The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 3, 2023



Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other quests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessina.

We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the

chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.





Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who the little children prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.





Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.

Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist: Rev. Joseph McCalley Preacher: Rev. Brian Thieme

Elders: (8:00) Jim Cherrington | (10:30) John Frerking

Ushers: (8:00) Hunter Kevil & Kyle Dickes

(10:30) Rob Crouch & Eddie Sterling

Oraanist: Joanna McDowell

Altar Guild: Carol Squires & Carolyn Trigg

Order of Service: Divine Service IV – LSB 203

Bells' Call to Worship Word of Welcome Organ Prelude Hymn of Invocation

LSB 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- **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?
- 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.

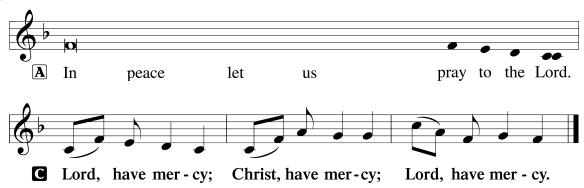
Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

- P Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.
- He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- 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 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.
- P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



- 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-shiped 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

- **P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,
- for those who fear him lack nothing!
- P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Romans 12:9–21

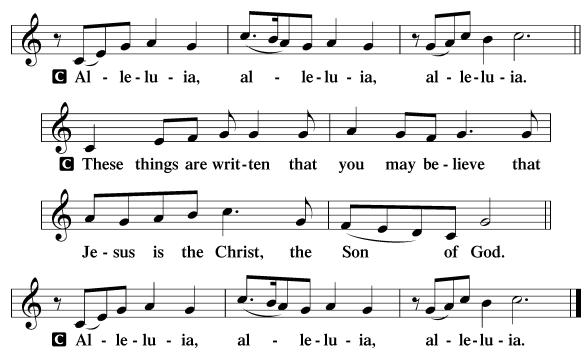
⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21–28

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are

some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.

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.

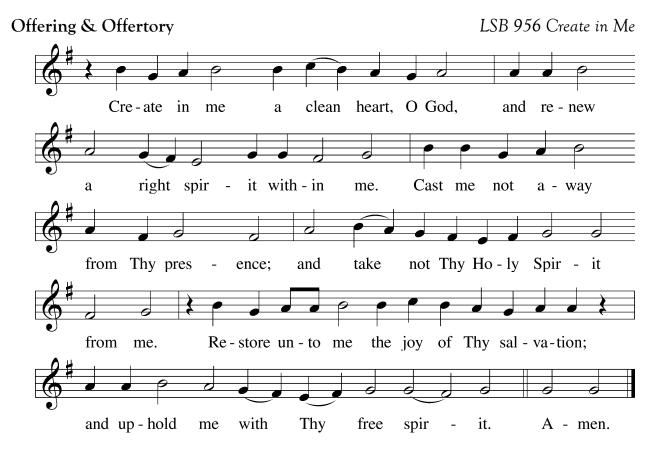
Sermon Hymn

LSB 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



"Take Up Our Cross Daily and Follow Him Wherever He Leads" Sermon Matthew 16:21-28

Prayer of the Church

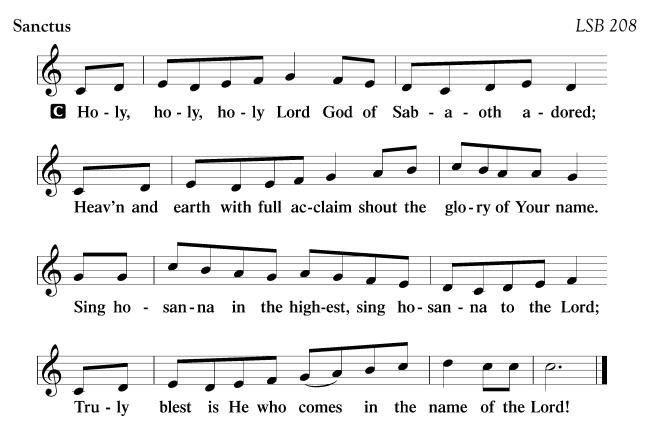


Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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. 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

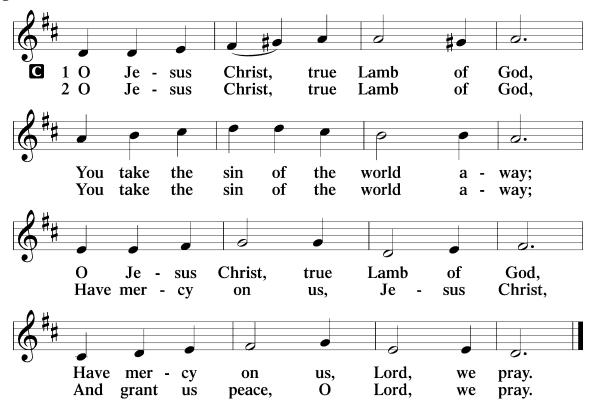
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

Distribution

Lord





- Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

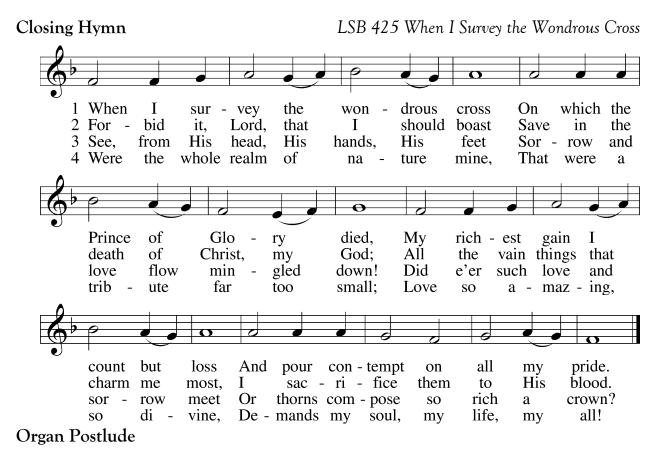
Benedicamus LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.
- C Amen.



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September 3 & 4, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Dennis & Patti Haubein in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 9/3

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

9:30 a.m.—Sun. School

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

Monday 9/4

Labor Day

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Tuesday 9/5

5:30 p.m.—Bd. Of Early Childhood Ed.

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

6:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry

6:30 p.m.—Bd. of Christian Ed.

Wednesday 9/6

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

1:30 p.m.—Dying Well

Thursday 9/7

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

6:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

Friday 9/8

Pastors' day off

Saturday 9/9

4:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice

<u>Sunday 9/10</u>

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study

10:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

30th Anniversary Dinner for Pastor Thieme

In praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church for sending faithful laborers into His harvest, please join us for the 30th Anniversary of Ordination and Installation into the Office of the Holy Ministry of Rev. Brian K. Thieme

> Divine Service Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

RSVP'd dinner and program of celebration to follow worship.

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Greek for the Lutheran Armchair Theologian (GLAT) switching

back to Mondays at 1:15 pm. If you were hesitant to come or feel the class is too far along to catch up, don't let that stop you! Everyone is welcome to poke their heads in for a day, or give it a longer try. Come for one session to see and hear the New Testament in its original language. While we are studying grammar, we're also reading one or two verses from the Sunday gospel and epistle lessons and discussing these more like a Bible study. Even you don't like diagramming sentences, your sure to enjoy a deeper study of the Biblical texts.

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one or know someone who is? Please consider joining our Grief Share group.

We will watch a video from GS each week & then have discussion (optional) after. The GS classes will be Thursday Sept 7th & each Thursday until Dec 7th, from 7pm-9pm.

To sign up, visit the GS website www.griefshare.org/findagroup.

Any questions, please call/text Kevin Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.



Ladies' Bible Study & Story Telling

Through story telling the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write the first books of the Bible. Jesus used parables to teach us how to live and understand our lives as His followers. In this Bible study we will get to know some of the women of the

Bible, their stories and experiences. We will explore how we can share their story with others. Whether it be encouragement, endurance, grief, or love their stories are a gift; a gift that is meant to be shared. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Questions? Contact Chris Bailey at 573-639-0727 or email at vanity411@yahoo.com.



Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each

month in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Our September ingathering is school supplies. Come join us on 9/13!

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most Sundays at 5pm. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at





Hosts Still Needed!

(708) 532-3358.

We are hoping to start up Sunday fellowship time (coffee and donuts) on September 17th but we still need more volunteers to host. Our goal would be to have 10 to 12 host couples (or individuals) to set-up, host, and then clean up. Your help would only be required about one Sunday every two months. It's easy, it's fun, and your

reward is seeing a smile on a Sunday school student's face when they pick out that special donut amongst the many. If you can do only set-up, that's ok. If you can do only clean-up, that's ok. We can work as a team to get it all done. Please sign up on the office hallway bulletin board to let us know of your interest. We will contact you and, if necessary, walk you through the process to get you started. Please con-sider helping out and being an occasional fellowship time host. Thank you.



The Life Team has wonderful news! All seats for the Life Network banquet at the Trinity table have been filled! Remember you can always buy your own ticket and attend. The banquet will be held on Friday, September 15th at The Crossing Church. 3615 Southland Drive, Columbia. Please RSVP by Friday, September 8th by calling 573-874-3561 or online at

www.lifenetworkfriends.com. Tickets are \$25 per person. Doors open at 5:30, dinner begins at 5:45 and the program begins at 6:30.

We have set a date for the speaker from Missouri Right to Life! It is Sunday, October 8th at 12:15 after the late service. The speaker is Susan Klein who is the lobbyist for MRL. She will speak for 30 to 40 minutes and tell us everything about the initiative petition drive which is making its way through the Missouri courts. These petitions, if passed, will undo all the work of prolife people through the decades to keep Missouri women and children safe and will help enshrine abortion on demand in the Missouri constitution. Please plan to attend; and please note a meal will be served. Hope to see many of you there.

Blessings the Life Team



Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

-Martin Luther

Chinese BBQ has been updated to YOUTH BBQ & FELLOWSHIP Sunday, September 17, 2023

PLACE: Fellowship Hall and West Side of Church

TIME: 3:00PM to 6PM

COMMITMENT: FREE!

CONTACT: Please contact Pastor McCalley to let him know your coming so we can plan for food.

Come for an afternoon of grilling, fellowship and games. We'll have a corn hole tournament and enjoy the afternoon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

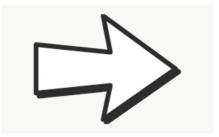
Sunday, September 17 Youth BBQ & Fellowship

Saturday, October 14: Trivia Night

Sunday, October 29: Trunk or Treat

TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING!!

Check out all the details!



YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR SECOND ANNUAL

TRIVA

- ♦ STARTS AT 5PM
- **♦ TABLES INCLUDE SNACKS**
- **♦ DINNER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**
- ◆ PRIZES FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

Format

- ♦ 6 Rounds of 7 questions
- ♦ Final round with wager
- ♦ Mulligans \$4 per question

Recommended Team Size 4-6

Registration Cost \$20/Table

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD ADOPTING A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS AT COYOTE HILL

Please submit the following information, any and all questions, to revmccalley@trinity-lcms.org by October 12, 2023:

Looking for a team? Reach out and we'll make sure you have one!





























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2201 W Rollins Rd. Columbia Mo

MOVIE: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

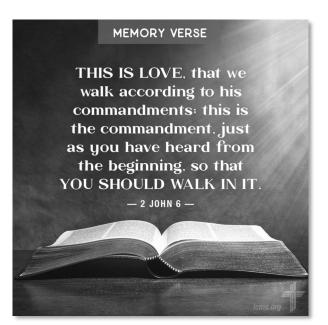
Don't forget to bring your blankets and lawn chairs!



Come and worship with us! Sundays at 8 & 10:30 Mondays at 6PM

Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying Concordia: **Bible Study**The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition), starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes.



Life Thoughts

September 3 – Pentecost XIV (Proper 17A) – Our bodies and lives are on loan from Almighty God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name (Jeremiah 15:16) from fertilization to forever. So He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

Stewardship & Scripture

Mon's

September 3 – Proper 17 Matthew 16:26 – "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

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Lectionary Preview Study

Prepare for next week: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10, 2023

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7-9

- 1. Verse 8 places a weighty task on Ezekiel. Yet, such responsibility extends to those who are entrusted with preaching and teaching God's Word, pastors. What other vocation is entrusted with teaching the Word of God and calling? See the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism *To Parents* (pg. 35 in the 2017 version).
- 2. Look at Ezekiel 3:17-19, it is nearly identical to these verses. What is the purpose of Ezekiel's prophetic task?
- 3. Vv. 8 and 9 emphasize the urgency of preaching the gospel, and indeed we pray our church may preach and teach to all who will listen. Where does our concern find rest when there is opposition to the message, according to v. 9?
- 4. There is a unique difference in the audience between chapters 3 and 33. In 3:16, how many people hear Ezekiel's charge? How many hear Ezekiel's charge from God in 33:1? How do the people who hear respond, 33:30-33?

Psalm 32:1-7

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

- 5. There seems to be change in the topic after verse 7. St. Paul seems to shift from the government to love. The whole point in vv.1-10, though, is the instruction to not be indebted as men (under the government and civil law), but as Christians. The Christian' debt is acts of love, freely given, not acts of compulsion necessitated by the laws of the state.
- 6. What's the main point of St. Paul's instruction regarding obedience to the authorities, according to v. 5? Why is a clean conscience important for the Christian?

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

- 7. The disciples are asking for a personal answer about greatness, and they're expecting a personal answer. Jesus does indeed give one, by using the child, but what attitude of the heart is he pointing to? Ps. 51:17. What comes with an attitude of humility? Proverbs 11:2.
- 8. In verses 8 and 9, Jesus repeats his teaching from 5:29, 30. We remember, though, sin does not reside in the hand or eye, but where? Matthew 15:19. The application of this teaching is how we use our bodies. How does Romans 6:13-14 help tie this all together?
- 9. Verses 15-20 provide opportunity for meditation on the 8th commandment. Sin should not be made public. Rather, the Christian is to carefully and gently, correct the erring brother in private. And if the circumstances require, but then, and only then, should sin be made public. Why? What is our duty to our neighbor regarding his name and reputation, according to the meaning of the 8th commandment?

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644 The Church's One Foundation 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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