Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is "like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces" (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able "to interpret the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith," and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1–2).

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Zachary DeArmond

Organist:

Kim Woller

Elders:

Thurs: Lee Roloff

10:00am: Jack Welter, Craig

Butzlaff & Bob Kunz

Ushers:

6:30pm: Team 7-Roloff

10:00am: Team 5-Diener

Team 6-Dwyer

Lay Readers:

10:00am: Paula Strehlow

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 15th-24th

SUN 10:00am Outdoor Worship

11:00am Church Picnic

MON 6:00pm Preschool Parent Meeting

TUES 6:30pm Boards and Committees Meeting

7:30pm Church Council

WED 9:00am Quilters

9:00am Summer Servant Event

THURS 6:30pm Worship and Communion

SAT 8:30am Summer Cinema

SUN 8:00am Worship and Communion

9:30am Worship and Communion

6:00pm Youth Group

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

REGULAR WORSHIP HOURS RESUME: Please note that our regular Worship Hours resume on Sunday, September 7th. Thursday services will remain at 6:30pm, and Sunday Services will be at 8am and 10:30am, with our Education Hour meeting at 9:15am.

EDUCATION HOUR KICK-OFF: Members of all ages are invited to join us on Sunday, September 7th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall as we kick-off another year of education within the church! We'll introduce our Sunday School and Bible Study teachers, hear about all the Bible Studies Blessed Savior will offer this fall, and enjoy our world-famous waffle bar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: for all 3-year-olds through 8th grade begins on Sunday, September 7th with our kickoff event at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join us, beginning on Sunday, September 14th, as we take a look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY on Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00am in the Church Library. Please let Duane Graf know if you plan to attend. (This is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 9am. Please join us as we work through the series "The Chosen".

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Hebrews. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY on Paul's letter to the Corinthians begins on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00pm in the Church Library. Please let Duane Graf know if you plan to attend. (This is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7:00am)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will spend time taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30am. Class will begin on Thursday, September 11th in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and will be looking into what is so amazing about grace in the study "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

THIRD QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Third Quarter Special Missions will support the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portugal (IELP). The church has two active pastors, Rev. Adalberto Hiller and Rev. Rony Marquardt. Both men graduated with Pastor Martinho Sander from Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1983. The IELP has three congregations, 145 baptized members and 112 communicant members. The IELP was founded in 1959 as a mission outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB). The ministry has flourished in recent years under the leadership of its pastors. As the church continues to grow, projects come up and financial assistance is welcomed. Donations to special missions will help cover the cost of hymnals, Bibles, projector, and communion ware. visit To https://ilcouncil.org/members/europe/portugal/ or ask Pastor Sander about it!

CHURCH INFORMATION

SUMMER SERVANT EVENTS: We invite you to join us on our final Summer Servant Event! We will be going to Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, August 20th, and encourage you to contact DCE Jaime Greene for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S NEEDED: We are looking to add to our Sunday School Teaching Team-specifically a co-teacher for our middle school class. For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss. **PROJECT POCKET:** We participate in many card projects throughout the year, and we invite you to join us! You can now easily grab cards for homebound members, veterans who are going on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, and Phil's Friends. Simply stop by the Project Pocket on the bulletin board, complete the projects you take and return them to the folder. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Leinss. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Throughout August we will be collecting personal care items such as toothbrushes, combs, brushes, washcloths, nail clippers, nail file, and water bottles. Donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex!

CHILDCARE TEAM: We are looking to add individuals that are caring, outgoing, passionate, energetic, and love working with children to our childcare team for the 2025-2026 school year, specifically as part-time teachers in the afternoon. Coursework and/or experience in this field is preferred, CPR and first aid are a must. Teachers are responsible for ages 2-5 in our multi-age classroom. Contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP: All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday, August 24th from 6-8pm. We will be heading to Moorland Golf to play a round of mini-golf and get ice cream.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: All parents and youth in grades 6-8 should plan to join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall for a meeting regarding the upcoming Confirmation year. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jaime Greene to set up a time to meet.

RAISE RIGHT: Raise Right gift cards make great gifts, as well as the perfect way to pay for everyday things like gas, groceries, or even school supplies! To order your gift cards, please fill out the order form (found by the bulletin boards in the hallway) and leave it with your cash or check in the "Raise Right" mailbox on the north side of the Narthex. Orders are placed on Monday mornings and are available for pick up on Thursday afternoon.

PLASTIC DONATIONS: We thank you for your overwhelming support of our plastic bag recycling donations! We have reached our goal for park benches and will no longer be collecting. Thank you!!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Charles

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Phillip Pastor Alex Dan Sr. Mary Gabe Ellie Rich Mason Family Sandi John We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Herb Schilder, in memory of his wife Jean on her birthday. **Special Missions are sponsored by** Sam and Kay Belich, in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm If you need to contact the Pastor after office hours, please call the Church Office and follow the prompts on the phone.

Attendance: 142 Offerings: \$7,811

Needed Weekly: \$12,535.15