



And said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, PULASKI, WI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### AS WE GATHER:

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus’ disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.



### OPENING HYMN **Built on the Rock**

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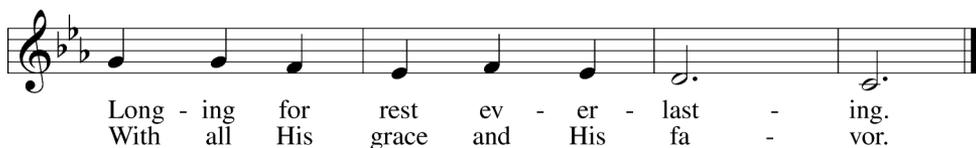
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1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,



5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”



## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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**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.

**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.



- 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 - shipped 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray, O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You. Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation. We pray this 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 (The watchman warns the wicked to turn from his way.) Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

S t. Matthew 18:1–20

(Jesus calls the children of God to humility and repentance.)

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives Me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

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

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

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**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.





1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me  
 2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and  
 3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on His  
 4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of  
 righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His  
 chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All  
 yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose  
 yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we  
 who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
 in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry  
 mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite  
 pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the  
 dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and  
 spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as  
 flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but  
 cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -



care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who  
 heav'n a - bove us, As down from close of day, So  
 through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We  
 ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our



leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.  
 far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.  
 with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.  
 life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*  
Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**P** The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [psalm 136]

**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.

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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:



**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!

**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. . .

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**A** 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**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



**AGNUS DEI**

**C** 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

**Please remain in your seat until Pastor invites you forward.**

If this is your first visit with us, please note our communion statement [on page 13](#). We also ask that you please speak with our Pastor before communing, thank you.

## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## HYMN

### Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to—  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.



1 O God, for-sake me not! Your gra-cious pres-ence lend me;  
 2 O God, for-sake me not! Take not Your Spir-it from me;  
 3 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, hear my sup-pli-ca-tion!  
 4 O God, for-sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for-ev-er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho-ly Spir-it send me  
 Do not per-mit the might Of sin to o-ver-come me.  
 In ev-ry e-vil hour Help me re-sist temp-ta-tion;  
 O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev-er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
 In-crease my fee-ble faith, Which You a-lone have wrought.  
 And when the prince of hell My con-science seeks to blot,  
 Grant me a bless-ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for-sake me not!  
 O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for-sake me not!  
 Be then not far from me— O God, for-sake me not!  
 Help me in life and death— O God, for-sake me not!

HYMN **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne We pour our ar-dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu-tual woes, Our mu-tual bur-dens bear,  
 4 When here our path-ways part, We suf-fer bit-ter pain;  
 5 From sor-row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a-bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
 And of-ten for each oth-er flows The sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a-gain.  
 And per-fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.  
 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 & BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.



*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN Take My Live and Let It Be** Public domain **LSB 783**



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.



## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

*those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...*

**Those in need of our prayers:** Doug Clements, Barb Dyer, Becky Haltaufderheid, Linda Kolzow, Kevin Kraemer, Richard Lanke, Riley Lestrud, Barb Schroeder, Bob Townsend & Bev Wagner

**Our Shut-Ins:** Bill & Willie Burmeister, Shirley Folkman, Juliana Gerrits, and Cheryl Szczepanski

**Those Grieving:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Larry Yaw & family as they mourn the passing of his great uncle, Lee Spurgeon.

**Our Military:** We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army), **Zach Marohnic** (Marine Reserves) and for the men and women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

**Those Celebrating...**

**Birthdays:** **Sept 7:** Brad Juedes, Lisa La May, Rick Schlender

**Sept 8:** Kevin Carlson **Sept 9:** Larry Slaght

**Sept 10:** Nancy Bogacz, Bryce Lindroth, Todd McGuire

**Sept 11:** Cathy Hartman, Jay Marohnic **Sept 12:** Stella Brassfield, Sawyer Frelich



**Anniversaries:** **Sept 8:** Brad & Tracey Juedes **Sept 12:** Dan & Darlene Bonnin

**Weddings:** We celebrate with Jared & Allison (Reed) Pankow as they begin their life together as husband and wife. May God continue to bless their lives and their new marriage.

### **BULLETINS SPONSORED BY:**

Brad & Tracey Juedes in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.



#### **NOTE FOR THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE**

Our practice of close communion is the Biblical & Historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word & for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body & blood of Christ in, with, & under the bread & wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29).

Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) & the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship & doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS church are asked to please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing.

If you're not communing this morning, but still desire to come forward for a blessing; please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest so the pastor may give you a blessing.



*“By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”* <sup>1</sup>John 3:16-18

**TALK IS CHEAP!**

**DON'T JUST SAY YOU SUPPORT LIFE – INSTEAD SHOW IT!**

Join Area Lutherans as we make the Love of Christ known by our deeds during “40 Days for Life” which begins Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Join area Lutherans weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm as we pray for an end to abortion.**

Use your lunch hour to share the truth of God's love. We pray outside the Green Bay Planned Parenthood located next to Red Robin on South Oneida Street.

**Become a voice for the voiceless –today!**





## CARING FOR THE LEAST!

Who is considered least in the eyes of the world? An unborn child, that's who.

In abortion, the unborn are neglected even before taking their first breath. Sadly, society has degraded the life of the unborn and we have grown numb to the cries of the unborn and

innocent. But it doesn't have to be that way; won't you join us in speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves, looking with mercy upon those considered least among us all?

Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd - Sunday, November 1st join area Christians for "40 Days for Life" in giving a prayer and peaceful witness to the value of all life.

Join your brothers & sisters from area Lutheran Churches on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm during the above time frame to pray together, encourage one another, and give faithful witness to the value of all.

Consider using your day off or lunch break to join Pastor Yaw (St. John, Pulaski) and others as we speak for those whose voices have been silenced and pray for an end to abortion. Let us not forget about the many women who have been hurt by the lies of abortion and pray they know of God's love and forgiveness that is found only in Jesus.

### CAN'T JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:00 - 2:00PM?

Well, then take some time at your work or school desk to offer a prayer for the safety of those who are walking, as well as those hurt by abortion. **Stop by after work or anytime & join other area Christians in peaceful prayer.**

This peaceful prayer takes place on the sidewalk between Red Robin & Panera Bread next to Oneida St.. in Ashwaubenon.

If you'd like more information or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact: your pastor or Pastor Yaw from St. John Lutheran in Pulaski ([pastor.yaw@netnet.net](mailto:pastor.yaw@netnet.net)) or contact your church's life leader.

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