

St John Lutheran Church, Crete (Kramer), NE
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost-September 20, 2020
Divine Service Setting One
Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus

Hymn of Invocation
496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- 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.

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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

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Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **♪ Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

C  This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Final Refrain*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

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P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

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P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C  **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

See Insert

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Hymn of the Day

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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Sermon “God’s Plans” Isaiah 55:6-9

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C  **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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

- 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

- C** ♪ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit

Distribution (A single dismissal will be given at the end of distribution when all have communed.)

Distribution Hymns (as needed for number of communicants)

818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand, For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger
 stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance
 stayed
 Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and
live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

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9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Stand

Thank the Lord

☞ **♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

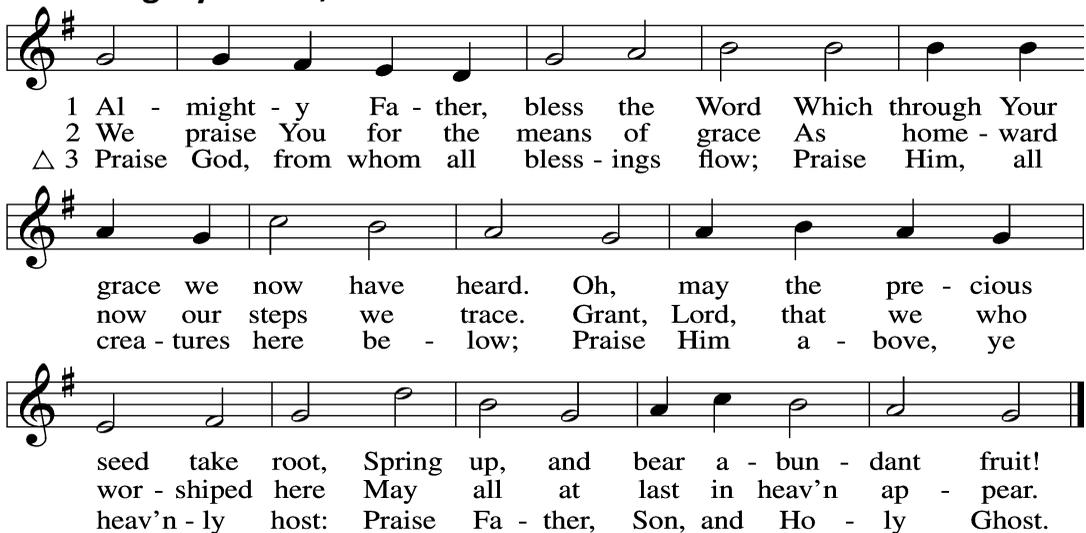
☞ **♪ Amen.**

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.

Hymn to Depart

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

INTROIT Ps. 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: Ps. 116:17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*

and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD *

for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*.

and call on the name | of the LORD,

Precious in the sight | of the LORD *

is the death | of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*

and call on the name | of the LORD.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

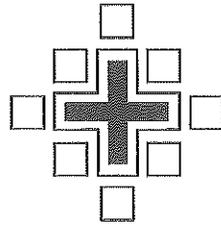
for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

DAILY READINGS

September 20: Neh. 4:7–23; 1 Tim. 3:1–16; **21:** Neh. 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16; 1 Tim. 4:1–16; **22:** Neh. 7:1–4; 8:1–18; 1 Tim. 5:1–16; **23:** Neh. 9:1–21; 1 Tim. 5:17–6:2; **24:** Neh. 9:22–38; 1 Tim. 6:3–21; **25:** Mal. 1:1–14; Matt. 3:1–17; **26:** Mal. 2:1–3:5; Matt. 4:1–11.



Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his
thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may
have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,
declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the
earth,
so are my ways higher than your
ways
and my thoughts than your
thoughts.”

Epistle: Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I

come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

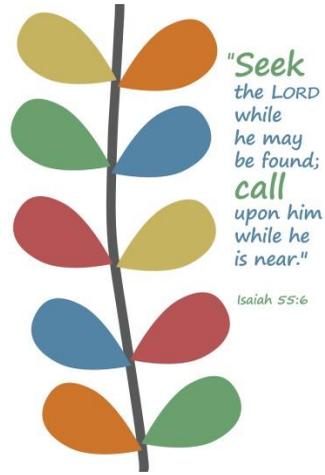
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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. *Disciples Live in Their*

Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ. Those who are sent as “laborers for his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He



has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27). The readings today are as follows: the Old Testament Reading is Isaiah

55:6-9, the Epistle Reading is Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30, and the Holy Gospel Reading is Matthew 20:1-16. The sermon is titled, “God’s Plans” and the text is Isaiah 55:6-9.

HOLY COMMUNION... Jesus promised that it was to our advantage that He go away and send the Holy Spirit for His church (John 16:7). That advantage became immediately evident on **PENTECOST** as the Holy Spirit empowered the preaching of repentance and forgiveness and employed the use of baptism and the **Lord’s Supper** to build the church of Christ (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit is still acting for our advantage as Christ comes to us with His true body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion today. Because doctrinal oneness is central to the common reception of the Lord’s Supper, we practice close(d) communion; and **guests** desiring to commune are asked to speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service.

PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD....

In our prayers today: *Petra Dewey, LaVerna (Kate) Kattau, Gary Peace (Deanna Eggert’s cousin)*

For God’s continued care: *All who have been infected with COVID-19, Kristi Albrecht, Maureen Betts, Darleen Dittmer, Travis Eggert, Tim Hardt, Tammy Homolka, Norman Johnson (Linda Lee’s father), Titus Kotas (Heath Dewey’s close friend), Amy Munro Kounovsky, Dan Murphy, Elmer Reetz, Mike Reiss (Del’s son), Rollo Schultz, Lisa Ulrich (Blythe Dewey’s mother), Olga Weidner, Noreen Wild*

Those in our congregation who are shut in: *Loren Beck, Albert Vosika, August Wendelin*

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

MEETINGS THIS WEEK...**Circuit Pastors’ Meeting** at Calvary Lutheran Sept 22...**Quilting** in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Sept 22...**Midweek Class** meets Sept 23 at 6:30 pm...**Cell Group** meets Sept 25 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. FYI, Ladies Aid will meet this month on Sept 30 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

LYF road side cleanup will be **next Sunday, September 27**, following the 10:00 am worship service. After road side cleanup, LYF will meet for lunch and some activities and planning.

VACATION...Pastor and Shelley will be on vacation September 24 through October 7. Pastor Benson will be on call for urgent situations.

MIGHTY MITES MONTH... If you put a few coins into a tin can and ask a child to shake it, those few tiny coins will make a MIGHTY big noise! The same thing happens with those coins when we contribute them to a MITE box. God turns those tiny coins into some MIGHTY mission work! While you may become quickly tired of that mighty noise the coins make in that tin can, God will never get tired of receiving whatever we have to offer!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY following the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

Approximately from 9:30-10:15 a.m. No opening singing at this time. Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall where social distancing can be maintained and masks will be required except during snack time. We hope to provide a sense of familiarity and comfort to the children (and parents) during a not-so-typical start to the school year.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER are available in the Narthex.

WORSHIP SERVICE attendance for the September 13 services has been reported as 103. The Worship Service was recorded and put on www.stjohnkramer.org website. Once again, thank you to all who have made this possible for all of us!

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST, 2020:

General Budget	\$9,655.00
Loose Plate	\$ 687.50
Mission	\$ 145.00

TODAY'S LIFE QUOTE...“The Adoption Creed: ‘Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own; never forget for a single minute, you didn’t grow under my heart, but in it.’” – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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ABOUT THE COVER: The employer in the parable gave his workers exactly what had been promised. Jesus calls us to see that God’s promises are not based upon the work that we do. Rather, God’s promises are based upon the call itself. God does not prorate His grace toward us, and we should not be concerned with how He shows generosity to others. His promises to us are eternal in Christ Jesus.