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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/LWML SUNDAY **10/1/23**

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: (Pastor Biaggi)

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

P. 5 Hymns: 235; 331; 114; 261

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

LSB 203-212 Hymns: 913; 614; (622 vv 1-4; 900; 525; 617); 655

ATTENDANCE: (M) 198 (C) 13 Sunday School: 26 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 6 Weekday: 10

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, October 8th, is for Lutheran Braille Workers (Braille Center 315). All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

BIDS are now being solicited for church janitor, school janitor and cemetery caretaker. If interested, give bid to Chairman Dean Sprehe or one of the trustees, Roger Vogt, Jeff Hoffman, Gary Maschhoff or Mark Meinert before the voters meeting October 26th.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be celebrated Sunday, November 5th. We will have a prayer of thanks for God's blessings upon those who have gone home to heaven in the past year. The names of all those members who have departed will be read, and we invite members of St. John's and St. Luke's to submit the names of dear Christian friends and relatives who died in the faith between November 2, 2022 and October 31, 2023, who were not members of St. John's or St. Luke's. Please give these names and the date of death to LuAnn Sprehe no later than November 1st so that we may include their names in the prayer as well.

SEMINARY FOOD BANK COLLECTION: St. John's LWML is sponsoring a collection for Concordia Seminary students and their families throughout the month of October. Nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products are solicited. See the box in the Fellowship Hall.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY: Washington County Right to Life is sponsoring the Right to Life Chain for one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Route 15 and Route 127 in Nashville. This is a reminder for all the cars that pass by that unborn babies are precious in God's sight. There are prayers and songs on the back of the posters that read "Jesus Loves Children," "Stop Abortion," "Adoption Not Abortion," etc. We will meet on the parking lot behind Lee's at 1:45 p.m. Please come.

SAVE THE DATE: The 13th Annual Okawville Music Festival is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS to Jon & Amanda Stevenson (C) on the birth of a baby girl, Corrina Rose, in Indiana on September 21st.

- Farm Safety
- LWML

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF October 1-7th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Corrina Rose Stevenson, daughter of Jon and Amanda Stevenson (C), at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN

Larry Brinkmann now home under the care at SLU for liver cancer

Gene Knolhoff at Fireside Nursing Home for Rehab

Bob Jack diagnosed with prostate cancer - Lung biopsy on Wed

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

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home

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

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

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

Wayne & Lola Wessel—in need of prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Stanley Renth started chemotherapy

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 she received a good cat scan report.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

MISSION PRAYERS:

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

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, floods, fires, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Bennet Witte 10-1; George Hansen & Jeff Hoffman 10-2; Eunice Witte 10-3; Allie Ravanesi 10-4; Jackie Harper & Jennifer Dunn 100-5; Madelyn Brink 10-6

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Angie & Steve Kohlbrecher 10-2

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, BELLEVILLE, is planning to present "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel for their concert on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. This will include the Christmas portions and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah." Zion's music ministry invites anyone who would like to join them for this event to come and sing with them. The music from Handel's Messiah is more challenging, so they are beginning earlier with rehearsals. They will have "Messiah Wednesdays" on the first and third Wednesdays during October beginning at 7:00 p.m. During November and December rehearsals will be every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (except November 22nd) or after the advent services which would be around 7:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be in the church balcony. This is open to individuals 6th grade and older who enjoy singing! If interested, contact Dawn Tayon, Director of Music at Zion, at 314-239-8240.

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... You can listen to the new audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to issuesetc.org, enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to "I Trust When Dark My Road." This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

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.

OKAWVILLE COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY begins in October at the Original Springs Hotel (in the Lions Room). This happens on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. October studies will be led by Pastor Eric Wood of Immanuel, Okawville. All are welcome.

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost / LWML Sunday

October 1, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Four

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, **are asked first to speak with the Pastor.** (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.

HYMN: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" *LSB 913*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 203*

PSALM: Psalm 25 *spoken responsively* *LSB 25*

KYRIE *LSB 204*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

P: ¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-18

P: ¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by

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becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

P: ²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first,” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN: “‘As Surely as I Live,’ God Said”

LSB 614

SERMON:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208-212

During the Distribution, we will sing the following hymns, as time allows:

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” *sts. 1-4* *LSB 622*

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” *LSB 900*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525*

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” *LSB 617*

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

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This Week : Oct 1st-8th, 2023

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO
2-3:00 p.m. Life Chain at Intersection of Rt 15 and
127
5:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

Monday NO. GriefShare
7:30 p.m. Historical Society

Mon-Tue SID Pastors' Conference at Pierre Marquette

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion
7:00 p.m. BOCE at TSJ

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC
1:30 p.m. Bible Study in FH

Saturday 9-1:00 p.m. Christ Our Song Lessons in FH
9-3:00 p.m. "Apologetics 101" Workshop at Zion,
Mascoutah
NO Worship at NM

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's w/HC
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. Sunday Worship at NM
10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377
and Channel 18 on Cable TV
5:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class