on Sunday, October 2, 2022, directly following the 11:00 AM service.

## **YOUTH WIFFLE BALL AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a Wiffle Ball game TODAY at 2:00 PM at the Ball Fields on Ball Park Drive in Auburn. We will play an old-fashioned game of wiffle ball and end with an ice cream social. This event is sponsored by Trinity, Auburn, and aims to get youth in the Springfield East/West Circuits together for fellowship. Meet in the church parking lot at 1:15 for us to carpool.

## **FALL PARTY—SAVE THE DATE!**

Save October 9 at 5:00 PM on your calendars for some autumn fun at the annual Fall Party! Hot Dogs, Brats, Buns, S'mores, Drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, kids' activities, and hopefully some entertainment!

## **DARTBALL**

We received word this week that we now have an odd number of dartball teams, and that this month we have the bye. We will now open our season on the 4th Monday in October. Games will start at 7:00 at Immanuel, Springfield.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Sunday School is in need of someone willing to teach the lower elementary class (grades 1-4) the 4th Sunday of each month. We are also continuing to search for an individual or individuals to coordinate youth activities for grades 7-12. See Connie Komnick if you would be interested in filling either of these roles.

## **MARY-MARTHA—CELEBRATING 55 YEARS!**

As we celebrate LWML Sunday, altar flowers are placed by the Mary Martha Guild honoring their formation on September 29, 1967. Four charter members remain as church members, Betty Bergschneider, Audrey Luken, Betty Ryan and Carolyn Marcotte. We are grateful for the support of this congregation over the years for our many activities. From mites to bazaars and ingatherings and church worker support and banners and soups, we thank YOU as we continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Special thanks to Rev. Kaufman for switching up his Auburn LWML Sunday service to today to honor our anniversary celebration. Be sure to get a small thank you remembrance following today's service.

## **MARY-MARTHA NEWS**

The October meeting for Mary-Martha will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Devotions will be led by DeAnn and hostess is Christina. The plans for our 2022-2023 year will be shared-bring your purple folder to insert the new plans. Items to be discussed include our 80 for '80, our part in the Fall Festival, and supporting a person or project for the coming year; bring your motions. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us ladies-now is a perfect time as we start a new year as we use "our silver and gold to extend His kingdom..."

## **LWML MISSION GRANT #2—ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN, SHIPPING--\$9,000**

Orphan Grain Train collects, gathers, and then distributes quilts, dresses, medical mobility equipment, layettes, hygiene, school supplies and Christ centered literature around the world. These funds, sent to the Nebraska center, will sponsor the cost of shipping a full container overseas.

*Pray that God continues to use Orphan Grain Train shipments to ease distressed people worldwide. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.*

## **CAMP CILCA G.R.I.T. RUN—OCTOBER 1, 2022**

The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is for the bravest of souls. The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs. Runners 6-17 run for \$10. Runners 18 and up run for \$30. Register at [cilca.org/grit-run](http://cilca.org/grit-run).

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In today's lesson, "A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. For discussion at home this week: "Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today."

### **PRC'S ANNUAL LIFE BANQUET**

St. John's Lutheran Church is again co-sponsoring The Pregnancy Resource Center of Jacksonville's Annual Life Banquet to be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 PM at Hamilton's Banquet Hall in downtown Jacksonville.

This year's keynote speaker will be Carol Everett. Carol's unplanned pregnancy at age 16, six years of selling abortions, thirty-five thousand abortions, the death of one woman and major surgery on 19 abortion patients brought Carol to a crossroads. She experienced a life-altering change when she came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in 1983. Ever since then she has been a fierce advocate for the Pro-Life movement, working to make this nation safer for unborn babies and their mothers.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to enable PRC to continue the mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, saving the lives of the unborn, and restoring those who have been wounded by abortion.

St. John's has supported this life saving ministry for several years.

### **CID JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING**

The CID Junior High Youth Gathering will take place on November 12, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur. The theme is "Created for Community." Activities include worship, laser tag, inflatables, game time, and a service project. Cost is \$20 per person, which covers activities, lunch, service project, and event T-shirt. Registration will start at 9:30, with the gathering from 10:00-4:15. Registration information will be released soon. We are working with our district Church Extension Fund to provide free registration for non-member youth. The hope is that students will invite their non-member friends to this District event. See Connie Komnick if interested in attending.

### **GERMAN MEAL—ST. JOHN'S, BATH**

The members of St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Bath invite you to their annual German Meal on **Monday, October 10 from 4:30-7:00**. Funds raised at this meal will go toward the support of Deaf Missions in central Illinois and at Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, IL. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut and a great assortment of desserts all for a donation of your choice. Our Google map address is 13961 E Cr 1100n, Bath, IL 62617. For more information call the church at (309) 546-2434 or text Pastor Lesemann at (309) 256-6514.

### **LCMS INTERNATIONAL CENTER CONFERENCE**

There is still time to register for the fall MDFL (Making Disciples For Life) Conference, "Let Us Keep Awake." The conference runs from 2:00 PM CDT on October 10 through Noon CDT on October 12 at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. This conference is focused on understanding and engaging the people in our culture with various worldviews to share the Good News of Jesus with them in ways that encourage them to listen. Over 30 sessions are planned, all of which will be recorded and available for 60 days after the conference. Register and see the agenda at: <https://cvent.me/mMnXeD>. Deadline for in-person registration is September 19. Virtual registration closes on October 10.

### **MUSIC FOR MISSIONS—ST. JOHN'S, PEKIN**

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is hosting a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LC-MS Central Illinois District Deaf Ministry on Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM. We will join together in singing some hymns, and in listening to sacred organ, choir, vocal solo, and hand bell music. Featured musicians will include guest organist Sam Kendall, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, as well as the St. John's Hand Bell and Sanctuary Choirs. A free will offering will be gathered to help support our Central Illinois District Deaf Ministry, which is conducted under the leadership of Pastor Tom Phillips. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support our Central Illinois District missions. The church is located at 711 Court Street in Pekin. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-347-2136.

**KFUO**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Deuteronomy 29-31 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 9-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear conversations from fellow Lutherans from across our church body on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

**PASTOR KAUFMANN'S OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours are 10 AM to noon on Mondays.

**PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS**

Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865  
Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at [socialmedia@stjnb.org](mailto:socialmedia@stjnb.org) or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

**Giving Thanks**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4  
The puzzle is based on Psalm 100



**Lutheran  
Women  
in Mission**

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D	A	P	I	R	H	M	V	I	Q	S	H	E	E	P
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WORSHIP	EARTH	JOY	LOVE	ENTER
ENDURES	FOREVER	SHEEP	THANKS	SHOUT
SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRAISE

*New Berlin  
Micro-Pantry Needs*

The Pantry has experienced great usage lately! Current needs are:

- pasta sides
- boxed potatoes
- chili
- soup
- beef stew
- spaghetti sauce
- snacks
- cake mix
- instant pudding
- Jell-O
- single serving applesauce



# CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

## News You Can Use

September 2022

### The wonder of light and sound by Rev. Jeff Harter

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare His praise? Psalm 106:2

God's creation is amazing and beautiful! We praise God for his glorious, complex, and balanced earth, solar system, and universe.

As I consider God's creation, I at times am most amazed at two of God's creations: light and sound. On the first day God created light. That is amazing enough! Even more amazing is that God created light to be divided into different wave lengths. By doing so, God created color! We marvel at the many colors in God's creation. When we see the rainbow we sing out with joy as we recall its meaning: God keeps his promises!

At some point in His creation process God created sound. He created sound to be divided into different frequencies. We use these frequencies to tune our radios and TVs to specific broadcasting stations. Different frequencies give us clues about a person's mood and intent as they speak to us. They give us warnings of danger as we hear the shriek of a siren or the honk of a horn. And these different frequencies give us music!

Some people may think that light and sound are less significant than some of the other things God created. I disagree. We may take them for granted. But how dull would our world be without color and music! They both greatly enhance our lives. They enable people to express themselves through art, entertainment, and worship. They lift our spirits. They enable us to articulate, celebrate, and share our faith.

The manner in which God created light and sound reminds us that He is interested not only in our welfare. He is also interested in our comfort and happiness. Light and sound remind us that God notices the things in life that we might think he would consider insignificant or trivial. He who sees the sparrow fall and counts the hairs on our head wants us to cherish and celebrate the full life we have in Jesus. As we consider the blessings of light and sound, we praise God with Carl Gustaf Boberg: "Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!"

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- † CID's GatePost (newsletter)
- † Subscribe to the E-GatePost/News You Can Use
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE

Central Illinois District LC-MS  
60<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention  
Elections

**President** – Rev. Michael Mohr  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rev. Mark Eddy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Rev. Mike Burdick

### Board of Directors –

Secretary – Rev. Kent Umberger  
Assistant Secretary – Rev. Marcus Manley  
Treasurer – John Myers, Jr.  
Financial Secretary – James Frazee  
Clergy (4) – Reverends Jeffrey Catthamer, Peter Glock, Bruce Scarbeary, Kevin Wendorf  
Teachers (2) – Brian Carr, John Jacob  
Layman (4) – Tom Blessman, Larry Wachtel, Robert Dalton, Roger Garlisch

### Congregational Constitutions and District Handbook Committee

Clergy (2) – Reverends Daniel Bishop, Kent Tibben  
Lay Attorney (1) – Greg Townsend

### Nominations Committee 2025 CID Convention

Clergy (2) – Reverends Joshua Theilen, Michael Schuermann  
Teachers (2) – Lisa Dipple, Robinette Flach  
Lay (2) – Dan Block, Raymond Stuckemeyer

### Nominations Committee 2023 LCMS Convention

Lay (1) – Matt Putnam

CID Convention Information and Updates are located at the CID Website Watch for the Convention Workbook has been published on the District's website. (<http://www.cidcms.org/events-2022-district-convention.html>).

### Junior High Youth Gathering Save the Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Theme:** Created for Community  
**Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1 Bachrach Ct. Decatur, IL)  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per person. The fee will cover the activities, lunch, service project, and event T-shirt. The activities include worship, laser tag, inflatables, game time, and a service project.  
**Time:** Registration will start at 9:30 am. The Gathering will be from 10:00 am until 4:15 pm.

Registration information will be released soon. We are working with our district Church Extension Fund to provide free registration for the non-member youth of your congregation. The hope is that students will invite their non-member friends to this District Event.