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2023

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 6—10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13 -- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20 -- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27 -- 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gloria Dei May/Spring Offering

The May Mission/Spring Offering is staying close to home!

Gloria Dei collected approximately **\$1,170** during the May Mission/Spring Offering. That money went directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army, at 2727 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis.

Your donation will help those in our community who need food! Thank you for helping to envision a future where all our neighbors and community members have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity.

With the spike in requests for help, ongoing public support is needed to help ensure that services are available. Whenever there is a need in Minneapolis, you'll find the Salvation Army ready to assist.

Gloria Dei has always been generous in filling our "grocery cart." Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE.

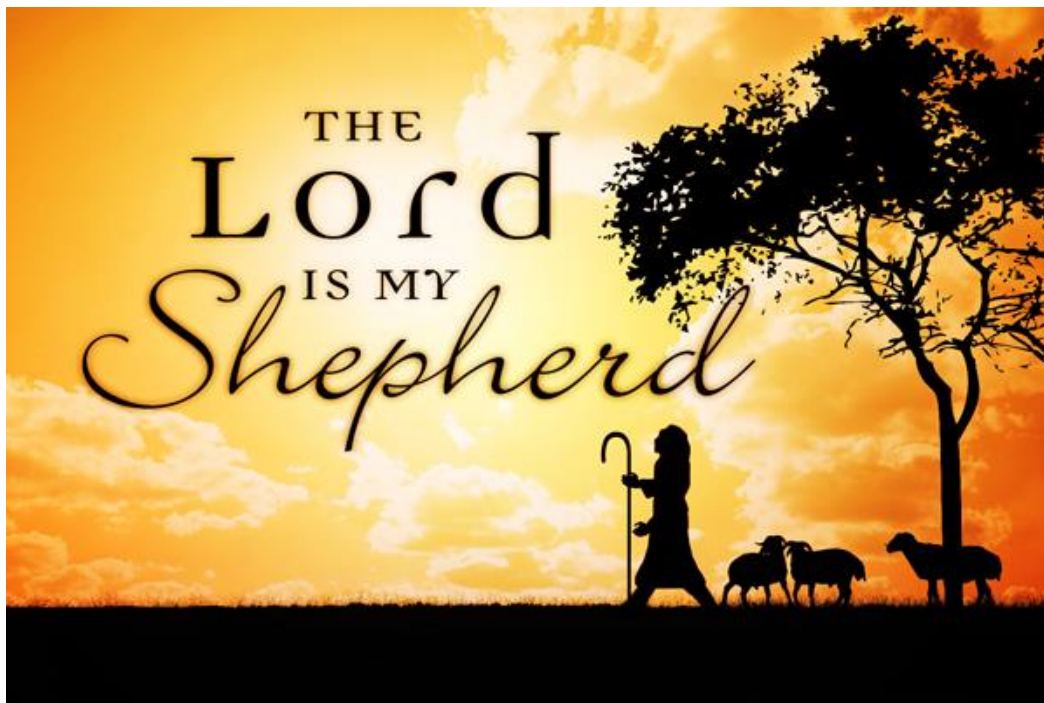
Thank you

A Message from Pastor Matthew Cephus

We've been doing a sermon series on Psalms 23, here at our church, which will continue through this month! This psalm is perhaps one of the most familiar and favorite of all of the psalms. Though read a few times as a part of Sunday worship, it is most frequently heard perhaps at funerals. Though that is certainly an appropriate occasion for its use, it is at the same time limiting in its ability to address life at other times as well. The psalm is certainly pastoral in its words of comfort and assurance, not just for those facing the reality of death in their lives, but for any who experience dark days in the midst of life's journey. The psalmist speaks of trust in a God who cares and provides for those who are in any need. This God is present and grants a secure foundation in the midst of the vagaries of life lived in a fallen and broken world. The assurance comes in the words "for you." God promises to be with you, to lead you and to guide you even in the most challenging of times.

Note that there is no promise that challenges will not arise in life even for the most faithful. Rather the promise is that God will be with God's children in the midst of those times and will not abandon them. It should be noted that the psalm is ultimately political as well as pastoral. To think of God in terms of shepherd is to recall the language and custom of the ancient Near East when kings were understood to be shepherds who served on God's behalf. To call God shepherd is to proclaim that God is the ultimate center of one's allegiance. To call God shepherd is to put one's trust in God alone, not in the deceitful powers and forces of this world. To call God shepherd is to be committed to following wherever God might lead. Pastoral and yet more, Psalm 23 is a psalm that speaks not only to times of death but to everyday life as well. It is a psalm of strength and encouragement for faithful living in a world that is often in opposition to the message of God's love, grace and forgiveness as revealed in the savior. I encourage you to pray this psalm. Sing this psalm. Make this your own.

Pastor Matthew Cephus



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry - August 2023

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Taking It to the Streets

Community Outreach Event

Thanks to everyone who made time to join us for the Second Annual "Taking it to the Streets" Picnic on Saturday, July 22. The rain held out throughout the evening (with the exception of a quick downpour at the start). The event was a huge success! New friends were made and everyone had a great time. The picnic featured BBQ by Chef Ken, who did an amazing job on the grill, gospel music by several artists and of course, the bouncy house, which was the highlight of the day with the kids. The **FREE** event was the perfect opportunity to connect with people in the neighborhood and our surrounding community and share God's gracious, generous and unconditional love for us with no strings attached. "Love your neighbor as yourself."





Enjoying the Day!



CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF 6/30/2023

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| June Total Income | \$11,382.85 |
| June Total Expense | \$13,692.62 |
| June Net Loss | \$2,309.77 |

YEAR TO DATE

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| 1st Quarter Net Gain | \$3,127.55 |
| 2nd Quarter Net Gain | \$6,886.07 |
| YTD Net again | 10,013.62 |

Always in Need of Altar Care for the Summer Months!

The summer months are very busy for everyone, but if your schedule permits, please consider signing up for a Sunday of Altar Care. **You don't have to take the entire month**, just the Sunday(s) that work for you. If you are interested, but need a refresher on what the duties include, please contact the church office and arrangements can be made for training. Thank You!

Jeans, Jeans, Jeans

Whether it was a brand new pair or a gently used pair, thank you to everyone who donated jeans! Gloria Dei collected seven belts, three capris jeans, two work-shirts and 69 pairs of jeans. As with the backpacks GDLC assembled earlier in the spring, the jeans will be given to Jim Seaman, who works closely with the New Freedom Store and FreedomWorks for distribution to those in need.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1

Did you know that millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states each year?

Join members of Royal Family and Gloria Dei for National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 1 from 4 – 7 pm**, or longer? Stop by the church's front lawn for this annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There will be a bouncy house, free BBQ, scheduled visits from emergency personnel, including a K-9 Unit, a fire truck and mounted police – yes police on horseback!

Help to make our neighborhoods a safer and more caring place to live. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.



JULY OFFICIAL ACTS

None



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am
Hosted by Rev. Michael Zeigler (unless otherwise noted)

August 6 "Who is Jesus?"
(Matthew 16:13b-16)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do.

August 13 "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"
(John 1: 48-51)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ.

August 20 "The Latest Polls"
(Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth.

August 27 "Raising the Praise" (1 Peter 1:3)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes
Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's **August 8 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, August 8, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome so spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights.



A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors

The Senior LinkAge Line® is a *free service* — offered by the State of Minnesota — which makes it easy for older adults and their families to find community services or plan for their future.

With a single call, you can:

- Talk with an aging expert
- Receive objective help
- Explore housing choices
- Learn about your options
- Get connected to services
- Decide what is right for you

Call the Senior LinkAge Line to learn about community services available, including transportation, chore help, meals, housing options, legal services, home health care & adult day services.

When it becomes more difficult to stay in your home, a Senior LinkAge Line housing specialist will help you: evaluate your current situation; consider your risk of nursing facility care; find services that may be helpful. Learn about financing options and other resources. The Senior LinkAge Line provides you phone consultation and follow through.

Learn more by calling 1-800-333-2433 or by visiting mnaging.org.

Daily Devotions from The Lutheran Hour Ministries

With several ways to read and listen, you can get your daily dose of Scripture when you need it. Visit lhm.org/dailydevotions to subscribe for email delivery to your inbox, sign up for the podcasts, or download the app for your mobile device – all for **FREE!**



REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR CANS!

We are always collecting cans with the proceeds going to the Mission of the Church Council's choosing. Thank you.



Time of Grace

Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny

Pastor Mike Novotny serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

Subscribe to Time of Grace to be delivered to your email inbox daily. It's easy to subscribe to resources that'll keep you rooted in Jesus. Just select which types of resources you would like to receive and they will be sent right to your inbox www.timeofgrace.org/subscribe

Main Street Living

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am and is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, and can be viewed on channel 29/9-2, (On Comcast this is channel 10)

The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. The program will be totally funded by viewers and others who want to keep the Gospel available to those who cannot or do not attend worship services on a regular basis.

For more information or to watch the programs, visit www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Simply Giving Program

Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to nonprofit organizations through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Thrivent Federal Credit Union has contracted with industry leader Vanco Payment Solutions to provide electronic payment processing services at reduced rates – so your generosity goes further. To get started, call Vanco Payment Solutions at 800-675-7430.

Accessible Transportation

East Side Neighborhood Services provides transportation for people 60+ living in North, Northeast, and Southeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony Village.

Transportation provided for vaccine, medical, social need, and shopping trips. Rides are also available for small group outings.

Not sure if you qualify or if your destination is part of our service area? Please call and check. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Cost is a donation based on income

Available Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm

Call for Reservations 612-787-4012



Meals on Wheels is looking for Delivery Help!

Meals on wheels offers meals free of cost to older adults who struggle to shop or cook for themselves. They rely on volunteers to serve individuals with disabilities and older adults in the area. They deliver to Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis and along University. They serve the area where Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located! Their client base grew substantially over the pandemic and they are still trying to adjust. Because of this, they are looking for volunteers (or groups) who would be willing to claim one day per month (or more) to deliver meals around the lunch hour. It is a great way to give back and stay connected with the community. Feel free to call their office at **612-277-2529** or email them at **info@EastsideMeals.org** if you have any questions.

"Newsies" in SAV

St. Anthony Community Theater will present Disney's "Newsies" July 28-Aug. 6 at the St. Anthony Village High School auditorium. Six performances include 6 pm shows on Aug 3 and Aug 5 and 2 pm matinee shows Aug 6. This show is recommended for ages 4 and older. Reserve tickets at SACTHEATER.ORG. Thursday, Aug. 3 is Family Night – save 25% on 4 or more tickets when purchased online using the code: FAMILY25 at checkout.



I.C. "Summer Jam"

IC "Summer Jam" at Immaculate Conception Church and School, Columbia Heights – . 4030 Jackson Street NE, August 4, 5, 6: Live music "Tribute Fest," food, Shell's beer tent, Pull tabs, Big Buck Raffle with \$5,000 grand prize, 2nd prize \$3,000, 3rd prize \$1,500, and 4th – 8th prize \$100 each (raffle tickets \$5 each). Admission: Friday and Saturday tickets \$10, at the door. Sunday admission is FREE. **Friday**, MSMA Classic Car Show, parking and registration begins at 5 pm. Xpedition: Tribute to Journey, Foreigner, Kansas and Styx (6 – 9 pm). **Saturday** Beatles tribute band Rubber Soul (7 pm). **Sunday** Family Day! Free admission, featuring bingo, kid's games, bottlemania, bake shoppe, jewelry sale and more (these events Sunday only). Chairs not provided, please bring your own. For tickets and information, calls 763-788-9062 OR www.ICSummerJam.org

Weekly Vital Fitness

Thursdays | 10:30-11:30 AM In-person

All abilities are encouraged to come.

Movements can be done seated or standing.

A wide variety of balance, strength, and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. Masks and physical distancing will be strongly encouraged. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required.

Questions? Contact 612-787-4086 or

VitalLiving@esns.org.

East Side Neighborhood Services

1700 Second Street NE, Minneapolis3

612-781-6011 <http://www.esns.org>

Recycle smart!

Keep plastic bags out of recycling carts.

Plastic bags and wrap get tangled in the equipment at recycling facilities and workers spend hours each day removing them. You can recycle plastic bags and wrap by bringing them to drop-off locations, including grocery stores, food co-ops, retail stores and Hennepin County drop-off facilities.

Visit www.minneapolismn.gov/recycling

AUGUST 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 4 – 7 pm National Night Out w/BBQ – GDLC’s front lawn 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group | 2 | 3 6 -7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study | 4 5 – 7 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal | 5 8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night |
| 6 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA | 7 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 pm AIAnon | 8 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group | 9 | 10 6 -7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study | 11 5 – 7 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal | 12 8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night |
| 13 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 2 pm Pastor Martin Installation at The Alley Church 6 pm NA | 14 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 pm AIAnon | 15 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group | 16 | 17 6 -7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study | 18 5 – 7 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal | 19 8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night |
| 20 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 10:30 am Royal Family Sunday School 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA | 21 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 5 pm GDLC Council Mtg 7:00 pm AIAnon | 22 5 – 8:30 pm Living Word Bible Study Group | 23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 24 6 – 7:30 pm Royal Family Bible Study | 25 5 – 7 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal | 26 8:30 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8:30 pm Living Word Prayer Night |
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Special Occasions for Special People



1st Carin Anderson
 1st Roselyn Norman
 6th James Sather
 26th James Norman, Jr.

22nd Tim & Norma Harris

AUGUST SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care

6th Open
 13th Open
 20st Open
 27th Open

Ushers

6th Open
 13th Open
 20st Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 27th Open

Counters

6th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 13th Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle
 20st Dale Raschke and Wade Billemyer
 27th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Eternal Light

6th Gwen Johnson, Daughter's birthday
 13th Open
 20st Open
 27th Shirley Holzinger, In Memory of Dad,
 Alvin's, birthday (27th)

Flowers

6th Open
 13th Open
 20st Open
 27th Open



Mark Your Calendars - You are Invited!!

On Sunday, August 13, at 2 pm, Pastor Martin will be installed at *The Alley Church*. Everyone is invited to attend. The Alley is located at 8944 Indahl Avenue South, Cottage Grove. A reception will follow.





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

CHURCH WORKERS — AUGUST 1-15

Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.*
- 2.** *for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.*
- 3.** *for the Synod's deaconesses. Pray that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.*

4. *that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.*

5. *for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.*

6. *for directors of family life ministry. Ask that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.*

7. *for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior*

for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

8. *for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.*

9. *for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.*

10. *for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.*

11. *for those involved in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis.*

12. *for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.*

13. *for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal.*

14. *with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support full-time church workers in a variety of ways.*

15. *with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.*

THE CHURCH — AUGUST 16-31

“The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments” (Augsburg Confession VII).

Remember God’s work through the Church as you pray:

16. *with thanksgiving to God for raising up voices in every age and generation as He continues to call people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

17. *that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.*

18. *with thanksgiving that God does His bidding through unworthy and unlikely people. Pray that He would keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.*

19. *that God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.*

20. *for the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that*

God’s Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.

21. *that the Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.*

22. *for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.*

23. *with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God’s people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.*

24. *for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.*

25. *for us, that when we are tempted to focus on the things*



of the world or on ourselves, God would direct our attention to His Word and will.

26. *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

27. *with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.*

28. *that we would joyfully study the Sacred Scriptures as a light to our path and gratefully make*

use of the Lutheran Confessions to help us understand and apply the Scriptures.

29. *with thanksgiving for shepherds in the Church’s history and pastors today, whom God uses to guide His flock.*

30. *that God would keep all Christians from being led astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.*

31. *that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.*

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