

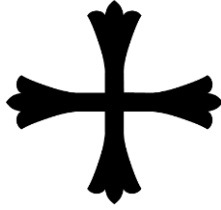
Divine Service

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

OCTOBER 13, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 906

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

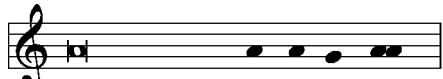
[John 20:19-23]

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

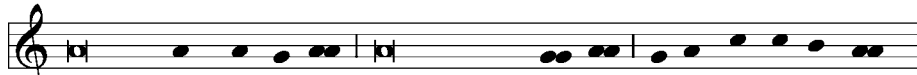
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



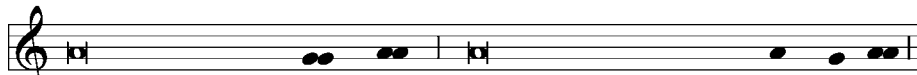
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



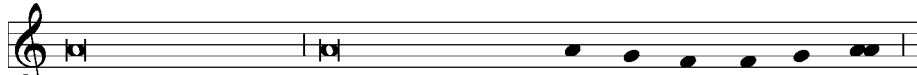
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



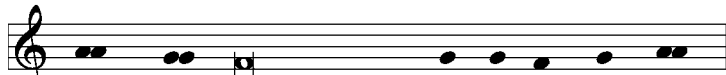
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:6-14

A The Old Testament Reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity is from Proverbs, chapter 25.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen
⁸ do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹ A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴ Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon

Composer: Debra Dickensheets

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats:

He will com mand his an gels con cern ing you to guard you in all your ways



Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is with in me, bless His ho ly name! ____



- L** Why do the | nations rage*
and the peoples | plot in vain?
- C** **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,***
against the LORD and against his anointed, | saying,
- L** “Let us burst their | bonds apart*
and cast away their | cords from us.”
- C** **He who sits in the | heavens laughs;***
the Lord holds them in de- | rision.
- L** Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
and terrify them in his fury, | saying,
- C** “As for me, I have | set the King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”
- L** I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C** **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,***
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- L** You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”



- C** Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- L** Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling.
- C** Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath
is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1-6

- A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter four.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to walk in a manner worthy
of the calling to which you have been
called, ²with all humility
and gentleness, with patience, bearing
with one another in love, ³eager to
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the

bond of peace. ⁴There is one body
and one Spirit—just as you were called
to the one hope that belongs to your
call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one
baptism, ⁶one God and Father of
all, who is over all and through all and
in all.

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

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P ¹One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how

they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 684

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"

SERMON

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING

MEDITATION

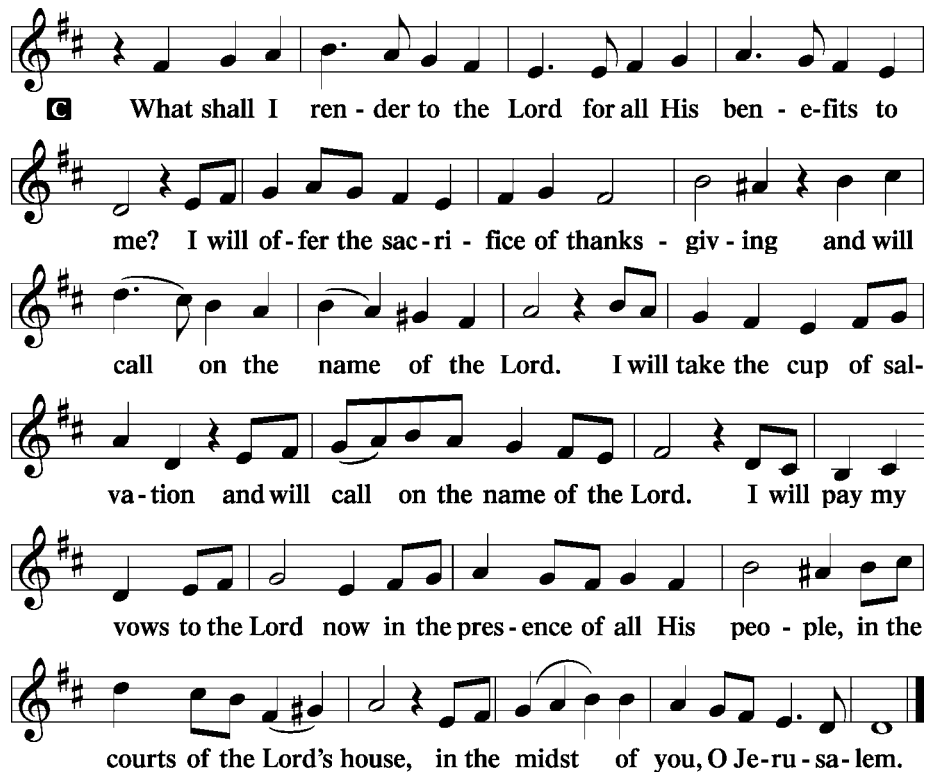
Luke 14:11 – "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That's called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? Once we see His love for us in the cross of Christ, how could we not trust Him? He knows what He is talking about, and we don't. He loves us and wants to bless us. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense.



Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

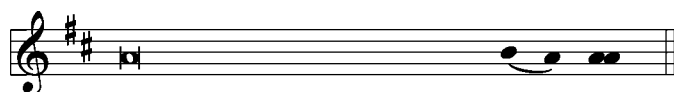
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 641

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



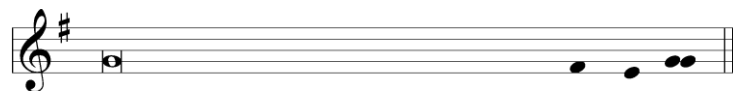
C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



- 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 A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 706

"Love in Christ is Strong and Living"

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

David Kroll, *Guest Organist*

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Jean Meyers

Usher(s)

Justin Ledford/J.P. Morr

Greeter(s)

The Ledford family

Fellowship Host(s)

The Schoellen family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Musician(s)

Jessica Luhrs, *cantor/clarinet*

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Usher(s)

Brian Beckman/Matthias Rappe

Greeter(s)

Tom & Judy Russell

Fellowship Host(s)

The Beckman family

Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 10/13	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Minor Prophets Bootcamp Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 10/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 10/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: Minor Prophets Bootcamp	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 10/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 10/20	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Reformation Choir Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: Minor Prophets Bootcamp Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship

WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✝ Reformation Choir

Theme: Reformation Sunday is just around the corner, October 27, and that means a service full of festive music. That's where you come in. Debbie, our Director of Music, would like to enlist you in a one-time Reformation Choir. If you would be interested in singing on Reformation Sunday, please contact Debbie Dickensheets at music.director@ascension-lcms.com. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, October 20 and 27, at 9:00 A.M.

Day & Time: Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 10:00 A.M.
Rehearsals: please see description above for details.

Location: Church sanctuary

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ Minor Prophets Bootcamp

Theme: Throughout this twelve week study, each Sunday will offer an overview of one of the twelve minor prophets of the Bible. General themes and highlights of each text will be drawn out. Not only will the historical context be discussed, but also how the prophet points all generations to Christ and still speaks to us today. Books covered will be according to the following order: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Buckle your seatbelts, it's going to be a fast ride!

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from September 8 – November 24
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. Breakfast will be provided too! At this next meeting, we will be covering the ninth chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, October 26 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✦ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: The ladies group is taking a look at *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort*, edited by Katie Schuermann. The book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$18, and we'll cover chapters seven and eight at the next gathering. Join your sisters in Christ to discuss important topics like Christian faith in the public square, issues of infertility, mental illness and chronic disease, caring for aging parents, sexual temptation and a host of others. Childcare also provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, October 26 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✦ 1-1-1 Mission Update

Theme: September 1, 2018 – September 1, 2019. A year that hopefully will be remembered! Why? This was the first "model year" of "A Dollar for Missions!" The English District is showing what can be done when our congregations, YOU our people, are encouraged to gather a little for a GREAT/unified* goal. So how did we do after one year? \$54,578.73 extra was gathered! Praise God for this! The two missions (Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA and the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission) selected to receive funds from 1-1-1 will each receive approximately \$27,275.

Dear people of God, what the English District is doing is still only a "model." We were to show the others this could be done. From the very beginning it was our hope that other districts of the LCMS would follow the "model." The LCMS in National Convention passed the resolution from our English District to encourage others to do the same! The "model" is growing! As more participate the dollars also grow. Thanks to all of our congregations and people giving that extra \$1 a week! Join us! It matters!

Where will this "model" go? We SHOULD DREAM BIG! What if, while praying for workers, we earnestly recruit and fully fund the training and education of seminarians, teachers, missionaries, and then send workers into the harvest field that our Lord is preparing? Seeking the lost! Rejoicing over the found! You know what that means? More believers! More churches! More joy, here on earth and in Heaven! From this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

FELLOWSHIPPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ Reformation Party

Theme: Celebrate the Reformation with your Lutheran brothers and sisters at Ascension. A lunch of brats, kraut, and beer will be provided. Additional sides, salads, and dessert items are requested. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex. Sola scriptura! Sola fide! Sola gratia!

Day & Time: Sunday, October 27 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ Richard Drachenberg, 10/14

✝ Amy Balog, 10/19

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ Jude Miller, 10/18

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ Eden Miller, 10/13

✝ Jeni Miller, 10/13

✝ Martin Kunkel, 10/17

✝ Evan LaVan, 10/17

✝ Jude Miller, 10/18

In Need

Recent Requests

✝ The Rev. Dr. Al Garcia, for safekeeping as he travels to Guatemala for a teaching opportunity.

✝ Jean Meyers, for successful surgery Tuesday 10/15.

✝ The family and friends of Carl Pache Sr. (friend of J.P. Morr), for peace and comfort.

✝ The family and friends of Bonnell Robinson (aunt of Nancy Grossberg), for peace and comfort.

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.

✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.

✝ Ingrid Worthington (mother of Keith Worthington), for health and healing.

✝ Persecuted Christians in Pakistan, where thirty Christian families are being threatened with displacement for their religious faith.

Ongoing Requests

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.

✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.

✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for relief and comfort.

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.

✝ Rhonda Zacharias (friend of the Millers), for health and comfort.

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.

✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller

✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center & Director, Barbara Collins

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men's and women's restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women's restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a "busy bag" from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther's Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday's liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord's Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church's most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.