

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 4, 2022

Service Notes:

Hymns: 398, 545, 862, 539, 620, 846, 635, 533
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:18-24
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
Sermon: "Be Opened!" Mark 7:31-37

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	08/25	6:30 p.m.	42
Sunday	08/28	8:00 a.m.	69
		10:00 a.m.	74

FLOWERS are given by Marlene Hanson in celebration of Kya Besaw's 11th birthday. Flowers are also given by Linda Stenmark in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Weise.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer from Concordia Mequon for preaching on Sunday, September 4.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS resumes next Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2022-2023 begins next Sunday, September 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and may be returned to either the box (same location) or school office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Jackie Beversdorf at (262) 341-5128.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church next Sunday, September 11 after the late service. Please plan to attend.

REMINDER The *late service time* returns to 10:45 a.m. next Sunday, September 11.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	09/04	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Monday	09/05	No School	
Thursday	09/08	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	09/11	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Voters' Assembly Meeting	after the late service
		Scrip Orders Due	

WE PRAY for Karen Awe, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), James Freese, Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Evelyn Turzai, and Barbara Wieting.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS will resume on September 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please join us as we discuss God's Word and rejoice in His mercy.

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, September 11. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. **Please note that the website name has changed to raiserright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

WE NEED MORE RINGERS Handbell rehearsals will resume later in September. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 5:45 p.m., and will continue to follow (roughly) a 3-week-on / 2-week-off schedule. If interested in joining us, please contact Stephen Johnson (steveo236@gmail.com) for more details.

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 29:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹ who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²² Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale.

²³ For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴ And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (ESV)

⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,

⁶ who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end,

⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.

¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 146:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

INTROIT

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O Lord, do | not delay!

**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.

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“Be Opened!”

September 4 through September 10, 2022

This week the children will be memorizing the Fifth and Sixth Commandments by heart. I encourage you to talk with your children about God as the Creator of life who makes us male and female. The world has attacked the Creator for years by destroying life through abortion. Marriage has been under attack as well through divorce and living together outside marriage. Please help your children to understand the sacredness of marriage and the great gift that has been given in procreation. The Church must always be steadfast in confessing this matter for Christ is the Bridegroom and we are His Bride. This is the foundation for the correct understanding of marriage.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁶ These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 90

PSALMODY PRAYER: O dwelling place of all who live by faith, teach us to confess our sins as we recognize our own fleeting existence in this world. Give us a heart of wisdom which confesses that we shall have joy that exceeds all our afflictions in this life. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	2 Samuel 15:2-14 (Survey chapters 15-18)
Wednesday	Ruth 1:1-17 (Survey the Book of Ruth)
Thursday	Genesis 4:1-12
Friday	Luke 10:25-37
Saturday	Luke 10:23-37

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Luther, Large Catechism, Sixth Commandment: In short, everyone is required both to live chastely himself and to help his neighbor do the same. Thus God by his commandment wants every husband or wife guarded and protected from any trespass. Inasmuch as this commandment is concerned specifically with the estate of marriage and gives occasion to speak of it, let us carefully note, first, how highly God honors and glorifies the married life, sanctioning and protecting it by his commandment. He sanctioned it above in the fourth commandment, “You shall honor father and mother”; but here, as I said, he has secured it and protected it. Therefore, he also wishes us to honor, maintain, and cherish it as a divine and blessed estate. Significantly he established it as the first of all institutions, and he created man and woman differently (as is evident) not for lewdness but to be true to each other, be fruitful, beget children, and support and bring them up to the glory of God. God has, therefore, most richly blessed this estate above all others and, in addition, has supplied and endowed it with everything in the world in order that this estate might be provided for richly and adequately. Married life is no matter for jest or idle curiosity, but it is a glorious institution and an object of God’s serious concern. For it is of the highest importance to him that persons be brought up to serve the world, promote knowledge of God, godly living, and all virtues, and fight against wickedness and the devil. Therefore, I have always taught that we should not despise or disdain marriage, as the blind world and the false clergy do, but view it in the light of God’s Word, by which it is adorned and sanctified. It is not an estate to be placed on a level with the others; it precedes and surpasses them all, whether those of emperor, princes, bishops, or anyone else. Important as the

spiritual and civil estates are, these must humble themselves and allow all people to enter the estate of marriage, as we shall hear. It is not an exceptional estate, but the most universal and the noblest, pervading all Christendom and even extending throughout all the world. In the second place, remember that it is not only an honorable estate but also a necessary one, and it is solemnly commanded by God that in general men and women in all conditions, who have been created for it, shall be found in this estate. (*LC*, 6th Commandment, 205-211, Philadelphia: Mühlenberg Press, 1959, p. 393)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB* 701 "Draw Us to Thee" (stanza 1)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 11, 2022

"Jesus IS the Good Samaritan"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 794, 683, 701, 740, 867, 539, 848, 565

READINGS

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

Galatians 3:15-22

Luke 10:23-37

This parable is a truly beautiful portrayal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament reading sets the stage as the prophet calls for repentance and a return to the God of mercy who would send forth His Son to suffer, die, and be raised again on the third day. The Samaritans are the heirs of Ephraim and fellow heirs with Judah. In other words, these were fellow sinners who were heirs of the same gracious Promise and were to be treated in view of that Promise. In fact, Jesus is the Good Samaritan who does not pass by, but looks with compassion upon the man in need. It is Christ who finds us upon the road of life, dead in our trespasses and sins. Christ bandages up our wounds, anoints them with the oil of the Holy Spirit in baptism, and pours the healing wine of the Supper into us to bring healing to our weak bodies of death. He has brought us into the inn of the Church and given us pastors as innkeepers who give to us His gifts. Indeed, Jesus is the true Neighbor who looks upon all who are in need with compassion. His compassion is for all men. The lawyer had wanted to justify himself on the basis of his own works, but Christ calls him to faith. The Epistle proclaims that the true Seed of Abraham is Christ and calls us all to faith in Jesus. This is the same faith of Abraham which was to unite Judah and the Samaritans. We have been called to faith in Christ through the Holy Spirit who has opened our ears to the preaching of the Gospel. In this, we, too, have become sons of Abraham.

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