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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.3.25

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.

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

TLH 5 Hymns: 430; 26; 425; 400

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

LSB 203-212 Hymns: 730; 797; (636, vv1,3,5,7; 732, 783; 781);
861

ATTENDANCE: (M) 95 Saturday: 10 (C) 40 Sunday School:
N/A Adult Bible Class: Weekday: 9

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

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, August 10th, is for the Building Fund.

ALTAR FLOWERS at St. John's this morning were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Valeria Rueter who went to her heavenly home 10 years ago on August 6th. These were given by her family.

WELCOME & GOD'S BLESSINGS to Chris, Heidi, Gretchen and Gus Schmitz who came to us by transfer from Our Savior, Fenton, MO, on July 31st. We welcome them and pray God's richest blessings on them.

A BRIEF ACOLYTE MEETING will be held after the service this morning.

THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER is now available in the FH. Please pick up your copy.

WRITE IN ON YOUR CALENDAR: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer (former Lutheran Hour speaker and President emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) has agreed to be our speaker for our next Confirmation Reunion, July 26, 2026, "If I'm alive and able" he says

THERE WILL BE NO Thursday afternoon Bible Study during the month of August.

SAVER DRIVE WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST:

For this year's Savers Drive we will accept some added items. Soft goods (clothing, shoes, purses, rugs, etc.) will need to be placed in 13- gallon bags.

We will also accept other items this year. Household items (dishes, decor, etc.) must be placed in boxes labeled "Household," and books and media (cd's, movies, etc.) should be placed in boxes labeled "Books/Media." All boxes must have a lid or close so that they can be stacked. Donations will be accepted after the gym is painted.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF-Aug 3rd-9th, 2025

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Chaarlie Shupe—friend of Cheryl Zapp---suffered a football injury at Mt Vernon High School

Jonathan Mueller—brother of Pastor Mueller—recovering from hip replacement surgery

Dean Boester recuperating at home following stroke and open-heart surgery

Marilyn Stevenson (C) has returned home

Alyssa Rhine hospitalized at Barnes

Tanya Agan—CORLHS Bookkeeper—Diagnosed with cancer; beginning treatments

Dawn Mueller recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Bobby Pryor—cousin of Bryan Wessel—home but still in need of prayers

Ray Hausler at Sunrise of Westmont, 407 West 63rd St, Westmont, IL 60559. He still needs prayers for increased strength.

Theresa Santos—mother-in-law of Dave Ibendahl's cousin Doug—released from hospital to rehab facility. Her family appreciates all our prayers.

Marvin Miessner in the 500 wing at FMNH for more care

Haeli Williamson—former neighbor of St. John's and friend of Jessica Spenner--has returned home under home health. A little better each day

Don Caves—Son-in-law of Agnes Boehning and nephew of Dorothy Lange & Eunice Witte—taking chemo

Jim Schleben—Pastor's brother-in-law—brain tumor

Albert Gallatin (C) ongoing health issues

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) recuperating from neck surgery

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—very ill
Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS

AILMENTS:

Amanda Jack—cousin of Jennifer Dunn—taking chemo for breast cancer

Jaxton Westbrook—student at Irvington Grade School—taking chemo for leukemia

Frances Kasten—kindergarten teacher at Trinity, Hoyleton, chemo

Brent Maschhoff—New Minden neighbor—dealing with pancreatic cancer

Mike Curry—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—on experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—awaiting more treatments

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

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Books for Haiti through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (our Sunday School mission Project)
- Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

The People suffering after tornadoes, fires, floods, hurricanes, wars and other disasters

Welcome & God's Blessings to:

Chris, Heidi, Gretchen & Gus Schmitz

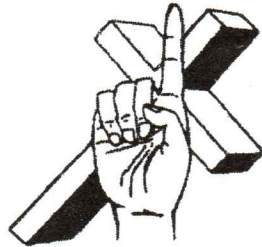
BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS Grace Ezell 8-3; Charlotte & Oliver McQuaid, & Becky Brinkmann 8-5; Ryan Spenner 8-6; Owen Dunn & Aurora Spenner 8-7; Ron Hoffman 8-8; Ervin Funke 8-9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Albert & Jennifer Gallatin (C)

8-6 Hollie & Jed Finley 8-8

"TELL THE GOOD NEWS FEARLESSLY!"

"Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'" (Isaiah 40:9).



*A Multi-Generational Workshop by
Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (O AFC) at*

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Hoffman, Illinois
Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**The purpose of the day is for youth and adults to gain
confidence in sharing their faith *by doing it*.**

- We begin at **9:00 a.m.** and conclude by attending the **6:00 p.m.** worship service at Trinity.
- We will study the Bible (please bring yours) and do some singing, and also work on some or all of the following:
 - How to present the Gospel in a simple way
 - How to lead a Bible study with your friends
 - How to prepare a personal testimony
 - How to put on a puppet show or a Christian drama
 - Unlike some other O AFC events, we will ***not*** be doing a door-to-door survey, but we do plan to visit a local nursing home to use what we have learned.
- No cost; lunch and supper are provided.
- Led by Rev. Dr. Jeff Nehrt and Pastor Tim Mueller.
- If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Tim Mueller (618-314-3972) so that we can make plans.
- All ages are invited; children 5th grade and younger should be accompanied by an adult.

*Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ is a Recognized Service Organization
of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*

CLINTON COUNTY HCE PRESENTS: "BASIC BREAD AND BEYOND!" Join us for a special presentation by Fr.

Dominic Garramone, Benedictine monk and PBS TV host, on Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese, IL.

Fr. Dominic is known for his high-energy, entertaining, and educational cooking demonstrations. His cookbooks and other specialty items from Saint Bede Abbey will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$20.00, and pre-registration is requested. Proceeds will support community projects through Clinton County HCE.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 618-594-3669, contact any HCE board member, or visit the Clinton County Extension Office in Breese.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH in Centralia is having a Balloon Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, August 16, from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall building. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, fruit, and more! Adult tickets are \$10, Children (10 and under) are \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Trinity at (618) 532-2614 or they can also be purchased at the door. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors for the Trinity Breakfast and enjoy other Balloon Fest activities during the weekend!

TRINITY LUTHERAN, HOFFMAN is seeking a Preschool Aide for the 2025-26 school year. Hours are 8am-11:30am, Monday – Friday, and the wage is \$16.65/hour. Anyone who is interested should please contact either the School Office at (618) 495-2246 or Melodie Ainslie, chair of the Board of Education, at (618) 495-2673.

2025 Finance Report

	Home Collections			Synod Collections		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
January	25,451	22,532	(2,919)	1,584	885	(699)
February	25,451	14,874	(10,577)	1,584	1,515	(69)
March	25,451	13,465	(11,986)	1,584	2,055	471
April	25,451	21,518	(3,933)	1,584	2,845	1,261
May	25,451	12,646	(12,805)	1,584	1,515	(69)
June	25,451	30,366	4,915	1,584	1,315	(269)
	Year-to-date			Year-to-date		
	152,706	115,400	(37,306)	9,504	10,130	626

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost + August 3, 2025 + 10:00 a.m.

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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: "What Is the World to Me"

LSB 730

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

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, Of 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.

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.**

PSALM: Psalm 100 *spoken responsively*

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

P: Know that the LORD, He is God!

C: **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C: **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

P: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C: **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 (Sing:) *LSB 204*

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Sing:) *LSB 204*

1. **To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, heav'nly King.**
2. **To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**
3. **For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

P: ^{1:1} The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ...

^{1:12} I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind....

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

^{2:24} There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who

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can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-11

P: ¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

C: *(Sing:)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

P: ¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED (*all*)

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.

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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.

HYMN: "Praise the Almighty"

LSB 797

SERMON: "Rich Toward God" *Luke 12:13-21*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208-212

During the Distribution, we will begin with the following hymn:

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" *LSB 636 / TLH 305*

1. **Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded.
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
3. **He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.**

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5. **Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.**

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7. **Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

Other distribution hymns, as time allows:

"All Depends on Our Possessing"	<i>LSB 732</i>
"Take My Life and Let It Be"	<i>LSB 783</i>
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"	<i>LSB 781</i>

CLOSING HYMN: "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB 861*

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THIS WEEKJ Aug 3rd--10th,2025

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM Acolyte Mtg After Service 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE
Monday	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Tuesday	4:00 p.m. (C) voters' Mtg in FH 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. BOCE
Thursday	SID Day of Spiritual Renewal at Zion, Belleville
Saturday	9:00 a.m. One-Day OAFB Workshop at Trinity, Hoffman 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christ Our Song Piano Lessons NO Worship
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at C 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. Worship at NM 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV 5:00 Opening Service for School