

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Divine Service Setting 1, LSB pg. 151

The Sermon: "That's Not Right!"

The Text: Matthew 18:1-20

The Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
LSB 902

The Sermon Hymn: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
LSB 707

The Communion Hymns (8:00 a.m.):
"God Loved the World" LSB 571
"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" LSB 867
"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

The Closing Hymn: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
LSB 805

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Limping with God</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Evening Guild	2:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study - <i>Noah</i>	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Acolyte Class	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation Orientation Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Aid	1:00 PM
Thursday	Lutheran Laymen's League	5:00 PM
Saturday	Back to School Bash	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class - <i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>	9:30 AM
Worship (Comm.)	10:30 AM

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning were given by Helen Frith in loving memory of her husband, Ed.

TODAY we start our fall education programs. All teachers in our education programs (Sunday School, Release Time Classes, ABC Preschool and Bible studies) will be installed at the 8:00 a.m. service.

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON is "Handmade - Adam and Eve." Sunday School will begin today with an opening in the sanctuary for all children, pre-school thru 8th grade following the 8:00 a.m. service. Parents are encouraged to join your children for the opening. There will be root beer floats at the end of class.

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "Not Just a Formality" (Psalm 32) with Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message, "A Hard Pill to Swallow" based on Romans 13:1-7. *This Is the Life:* "Tina" – Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)."

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Pastor Neubauer leads a study on the Luther's Small Catechism in the social hall. Pastor Berg will lead the youth group (grades 9-12) in the youth room. Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Neubauer continues "Limping with God-Jacob and the Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship" in the library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. join Pastor Berg in the library for "Noah-The Man, The Ark, The Flood." Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. starting September 28 Pastor Neubauer will teach an eight week adult instruction course on the Lutheran faith. This class is geared toward people who are interested in joining St. Johns but it's open to everyone.

CHECK OUT the free book rack in the front lobby. There might be something of interest to you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Ladies Aid meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. A representative from Heartland Group Homes will speak and share details about the history of their group homes, what services they provide, eligibility, and more. All interested individuals are invited.

THE ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN LAYMENS LEAGUE will hold its Annual Steak Fry and membership drive on Thursday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m. All men of St. Johns are cordially invited to attend and learn more about our active men's group. Just bring a steak and be prepared to grill and eat and have fellowship with other men of our congregation.

A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will be held this Saturday, September 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for 5th-7th graders. There will be food, fun, and an opportunity to have a great time with new and old friends. Looking forward to seeing you there.

EACH ONE REACH ONE, a free evangelism seminar, will be held at Trinity Lutheran, New York Mills on Saturday, September 23. The focus is on passing the faith down to our children and grandchildren. Please let the office know if you plan on attending by September 10. If we have enough people we will take the bus.

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER for either funeral luncheon services or Sunday morning coffee? If you are currently on one or both lists, please let the church office or Connie Fondow know if your phone number has changed within the last year. Also, let us know if your ability or desire to serve on either of these committees has changed by calling the office (218-732-9783) or Connie (218-330-1684). If you would like to continue to serve, no call is necessary.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEETS are available by the office. The form is also available on our website to download. We're starting to have some filled out and returned to church. If you need help with the form or have questions, please talk to one of the pastors.

LAST SUNDAY: Att.: 8:00 - 116. 10:30 - 66. Total - 182.
Offering: Unified: - \$5,998.00. Unified Electronic - \$1,807.20.
Plate - \$756.00. Higher Learning - \$25.00. ABC School - \$300.00. Release Time - \$100.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00.
Total - \$9,086.20.

NOON SERVICE: Att. - 24.