

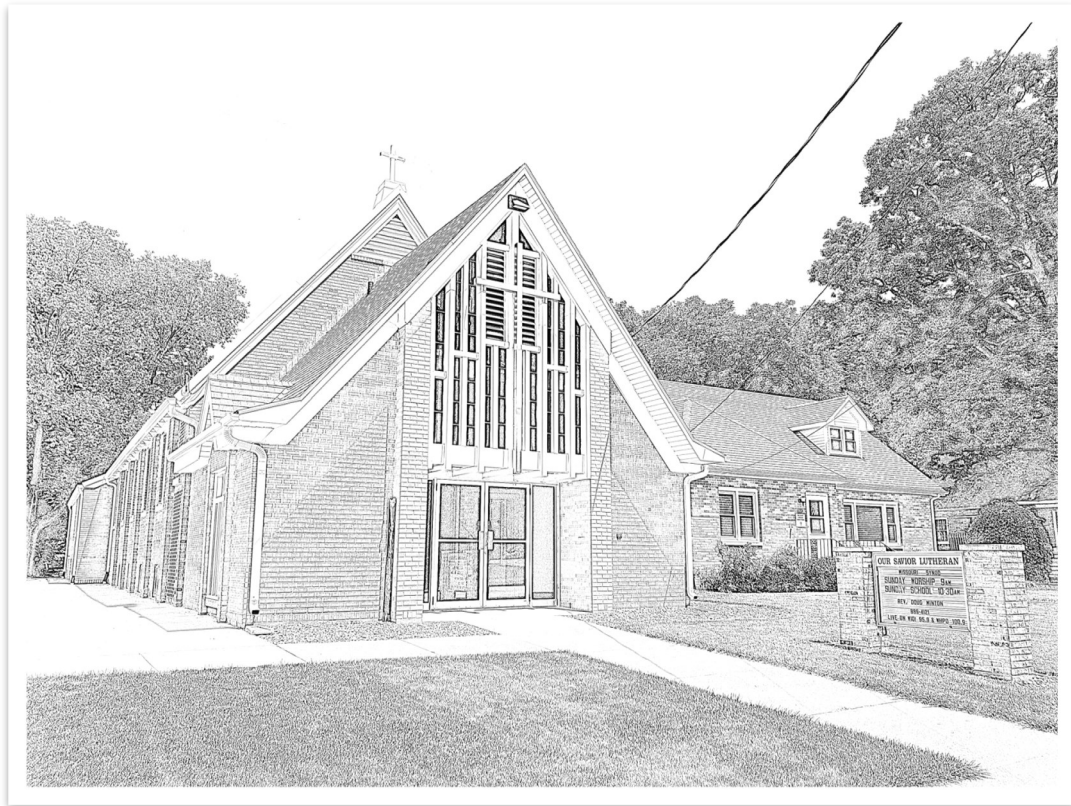
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

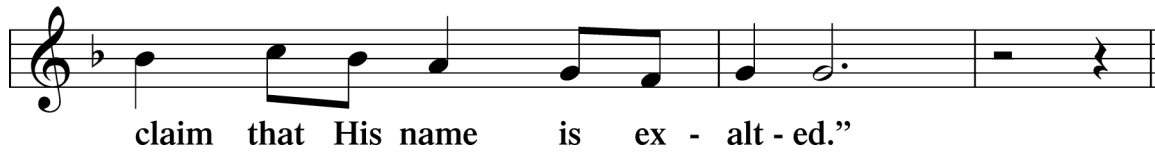
LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain



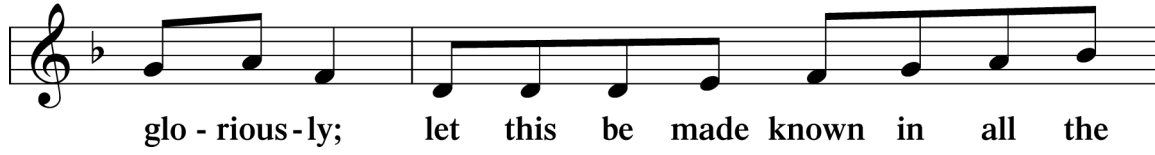
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



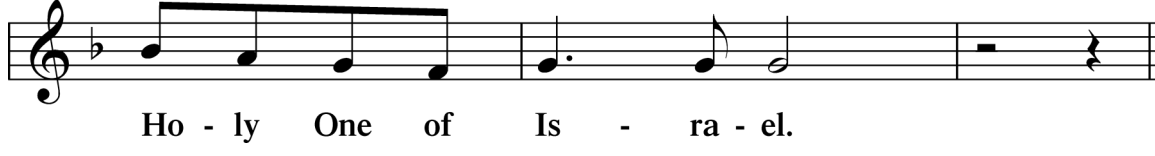
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the




Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

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.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 146

- ¹Praise | the LORD!*
- Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- ³Put not your trust in | princes,*
- in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.
- ⁴When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*
- on that very day his plans | perish.
- ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
- whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
- ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
- who keeps faith for- | ever;
- ⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
- who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the |
righteous.

⁹The 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 for- | ever,***
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

L A reading from Isaiah, the thirty-fifth chapter.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-18

L A reading from James, the second chapter.

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be

rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

L A reading from the Gospel of Mark, the seventh chapter.

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn of the Day

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644



1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav’n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- ☐ You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

- ☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

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.

Catechism Reading: The Conclusion

LSB 324

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Sermon

“Love and Respect”
Ephesians 5:22-33

Presentation of Bibles to First Grade Students

Sermon Hymn

“Praise the Almighty”
LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

C 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.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

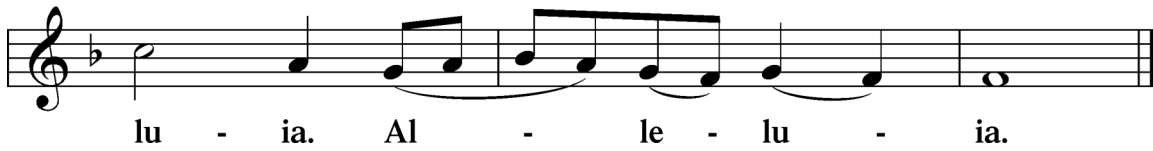


Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

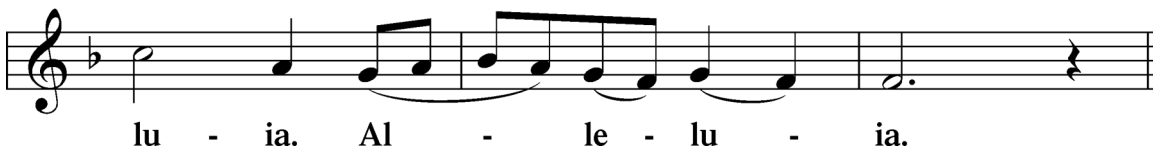


sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

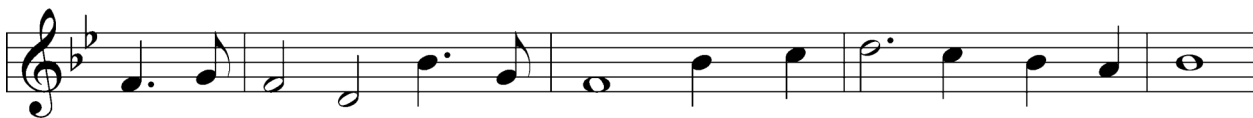
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

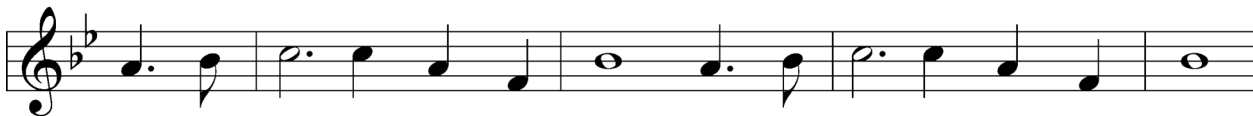
Closing Hymn

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Good Shepherd, 10:45am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Tuesday: LWML Fall Rally, Immanuel, Loda, 9am
Tuesday: Elders, 7pm
Wednesday: Acts Bible Study, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30pm
Thursday: Service at Gilman, 10:45am
Thursday: Women’s Bible Study, 6:30pm
Saturday: SHP Peace Bed Build, St Paul, Woodworth, 9am
Saturday: Worship at Idaville, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/8/24	9/15/24
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Bob Storm
Organist	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Sound Board	Kendra Morts	Neil Rieches
Greeters	Josh and Sara Seyfert	Con and Kathy Campbell
Acolyte	Clara Neukomm	Evelyn Morts
Head Usher	John Lee	John Lee
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Renee Minton	Sheila Selk Renee Minton

Weekly Offering Statistics - September 1, 2024 *(Will return next week)*

Attendance: 61
 General Fund Offerings: \$
 Missions Fund Offerings: \$
 Missions Fund YTD: \$

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY ROOM: The nursery area has been rearranged a bit. Starting Sunday, August 18, this area will have a volunteer during the Sunday School and Bible Study hour to allow parents of our Littles to attend Adult Bible Study. Thank you, Board of Education for providing this service.

OSLC ON YOUTUBE!! Our Savior has re-activated our YouTube channel. All of Pastor's videos from Adult Bible Class and his summer video series have been uploaded and ready to view. Everything can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@oursaviorlutheranchurchmil8205>. You can also go to youtube.com and search Our Savior Lutheran Church Milford, IL. Any questions, ask Pastor.

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.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY inserts are on the rack in the narthex. Pick up your copy today.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD: Join Sleep in Heavenly Peace on September 14, 2024 for a Bunks Across America Build. This build is sponsored by St Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth. No experience necessary, as there are various jobs for everyone age 12 and up. Build will be held from 9am - 12pm. To sign up, visit <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/timeslots/bnCHebhVWd>. If you would like more information on what to expect, talk to Pastor or Renee.

WOMEN'S CARE CLINIC IN DANVILLE - THE WALK 2024: The Annual Walk is happening September 14th in Lincoln Park in Danville. The event begins at 9am with check in beginning at 8:30. Every dollar raised at The Walk 2024 directly supports women and families in their pregnancy and parenting journeys. This is a family friendly event and will include a 5K run, 1K fun walk, face painting, balloons, music and more. To register or donate: give.classy.org/thewalk2024.

FIRST GRADE STUDENTS will receive bibles this morning. We have four first grade students - Cecelia Bakken, Ryder Schroeder, Tessa Schroeder, and Luke Smith. Please keep our Sunday School students in your prayers as they learn about Jesus and grow in their faith.

DO YOU NEED A BIBLE APP? The Lutheran Study Bible is now available as an app. There is a free version (without the study notes) or a pay version (with the notes) for either \$9.99/yr or \$2.99/month. Search Lutheran Service Bible in the Apple Store or Google Play.

MEAL TRAIN: Thank you to those that signed up for our latest Meal Train. This request was sent out via email from the church office. If you did NOT receive an email about this, please talk to Renee.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man." *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Bertha Parsons	Today
Olivia Harms	Monday
Cindy Raddatz	Tuesday
Caleb Schroeder	Friday

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

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: St. Paul in Havana an Ian Heinze her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Calvary in Watseka and Aaron Uphoff 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.



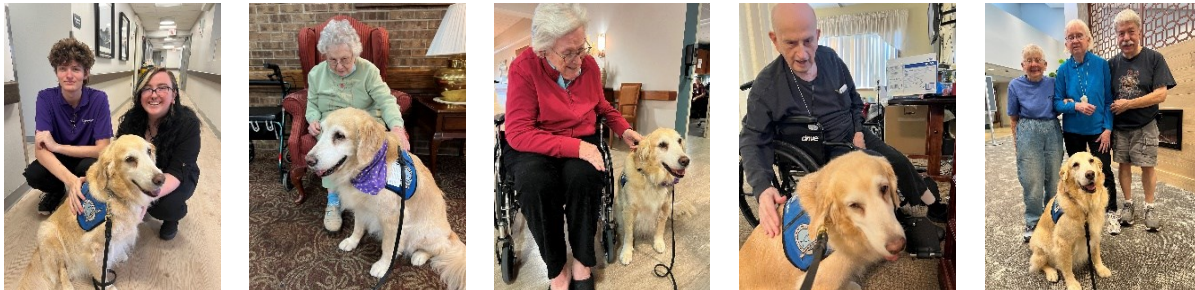
Moments with Mahlah

For the Week of September 1, 2024

Mahlah's week began with a Sunday morning visit at St. Paul's in Woodworth, with Dean and Jayne Henrichs as handlers. Lots of friends were delighted to see her.



On Tuesday Mahlah traveled to Indiana with handler Diane Costello. She visited at Westminster Village in West Lafayette and at Saint Anthony's in Lafayette. Staff and residents at both facilities were happy to see her.



At this writing Mahlah was looking forward to chapel at St. John's in Buckley on Wednesday with Pastor Minton. The children at the school are donating their first quarter offerings to Mahlah's ministry. Then on Friday she was to visit Autumn Fields and Heritage Health in Hoopeston, with Sheila Selk as handler. Below we have a quick look back to the first day of school at St. Paul's in Woodworth.



Remember to email Mahlah at Mahlah@K9Comfort.org if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.