

Pentecost 13 September 4, 2022 Divine Service 4

Confession and Absolution

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for-get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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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?

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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

**My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!**

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your just decrees before me.**

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!

**I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!**

**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.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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- 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philemon 1–21

Greeting

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon's Love and Faith

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

The Cost of Discipleship

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Salt Without Taste Is Worthless

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-
spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He
His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our King, You counted the terrible cost of our salvation and sent Your Son to give His life on the cross. Inspire our hearts to trust fully in His sacrificial victory, that we would follow in His way through death and into eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Divine Shepherd, You give life to Your Church through Your Holy Word. Grant Your people always to walk in Your way and receive Your blessings as they serve You in this world and in the life to come. [*Bless all pastors, including _____.*] Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Good Lord, preserve us from the ways of the wicked, and prosper us in Your paths. We commend to You all who bear office in our land and ask You to make them a blessing to those they serve. Grant to us every joy in the calling You have given to us, that we might render service to You in our works of love toward our neighbor. Remember those in need of honest labor and daily bread, and give them gainful employment according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

P O Lord, give the strength of the Spirit to all who are suffering or in any kind of need, and especially to those we have been asked to remember, *[including _____]*, that they may all have the courage and will to take up their crosses and follow the Savior through suffering into the joys of life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have set before us life and death, blessing and curse in Your Holy Word. Now at the altar, through His own Word, Your Son sets before us His own body and blood. Grant that all who receive the Sacrament today might do so with prepared and penitent hearts, rejoicing in Your gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve us, O Lord, from all temptation and grant us faith, that we may rest all our prayers and the desires of our hearts in Your merciful arms, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

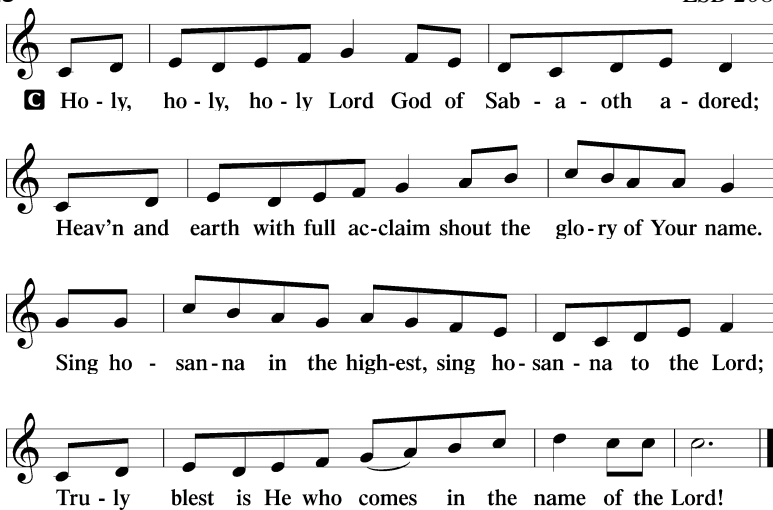
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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. 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:

Sanctus

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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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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

C 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

P 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

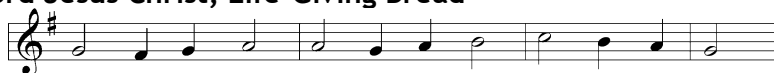
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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas-tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ-teous-ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress

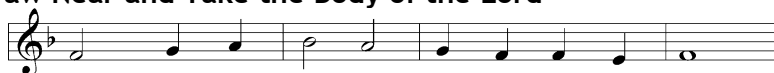


for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re-ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com-forts me That You re-ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Text and tune: Public domain

708 Lord, Thee I love with all My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And

has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from

heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg

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Nunc Dimittis

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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

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

Benediction

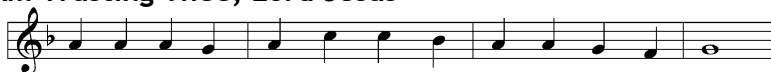
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow;
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy, Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Will begin on September 11, 2022
At 10:15 am in the Lutheran Student Center.

Bible Study: 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are
studying Book of Job

Thursday Bible Study: 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall we are
studying the Book of James

Tuesday LSF Bible Study: - Every Tuesday evening at
7:00pm Bible Study for the LSF students at the Lutheran
Student Center. We are currently studying –
HAS AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

Confirmation Classes: Will begin on September 14, 2022,
in the Lutheran Student Center from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Special Voter's Meeting: There will be a Special Voter's
Meeting after the service next Sunday September 11th. The
Council's concern for the congregation's safety causes them
to request the Voters consider approving the following
motion: The Council spending an additional \$24,200. From
the Endowment Fund for Parking Lot Lighting. '

Large print bulletins are now available. Please let an
usher know if you need one.

Leisure Lutheran Cards and Games every Thursday at
1:00 pm after Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to
participate.

New sign -up Sheets for 2022 and 2023 are on the wall

Communion Attendants, Oct. to Dec.

Sunday Morning Bible Class Snacks, Oct. to Dec.

Altar Guild Schedule for 2023. (Jan. to Dec.)

College Refreshment Snacks, Sept. to Dec.

September Newsletter: there are copies on the table in the narthex for you to take.

DORCAS/LWML mite collection will be this Sunday.

September 4. The mite collection box will be located in the narthex next to the pillar. All mite donations fund national and district LWML mission projects. To God be the Glory.

Fall Zone LWML Rally, Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sullivan, MO

Lutherans for Life: Messages from: Mary Wittmaier
LFL Rolla Chapter President

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, September 4,

"We all belong, first and foremost, to God. His creative and redemptive acts bring value and meaning to our lives. Because we belong to Him, He provides all we need. Or lives also belong to each other, and because we are connected through the body of Christ, we are not alone. We are necessary to each other as we serve through our vocations -- A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life

* lutheransforlife.org

THRIVENT MEMBERS, it is not too late to request a Thrivent Action Team Grant to benefit a non-profit organization. Hands-on projects can be funded with a \$250 grant from Thrivent through December 2022 for a project of your choice. Contact Sue Kamprath to help fund the Back Pack Program and Carla Roedemeier or Mary Wittmaier to fund Orphan Grain Train dresses or quilts, or Bags for Babies for Pregnancy Resource Center.

LWML/Dorcas Society



We hope you have saved your change for our mite collection box. It is located near the entry to the sanctuary. For a complete list of grant projects visit LWML.org and click on the Mission tab. Checks should be written to Immanuel Dorcas LWML Society.

Mites collected from Jan-Jun 2022 \$335.17 Jul 2022 \$40.00
Aug 2022 \$50.55

To God be the glory.

September 2022 LWML Mission Grant

Sharing Jesus at Summer Camp in the Rocky Mountains

Bringing the Inner-City Children to Camp Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado — \$25,000

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares God's grace and glory through His creation in a year-round retreat facility surrounded by Pike National Forest in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. LVR hosts adult and family retreats, as well as summer camps for youth.

Each summer, the camp serves nearly one thousand campers, ages 8–17. Approximately one-half of these campers are teenagers coming from states across the country to serve in various projects to maintain the facilities of LVR. The remainder of the summer campers come primarily from Colorado, including Denver and Colorado Springs.

Research shows that camp transforms the lives of young people in many ways. Taking a break from regular routines, responsibilities, technology, and cell phones allows young people to truly be themselves. Campers at LVR have an opportunity to enjoy and explore nature, develop lifelong friendships, and cultivate meaningful relationships with adults who become mentors.

Each day, campers play in God's creation with activities like archery, rock climbing, fishing, and crafts. They experience God's Word through daily devotions, create and watch skits based on the Bible, learn praise songs, and worship around a campfire. Through these fun activities, the Gospel is shared showing God's love to all His children. *We love because he first loved us* (1 John 4:19).

The average cost of summer camp is \$400 per camper. LVR has been blessed with generous donors to provide scholarships for children each year; however, not everyone is aware of this option. There are families in the Denver area that are unable to fully finance camp or provide transportation to LVR for their children. LVR will work with Lutheran churches in Denver, over the next two summers, to arrange registration and transportation for multicultural children of all socio-economic levels to attend summer camp. With this grant, LVR hopes to offer fifty full scholarships to campers from inner-city Denver, using the remainder of the grant to provide transportation.

For more information go to *lvr.org*.

Lutheran Hour Ministries Project Connect:

Messages from: Bill Wuenscher:

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, September 4,

Project Connect Booklets can help people with relevant, Christ-centered messages connecting with them wherever they are. These free booklets cover a variety of topics and can be found on the rack in the Fellowship Hall. One booklet you will find there is.

Helping Your Child Welcome Others (6BE182)

Through strategies on encouraging their children, to be hospitable toward others. Supporting Bible passages and vast experience from the author.

COPIES OF "LIFE DATE", a quarterly journal of news and commentary from Lutherans for Life, are available for the taking on the table next to the church office door. This publication is filled with life issue articles. Feel free to take one and add it to your reading list this spring.

Parking Lot Special Fund: The new parking lot project is underway. In addition to the parking lot itself, we will need to fund (at the minimum) the following as part of the parking lot project: landscaping, parking lot lighting, and a new shed (to replace the one that is currently located where the parking lot will be). If you would like to make a donation toward this project--above and beyond your normal offering, please list "Parking Lot Fund" on your donation and place it in the offering plate. Any questions can be directed to Christy Rush (treasurer) or any Council member.

College Refreshment Tuesday,

College Refreshment Sign-up sheet for 2022 is now up on the Wall for Tuesday's at 7:00pm, September to December 2022, please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

The Flower Chart

For 2022 is now up on the wall. Please sign up for what Month and Day that you would like to do. Thank You.

Please let us know if you are ordering the flowers or are having someone else order them for you, or if you want us to order them. Also please let me know what you would like to have on the card. This is very important - when ordering please make sure that they have on the card who the flowers are from. Thank you

**COME ONE COME ALL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL,
AS IT WILL BE STARTING ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022:**



Sunday School: Sunday School: Starts September 11, 2022: Will start September 11, 2022 at 10:15 in the lower level of the Lutheran Student Center. We will have **Preschool** 3-year-old to kindergarten, **Elementary** 1st grade to 4th grade & **Jr Youth** 5th grade to 8th grade. Come join us as we start “In the beginning”. We’ll learn about creation; man’s fall into sin & that God promised to send a Savior.

Following Sunday School, on Sunday September 11, 2022, please join us for a bring your own picnic lunch at **Ber Juan Park Pavilion** above Splash Zone. The congregation is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 11th

10:15 - Lutheran Student Center

Preschool: 3 years old through
Kindergarten

Elementary: 1st through 4th grades

Junior Youth: 5th through 8th grades

B.Y.O.L.

(Bring Your Own Lunch)

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After Sunday School, please join us for a picnic lunch at the **Ber Juan Park** pavilion above Splash Zone. The entire congregation is welcome to attend!