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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

Welcome Visitors!

Opening Hymn

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

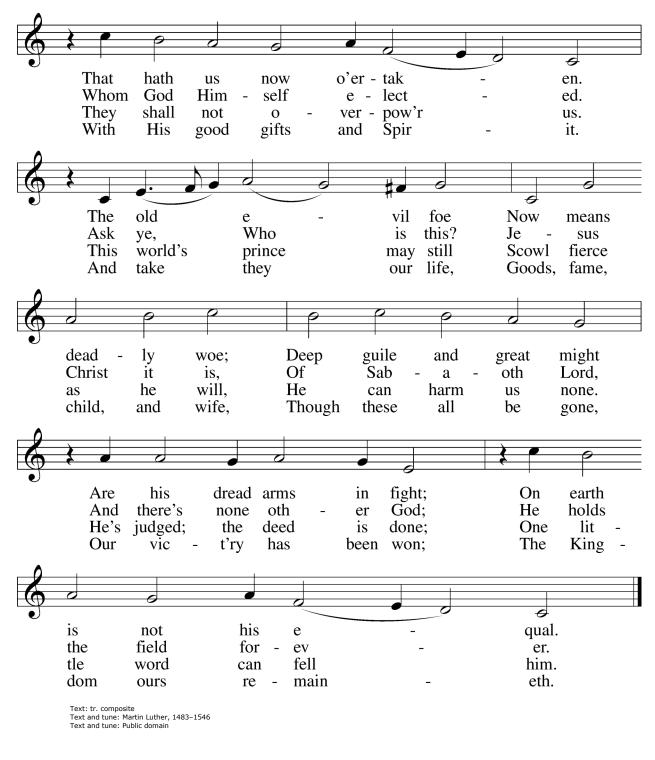
Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

LSB 656 1 A might God, y for tress is _ our of 2 With might naught be done. ours can 3 Though dev world ils all the should fill. -4 The Word still shall let main they re 0 Α shield and weap on: trust _ У Soon ef - fect loss ed; were our All de - vour ea ger to us, Nor thanks have for it; an y 0 0 0 He helps free from ev 'ry need us But for fights the val iant One, us We ill; trem ble not. we fear no He's side by up - on the plain our

Divine Service Setting One

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



Invocation

LSB 151

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- **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.
- **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.

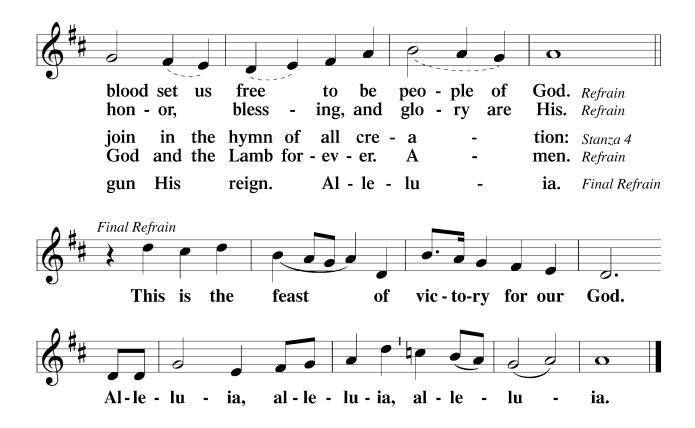
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C Amen.
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Psalm 119:129-136

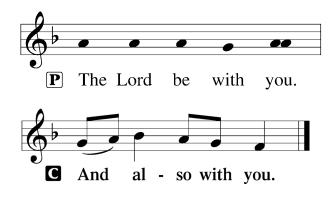
PE ¹²⁹Your testimonies are | wonderful;* therefore my soul | keeps them. ¹³⁰The unfolding of your | words gives light;* it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant,* because I long for your com- | mandments. ¹³²Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,* as is your way with those who | love your name. ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,* and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from man's op- | pression,* that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your | servant,* and teach me your | statutes. ¹³⁶My eyes shed | streams of tears,* because people do not keep vour law. 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.







Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.



¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

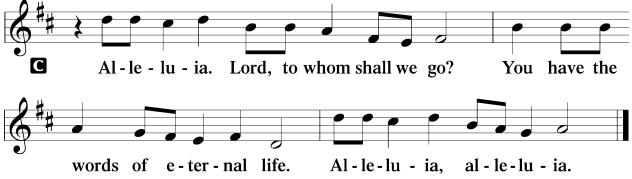
Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

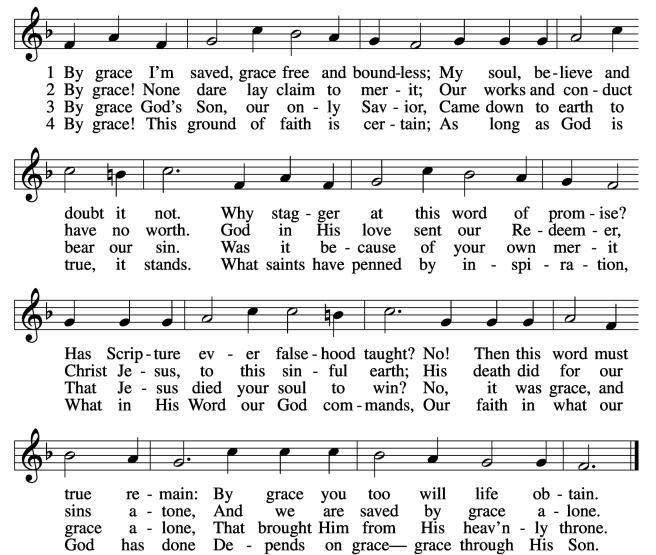


¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Hymn



- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Ephesians 6:10-20

Nicene Creed

C 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.

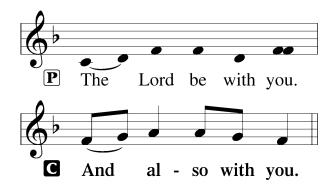
Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy

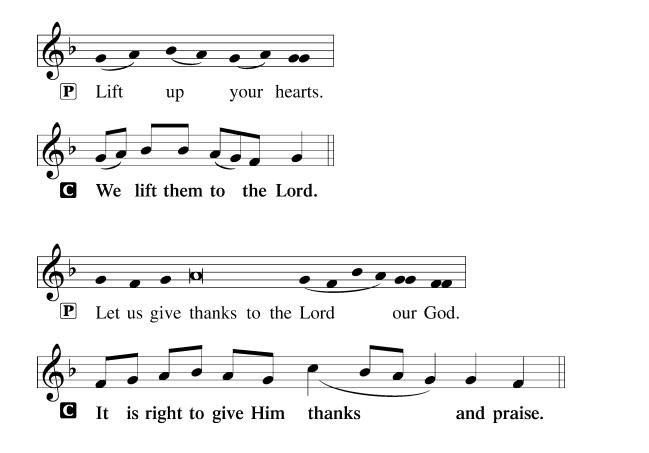
Offertory



Preface



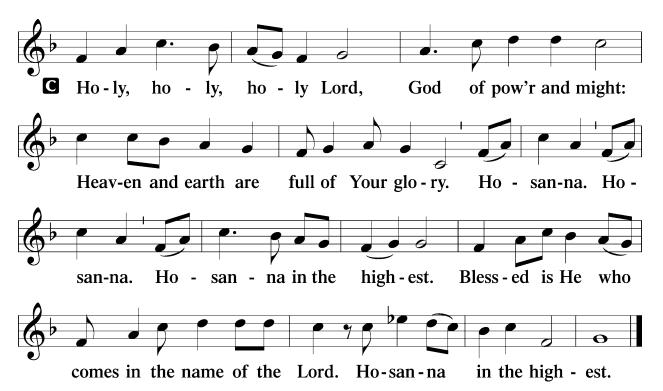
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P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

 P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

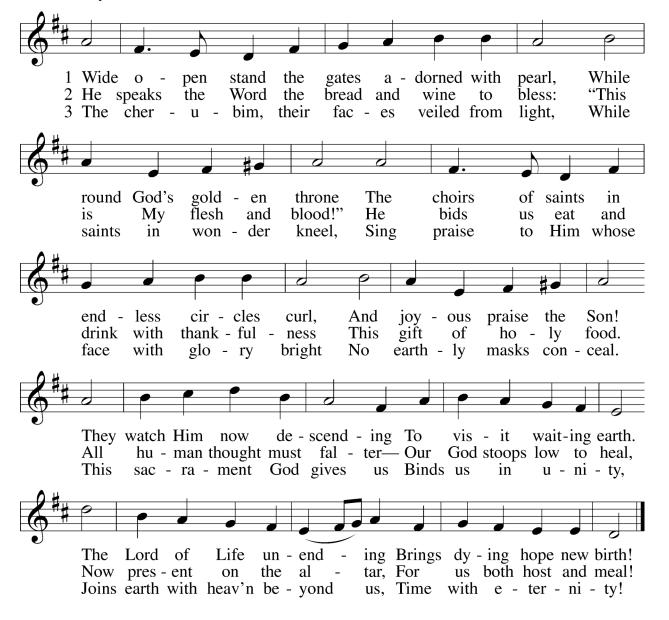


Prayer Before Communing

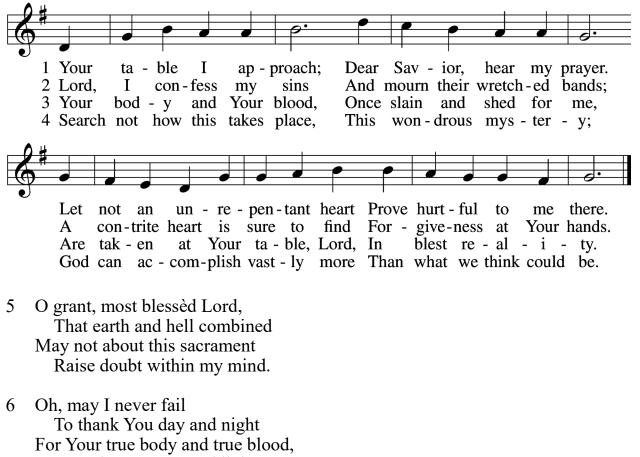
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

"Wide Open Stand the Gates"

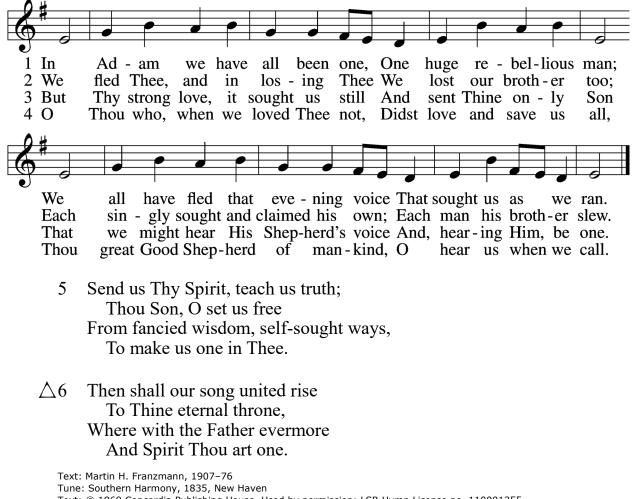


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O God, my peace and light.

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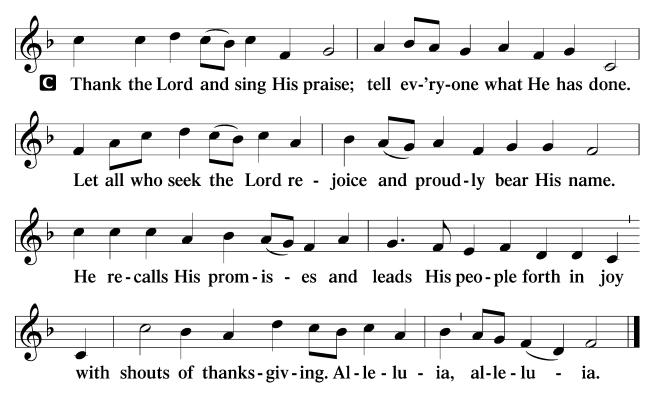


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Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

C Amen.

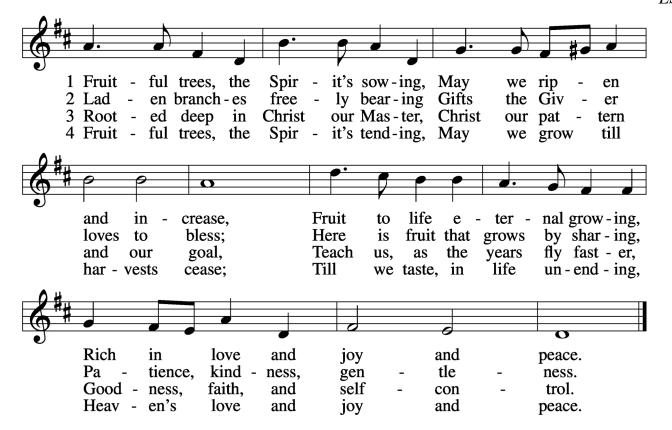
Benediction

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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.



Closing Hymn



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today:	Worship at OSLC, 9am; Good Shepherd, 10:45am
Today:	Prairieview Service, 2pm
Monday:	Labor Day, Office Closed
Monday:	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Wednesday:	Chapel at St Johns Buckley, 8am
Wednesday:	Acts Bible Study, 10am; Bulletin Deadline, 10am
Wednesday:	Wednesday Fellowship Meal, 6pm
Thursday:	Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm
Fri and Sat:	Prairieview Fall Festival, 10a-7p
Saturday:	Worship at Idaville, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/1/24	9/8/24
Elder	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Charlene Rieches Patty Bruens	Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Kendra Morts
Greeters	OSLC Youth Group	Josh and Sara Seyfert
Acolyte	Ellie Schwartz	Clara Neukomm
Head Usher	John Lee	John Lee
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Renee Minton	Sheila Selk Renee Minton

Announcements NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION today.

WEDNESDAY MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP: We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal September 4th at 6pm. This month we will have a Taco Bar and our free will donation will go to Backpack Blessings. Talk to Renee if you can bring an item –lettuce, sour cream, etc. We will fire up the bingo wheel and see if the men dominate again this month!

WHO WANTS PIE AND ICE CREAM?! Our Savior will be serving ice cream and pie again this year on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 3p - 7p. I am looking for 4 volunteers to work in 1 hour shifts. *Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex as we still need a few helpers.* Questions? Please contact Kendra at 815-867-7407.

PRAIRIEVIEW FALL FESTIVAL - FRUIT PIES! Thank you to those that have volunteered to bake pies for the Fall Festival Fish Fry!

FISH, MUSIC, TRACTORS, CARS, PORK CHOPS AND QUILTS

Make plans to attend the 50 Years of Celebrating Prairieview Lutheran Homes on Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th. The festival will start on Friday with fish at 11:00a and again at 4:00p with music, vendors, silent auction and pie with ice cream served by Our Savior folks all afternoon and evening. Saturday will begin with food again, porkburgers and hotdogs at 11:00a and pork chop dinner begins at 4:00p. Other festivities include, the first annual Variety Show, tractor show and kiddie tractor pull, car show, bounce houses, games and don't forget about the Quilt Auction at 3:00p. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day and See you there! Flyers are located in the Narthex or if you have any questions, please see Doug Benner.

LWML FALL RALLY will be held Tuesday, September 10th at Immanuel Lutheran in Loda. The theme for the day is "Seek the Lord" and is based on Hosea 10:12. Registration will start at 8am with opening devotions starting at 9am. The guest speaker will be Rev. Martin Eden talking about his efforts in Uganda. In-gathering will be monetary gifts for the Hands of Christ Food Pantry in Paxton.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever." *Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:			
Jacob Catron	Monday		
Fred Hines	Monday		
David Lucht	Monday		
Cohen Cheever	Tuesday		
Solomon Reutter	Thursday		

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester Nancy Tobeck Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner Ron Mulach, cousin of Shelle Franke Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Rich Rieches, recovering from surgery Ethel Lucht, recovering from surgery Cindy Raddatz, recovering from surgery Doug Hines, nephew of Bonnie Hines, recovering from surgery

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes Delmer Henrichs Arlene Hines Dorothy Knake Joann Sloan Brenda St. Peter

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army Corey Moore - son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sherriff Department Thomas Wimmer - friend of Emily Hines, member of the Tilton Police Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: Christ in Delavan and St. Luke in San Jose and David Jacob their pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St. Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig her pastor. Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville as they continue in the call process.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.

