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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ RALLY DAY **8/26/27/23**

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Building on the Rock," Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday Evening, 6:30 p.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 575; 645; 623; 862

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 5 Hymns: 465; 467; 370; 625

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 575; 645; 861; 864; 862 (TLH Wording)

MUSIC: St. John's Sunday School children will sing "Jesus Loves Me" and "The Wise Man Built His House on a Rock" in this morning's service. Trent Twenhafel and Wyatt Shew will be greeters and Spencer Dunn will do the offering.

ATTENDANCE: (M) 83 (C) 10 Sunday School: 12 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 5 Weekday: 11

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, September 3rd.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this evening/morning is for Missionary Jason Stephenson & family. Use My Offering Envelope. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

ACOLYTE for September is Addison Knolhoff.

USHERS for September are: Chad Brinkmann, Stanley Renth, Kent Schuette and Dean Sprehe.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PIANO at St. John's this morning were given to the glory of God by Bob & Phyllis Jack in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary which is on September 1st.

THE MURAL to honor the memory of Mrs. Debra Lange, our beloved teacher and friend is done! It was hung in the cafeteria at Trinity-St. John School in thanksgiving to God for her love for children and commitment for Lutheran education. We have raised about 2/3 of the \$3500 needed. If you would like to help support this effort, please send checks to T-SJ 680 W Walnut, Nashville, IL 62263. Please write "Deb Lange Mural" on the memo line. We would love to have it hung before school starts! Thank you for your generous support!

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING of the LWML will be held at Bunkers Bar & Grill (Roland Memorial Golf Course) in Okawville on September 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will start with a meal followed by a brief meeting. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. Please let Judy Vogt or Eunice Witte know if you plan to attend.

Lutann Sprehe - St. John's Hosp, Springfield
Bob Jack - Good Samaritan, Mt. Vernon

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 27th-Sept 2nd, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Wayne Wessel was at Barnes, now home

Gene Knolhoff at Fireside Nursing Home for Rehab

Kristal & Rhett, daughter-in-law and grandson of Kathy Redeker. Rhett is hospitalized in Colorado after a premature birth

Lisa, daughter of Kathy Redeker, awaiting cancer surgery in the state of Washington

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) awaiting neck surgery

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann home; has begun kidney dialysis

Stanley Renth home awaiting chemotherapy

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Lola Wessel—in need of prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer

We Give Thanks That:

Marvin Miessner has been able to return home from FMNH on his 96th birthday.

Congratulations & God's Blessings to:

Bob & Phyllis Jack celebrating their 50th anniversary

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School
- Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call a pastor again

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, fires, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Marla Hempen 8-27; Andy Hoffman 9-2

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Jim & Mary McQuaid and Gene & Rita Schuette 8-27; Bob & Phyllis Jack and Carl & Grace Schuette 9-1; Kent & Jennifer Schuette 9-2

THE 20TH ANNUAL Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Tee Off Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, September 17, at Greenview Golf Course in Centralia. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. with Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. You can be a golfer (\$100 per person or \$400 for a team) or a sponsor. Hole Sponsor - \$100, Dinner Sponsor - \$300, Event Sponsor - \$650. To sponsor or sign up please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

LWML/SID FALL RETREAT "Peace for my Soul--now and forever!" September 30, 2023, at Mariner's Village Resort in Carlyle. Registration 9 a.m. In-gathering of personal size, personal care items for the Blessing Box in Pinckneyville and Matthew 25 in Carlyle. Registration fee \$15. See flyer on bulletin board.

THEOLOGICAL BOOKS FOR UGANDA—Pastor Mueller and his son Jacob will be traveling to Uganda (Africa) Jan 25-Feb 11 to teach at the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda. Between Holy Cross, Emma, and St. John's, New Minden, we have already funded 25 copies of the *Lutheran Study Bible* for seminary students there. Thanks to all who have contributed! Now we are working on the purchase of copies of *Concordia – The Lutheran Confessions A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord*. This book contains the documents (such as the Augsburg Confession, Small and Large Catechism, Formula of Concord) according to which every Lutheran pastor pledges to preach and teach, because they accurately lay out the teachings of the Bible. If God leads you to participate, please give the money directly to Pastor Mueller. Checks can be made out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church" (where Jacob serves) with "Uganda Books" in the memo line.

BIBLES FOR SECOND GRADERS: We are in need of "Growing in Faith" Bibles which we give to the children in the second grade on their baptismal birthday. The cost is \$32.99. Anyone who desires to pay for one or more Bibles, please contact LuAnn.

CHRISTOLOGICAL, CREEDAL, CONFSSIONAL... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Biblical Archeology, From Calvinism to Lutheranism, Biblical Masculinity, Evangelism and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

OFFERING this evening/morning (M) is for Pastor Jason and Anna Marie Stephenson LCMS Theological Educator in Tanzania. (This is one of the mission projects approved at the April Voters' Meeting.) You might remember that Jason vicared at Trinity, Hoffman, a few years ago. We had him on our prayer list for a long time when he suffered from a head injury. After graduating, he served a dual parish in Oklahoma from 2019-2022. Anna Marie grew up in the Middle East on the mission field. Pastor Jason is learning Swahili so that he can help teach in that language at the new Lutheran seminary in Tanzania. (Jason is a gifted linguist.) For a long time the Lutheran church there has been requesting that the LCMS send them a professor to help train their pastors. Finally, here is someone willing and able to go! It costs about \$150,000 annually to send and maintain a missionary family in the field in that country—with all the transportation, education costs, medical evacuation insurance, etc. We have committed to provide \$1000 this year. This will be paid out of this weekend's offering, supplemented by the "Mission Projects Fund" as needed.

COLLECTION FOR SAVERS DRIVE is officially scheduled for August 1-October 1 in T-SJ Gym. Loading should take place Thursday, Oct. 5. Delivery will be 10 a.m. on October 7. Soft goods (clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, etc.) should be in 13 gallon bags. Questions: Contact Janice Lange @ 618-314-0691.

THE FAMILY OF EUNICE WITTE would like to invite you to come to the Fellowship Hall after church on September 3rd for refreshments in celebration and thanksgiving of her 80th birthday which will be September 20th.

"SERVING THE LORD IN TANZANIA"—NEWS FROM THE STEFFENSON FAMILY: Copies of the August newsletter for Pastor Jason Steffenson and family are in the window in the narthex and on the Bible Class table in the Fellowship Hall.

13th Sunday after Pentecost + Rally Day

August 27, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois
Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *LSB 575*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 184-185*

INTROIT *spoken responsively [Psalm 78:1-7, 34:11, 8-10; Antiphon: Ps. 78:1]*

P: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

C: **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

P: I will open my mouth in a parable;

C: **I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

P: Things that we have heard and known,

C: **That our fathers have told us.**

P: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,

C: **And the wonders that He has done.**

P: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,

C: **Which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children,**

P: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

C: **And arise and tell them to their children,**

P: So that they should set their hope in God

C: **And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments....**

P: Come, O children, listen to me;

C: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C: **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints,
C: **For those who fear Him have no lack!**

P: The young lions suffer want and hunger;
C: **But those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
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: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
C: **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

KYRIE *LSB 186*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 51:1-6*

L: ¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³ For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places

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and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ "Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33 – 12:8*

L: ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith

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that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONGS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN:

“Jesus Loves Me”

“The Wise Man Built His House upon the Rock”

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. the 16th chapter.

C: *(Sing:)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(Sing:)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192 or inside back cover

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: “Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

SERMON: “Building on the Rock” *Matthew 16:13-20*

HYMN: “Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

HYMN: “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

LSB 864

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY TEACHERS AND STAFF

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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BENEDICTION [LSB 202]

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up
His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *(Sing:)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Oh, Blest the House" TLH 625 / LSB 862

1. **Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How dark and poor and void it were!**
2. **Oh, blest that house where faith ye find
And all within have set their mind
To trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!**
3. **Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost!
May none to them and heaven be lost!**
4. **Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.**
5. **Then here will I and mine today
A solemn covenant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!**

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This Week :Aug 27th-Sept 3rd, 2023

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO

Monday 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
7:30 p.m. Historical Society

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC

Saturday NO Worship at NM

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7
10:00 a.m. Worship at NM w/HC
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377
and Channel 18 on Cable TV