

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 25, 2022

Service Notes: **Divine Service Setting Two, page 167**
 Hymns: 616, 726, 730, 818, 621, 732, 635, 736
 Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16
 Epistle: Galatians 5:25-6:10
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34
 Sermon: *“Your Heavenly Father Knows”* Matthew 6:24-34

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	09/15	6:30 p.m.	47
Sunday	09/18	8:00 a.m.	73
		10:45 a.m.	38

BULLETINS are given by Ken and Linda Hojnacki in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS are given by Lynn Brooks in memory of Jerry Brooks.

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.

SPECIAL VOTERS’/CALL MEETING has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to place a call to Rev. Dr. Mark Nuckols as our head pastor. No other items are on the agenda. If anyone is interested in looking at the self-evaluation profile completed by Pastor Nuckols, it will be available in the church office to review. No copies are to be made; it must be read in the office. If there are any questions, please contact the Call Committee Chairman, Dave Felber at (414) 793-5193.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on *Sunday*, September 25.

CABARET NIGHT Sonic Mix (a men’s barbershop quartet of which Mr. Cahill is a member) is hosting a Cabaret Night at Our Father’s Lutheran School on Saturday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin insert for further details.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	09/25	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday	09/28	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	09/29	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	10/02	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Special Voters’/Call Meeting	12:30 p.m.
		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), Virginia Scholz, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Evelyn Turzai, and Barbara Wieting.

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, **October 2**. 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 raiseright.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.

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 25, 2022

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16 (ESV)

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' " ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:25-6:10 (ESV)

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason

to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-34 (ESV)

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.

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.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

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

“Your Heavenly Father Knows”

September 25 through October 1, 2022

How is the catechism for the week to be used? The cycle of catechism readings contained in the Congregation at Prayer is the same as that used in the school. It is important to note that the primary texts (Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, etc.) should be learned first before going on to the memorization of the explanations. Out loud repetitious confessing and praying of the catechism as small children carries over into adult life. The catechism teaches us God's language, which is the language of prayer and worship. The practice of returning to the catechism again and again deepens our faith and prepares us for further study and a lifetime of meditation and prayer. Develop a habit of confessing portions of the catechism out loud at the dinner table, and before long the whole family will be able to join in. The more deeply you know the catechism, the more deeply you will understand the language of the Scriptures and its application to your life.

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

THE CREED

VERSE: ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. **James 2:10 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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: 93

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, Creator of the universe, strengthen me with the Word of Your testimony that I may dwell in Your eternal kingdom. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Genesis 3:1-8
Tuesday	Matthew 10:32-39
Wednesday	Mark 10:17-31
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-3, 18-21; 31:18
Friday	Exodus 32:1-14
Saturday	Luke 7:11-17

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments
Review of the Commandments and the Close of the Commandments**

What does God say about all of these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (*Exodus 20:5-6*)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Luther, Large Catechism, Close of the Commandments: As stated earlier, included in the words of this appendix is both a threat of wrath to terrify and warn us and a friendly promise to attract us and to beckon to us to take in and prize God's words of command as being of divine seriousness. For He Himself here declares how intensely He is concerned about these commandments and how strictly He will watch for our observance of them. He points out how fearfully and terribly He will punish all who scorn and violate them, and again how richly He will reward, bless, and grant all manner of good things to those who value them highly and gladly live and act according to them. Thus He requires that all our actions should proceed from a heart that reverently fears God and looks to Him alone, and because of such reverent fear avoids everything that is against His will lest He be angered. Conversely, He demands a heart that trusts only in Him, and for the love of Him does what He wants because He proves Himself to be such a kind father and offers us His every grace and blessing. Precisely, this is also the sense and right interpretation of the first and chief commandment, the fountainhead of all the other commandments. ... Scripture has preached and urged this commandment everywhere, focusing everything on these two elements: fear of God and trust in God. ... Thus the First Commandment is to illumine all the others and share its splendor with them. In order that it may be constantly repeated and never forgotten, let it run through all the commandments like the wire frame or hoop that runs through a wreath, joining the end to the beginning and holding everything together. ...

Such fear, love, and trust in Him should drive us and draw us not to despise His Word, but learn it, hear it gladly, keep it holy, and honor it. ... It is helpful and necessary always to instruct, encourage, and remind young people concerning these things, so that they may be brought up not just with blows and coercion like cattle, but in the fear and reverence of God. These directions are not human trifles but the commandments of the Most High God. He watches over them with great and earnest care, and His wrath flames out to punish those who disdain them. On the other hand, He lavishly rewards those who keep them. Where people ponder this and take it to hearts, there the urge and impulse gladly to do the will of God will arise spontaneously. (*LC*, 64-66, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

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 798 "The God of Abraham Praise"* (stanza 3)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 2, 2022
"God Visits His People"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 756, 552 (vss. 1, 7, 8, 4), 741, 798, 630, 480, 482, 752

READINGS

1 Kings 17:17-24
Ephesians 3:13-21
Luke 7:11-17

Following the confession of faith by one outside Israel, Luke records the resurrection of a widow's son. At the beginning of the Gospel, Luke records how Jesus compares Himself to Elijah and Elisha who had served those outside Israel. In particular, as the Old Testament reading indicates, Elijah had brought the son of the widow of Zarephath back to life. Elisha had dealt with a military man much as Jesus dealt with the centurion. Now Jesus encounters a widow with a dead son much like Elijah. He meets the widow with her son at the gate of the city, even as Elijah had first met the widow and her own son. She had thought they were about to die, but Elijah brought them the Word of God and real life. Jesus reaches out to touch the coffin, even as Elijah took the widow's son in his arms. In both cases, they were becoming unclean according to the Levitical law; but in each case, the cleanness of life is produced. It is interesting to note that the uncleanness required a ritual washing. So now your own uncleanness and death have been overcome through the washing of regeneration. There at your baptism you were buried with Christ and raised with Him. Likewise, Christ has reached out to touch your unclean lips in the Sacrament of His own body and blood. The people recognized Jesus as a Prophet and confessed that God had visited His people. So you confess that your own eyes have seen the salvation of God after you receive the Supper. God has visited His people. In fact, He still visits His people in Word and Sacrament and will continue to do so until His final Judgment.

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