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2024

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 1 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Joint Service, Blessing of the Children)

September 15 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost



For Unity Our prayer for Labor Day must also seek to unite all of us in His name. As we are all workers of God, let us pray together for His guidance to work in unity and in harmony. After all, we make more progress when we work together.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – September 2024

Stewards, Called to Forgiveness

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. “Garbage in, Garbage out.” In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the Lutheran Service Book has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788). Its first verse reads: Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.



From Pastor Matthew's Desk. . .

The Wind Driven Energy

Last summer, I traveled to Fargo for seminar. It was a wonderful and blessed time away but I noticed that the landscape has changed dramatically since I was there last in 2019. On many of the farms are now these gigantic wind turbines (measuring some 280 feet high) with three blades, each measuring nearly 150 feet in length. You've probably seen these in your own travels as they are becoming more widely used in many parts of the country. Concerns continue to be raised about the impact of these wind turbines on bird and bat populations, among other things. The purpose of these gigantic structures is to harness the wind and use this energy to supply power for our ever-growing demand for electricity.

All of this got me thinking about wind driven energy, not just like that in the picture or description above, but in our journey of faith. In the church year, we are in the long season after Pentecost, which began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate each year on the festival of Pentecost (<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=ESV>). The word for the Spirit in the original language of the New Testament is *pneuma*, where we get the word "pneumatic," meaning properties associated with air or gas. And the Old Testament word for the Spirit is *ruah*, which can mean both "spirit" or "breath." Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed puts it like this:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true (<https://catechism.cph.org/en/creed.html>).

Here is our wind-driven energy! It is the Holy Spirit "who calls us and keeps us in the one truth faith." But just like with wind turbines, those blades are not always rotating. At times, they are standing still, depending on the wind. So, it is with us. We do not control the wind; we simply respond to it. At times, the Spirit may propel us forward with powerful energy and strength to carry out the tasks of loving and serving others in Jesus' name. At other times, that same Spirit may lead us to quiet times of stillness and rest. Our calling is to follow the Spirit's prompting and direction. Left to ourselves, we will simply run ourselves ragged as we rely on our own energy and resources. This can lead to frustration, resentment, and burnout. Why? Because we are looking to ourselves rather than the Spirit to supply what is needed.

In this month of September, take some time to reflect on your own faith journey. Where are you seeing the wind of the Spirit guiding you? How is the breath of the Spirit upholding you and giving you strength for the tasks that are before you? What new doors is the Spirit opening for you? The presence, the power, and the peace of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who shed his blood as the atoning sacrifice for our sins, comes to us through the Holy Spirit. May this Spirit supply that needed wind-driven energy in your life!

Pastor Matthew Cephus

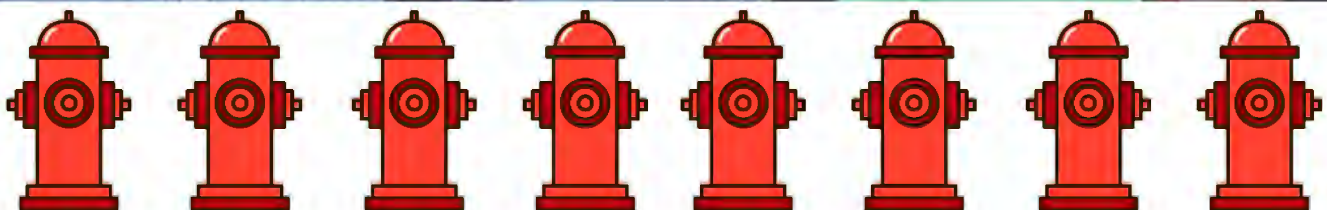


National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **August 6th** National Night Out. Our McKinley neighbors between 30th and 31st helped with the celebration which was held in the street in front of the church. Chef Ken did an outstanding job on the grill, and everyone enjoyed free BBQed hot dogs, brats and hamburgers, accompanied by salads and desserts provided by the neighbors. The bouncy house was filled with kiddos the entire evening. Emergency personnel and their hook and ladder fire truck made a special appearance. Fun was had by all! The annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie is a great opportunity to talk with neighbors and go beyond just your front porch. This was also an amazing opportunity to build relationships with our McKinley neighbors.

The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.

August 6 National Night Out at 30& McKinley







THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

*Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(unless otherwise noted)*

September 1 "The One" (Genesis 24:14)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does!

September 8 "Conditioned by the Unconditional" (Genesis 25:23)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish.

September 15 "Bent Necks and a Better Brother" (Genesis 27:35-36)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us.

September 22 "All He Has to Say" (Genesis 28:15)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level.

September 29 "Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts" (Genesis 29:20)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love.

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Each episode is a 30-minute study of God's Word with Pastor Mike Novotny. Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007. He also serves as the lead speaker for the Time of Grace television program and contributes to the written resources of Time of Grace Ministry. Time of Grace tv program airs globally via various outlets, but you can also search topics and watch the program at timeofgrace.org/tv-program. View locally:

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Main Street Living | Sunday 9 a.m.

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.

For more information: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com.

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast, ***Worship for Shut-Ins***. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Weekly programs are broadcast on Total Christian Television (TCT) network -- **DIRECTV channel 377 at 10:30 am on Sundays OR** watch online in the "**Online Viewing**" portion of the website **www.worshipforshutins.org**!



CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AS OF July 31, 2024

July Total Income	\$7,444.00
July Total Expense	\$7,307.28
July Net Gain	\$136.72

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Gain	\$3,166.04
2nd Quarter Net Gain	\$4,856.67
3rd Quarter Net Gain	\$136.72
YTD Net Gain	\$8,159.43



AUGUST OFFICIAL ACTS



Celebration of Life Service:
Rita Jean Bergstrom
(August 2, 2024)



BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Gloria Dei is excited to announce Wednesday mid-day bible study will return September 11 at 11 am and will feature *The Chosen, Part 4*. Come along on the journey of *The Chosen, Part 4*, where you will witness the clashing kingdoms and rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus are closing in while His followers are struggling to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone.

The Chosen is an American Christian historical drama series. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him.

You are welcome to attend, even if you have not seen Part 1 – 3. Part 4 will surely captivate you! Pastor Matthew Cephus will lead the bible studies and following discussion. Look forward to seeing you there!



New Lift Needed at GLDC

At the August Council Meeting, the Council made the tough decision to replace the old existing lift (elevator). Although this will be an expensive undertaking, we came to the realization that this is the right thing to do. We were told some time ago that our current lift was outdated and we were the only building still using that model. Parts are harder and harder to come by and the repairs have become more and more costly. And not to mention, we have had several occasions where people have been **"stuck" when the lift will not go up or down.**

We will start the process of getting quotes in the upcoming weeks. With that said, a new **"Lift Replacement" fund will be set up. If you are interested in donating to this new fund, please mark your envelopes "Lift Fund".**

With appreciation for your enduring belief in Gloria Dei and our mission. Thank you!



Are you interested in reading the scriptures at Sunday services?

It's easy! No training needed!

Call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR talk with Pastor Matthew.

*Thank you to everyone who makes
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church a great
place to worship!*





Ushers are Always Needed!

Can You Help?

The sign-up sheet for Ushers is on the bulletin board in the front lobby of the Church. If you are available to usher during any of the Sunday services, please mark yourself down for the Sunday that works best with your schedule. It's an easy way to welcome and meet new members.

THANK YOU

If your schedule permits, please sign up for Altar Care. Altar Care is still open for **most Sundays and you don't have to commit to the entire month**, just the Sunday that works best for your schedule.

Also if you would like to help Beautify Gloria Dei, flowers can be purchased for \$28/bouquet + \$12 delivery fee (OR you can pick them up). You can also bring in your own – think your backyard garden **or the neighborhood farmer's markets** – both are great resources for bouquets.

Candles are \$6 per Sunday.

All sign-up sheets are always located on the entryway bulletin board.



SAVE YOUR CANS!

With summer coming to an end, save those cans from the Labor Day BBQs and Picnics. Bring in your **aluminum cans to support the mission of the Church Council's choosing.**

Thank you for your help in collecting cans.



Fill Our Grocery Cart!

Our "grocery cart" is always located in the lobby awaiting your donations. Hygiene items are also welcomed! NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY.

Did you know our local Salvation Army also provides the following programs & services? When hard times hit, people can make the Salvation Army their first call. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual — they are there to help. Call 612-789-2858 to learn more or request help.

From meeting the most basic needs to outlining the path to long-term solutions, they can help overcome the obstacles faced today and provide hope for tomorrow. Local programs and services include:

- Food shelf including Hmong and Laotian foods
- Rent and Utility assistance
- Transportation assistance for medical appointments and new jobs
- Referrals for furniture assistance
- Emergency financial assistance (as funding is available)
- Referrals for budget counseling
- Teen center
- Men, women, children and teen ministries
- Food support applications
- After-school program
- Job postings and resume assistance
- Hygiene supplies, formula, diapers
- Long distance transportation to funerals
- Summer day camp for youth (June – August)
- Seasonal services
- Community Center



Fall Garage Sale Dates Set! September 26 - 28

Gloria Dei is planning a fall garage sale. As with past sales, all proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei directly. Sale organizers can use your help! Mary Piper will be collecting gently used, sellable items for the garage **sale**. **Please bring your items to Mary's house on or before Sunday, September 22** (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). Volunteers are also needed to help price, setup and work the sale. Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest. *Many hands make light work.* 😊



Fraud Awareness

A few tips from our friends at Eastside Neighbor Services and their Vital Living Team –

It's crucial for us all to remain vigilant against scams targeting older adults. Scammers often target older adults with sophisticated schemes that can be financially devastating. Here are some practical tips to help you protect yourself:

- **Stay Informed:** Educate yourself about common scams targeting older adults, such as Medicare fraud, grandparent scams, and fake charity solicitations. Awareness is your first line of defense. We are offering a tech class all about "Staying Safe Online." Please see registration information below.
- **Verify Before You Trust:** If you receive unexpected calls or emails requesting personal information or money, verify the identity of the sender. Contact the organization directly using a phone number or website you know to be genuine.
- **Protect Personal Information:** Never share sensitive information like Social Security numbers, bank account details, or passwords with anyone you don't know and trust. Legitimate organizations will not ask for this information unsolicited.
- **Shred Important Documents:** Shred documents containing personal information before disposing of them to prevent identity theft.
- **Seek Advice:** **If you're unsure about an offer or suspicious of a request, seek advice** from a trusted family member, friend, or financial advisor.

By staying informed and cautious, we can all play a role in preventing fraud and protecting ourselves and our community. **If you have any concerns or suspect you've encountered a scam, don't hesitate to report it to local authorities or consumer protection agencies.**

Stay safe and vigilant!

What's Happening?

Free community meals at Gustavus Adolphus

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Avenue NE, will serve free community meals on the first Saturday of each month beginning on Saturday, Sept. 7. Meals will be served in the church basement 5:30-7 pm. Mark your calendars for the following dates: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, 2025, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7.

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, September 10, 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 Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

Free Community Dinner at Faith UMC

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave. NE, will hold a free community dinner Thursday, September 12, 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

St Mary's Taste of Northeast Festival

Friday, September 20 @ 8:00 am and Saturday, September 21 @ 5:00 pm
St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5th St. NE.

SummerFest Holy Cross Catholic Church Northeast – September 13 - 15

LIVE MUSIC ALL THREE DAYS | Free Admission

Featured Games & Activities include:

Live Music • Big Wheel • Chef Lucas Food Truck • Theme Baskets • Fish Fry • Cold Beer and Wine • Mystery Gifts • Rummage Sale • Rabbit Booth • Bingo • Craft Booth • Roast Beef Sandwiches • KidZone • Raffle • Polish Food • Silent Auction • Pop Toss
Holy Cross is located at 17th Ave & 4th Street, NE Minneapolis

Waite Park Fall Festival

Saturday, September 14 from 3 – 7 pm

Music * Food * Artisans * Kids Games

Waite Park, 1810 34th Ave NE Minneapolis

St. Maron Lebanese Festival - September 21 - 22

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will hold its annual Lebanese Festival Saturday, September 21, 12–7 pm, and Sunday, September 22, 11 am–6 pm. 602 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer and wine, live music, Cedars Dabke Dance Group. Fun for all ages. www.stmaron.com, 612-379-2758.

Audubon Farmers Market

Every Thursday, rain or shine, from 4 – 7 PM in the lot at 2800 Johnson Street.
Season runs through September 26.

Vital Fitness

Thursdays Weekly | 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 encouraged, but not required. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required.

Questions? Contact 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org.

Active Older Adult Programs at NE Park

September 6 @ 8:00 am - December 16 @ 5:00 pm

Northeast Park, 1509 Johnson Street NE, will be the scene of many programs for 55-plus adults this fall. Weekly ongoing drop-in programs require no registration. Call 612-370-4920 or email northeast@minneapolisparcs.org.

Indoor Walking: Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am-noon

Pickleball: Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 am-**12:30 pm**. **Women's pickleball**, Tuesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Pickleball is \$4 per week, payable at the door.

Chair Yoga: Fridays, 11 am-noon. Session 1: Sept. 6-Oct. 18, \$49; Session 2: Oct. 25-Dec. 20, \$56.

Stay Strong: Mondays, 9:15-10:15 am. Session 1: Sept. 9-Oct. 7, \$30; Session 2: Oct. 21-Nov. 25, \$30; Session 3: Dec. 2-30, \$30.

Fullerton Advanced Balance Scale Assessment: Thursday, Sept. 12, free but please register. 15-minute appointments available 1-2:30 pm.

Fall Proof! Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1-2:30 pm, free but please register.



Deliver newspapers to puppies and kittens, Oh My!



The Northeaster has extra newspapers to deliver to the Animal Human Society in Golden Valley to be used for animal bedding. The Northeaster is looking for a volunteer to take them, once every three months, from their office to AHS. Send and email to Contact@Northeaster.com if you are interested.



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	2 Labor Day 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	3	4	5	6 Pastor's Day Off 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	7 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
8 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 11 am Joint Worship Service w/HC 6 pm NA	9 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	10	11 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 4</i>	12	13 Pastor's Day Off 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	14 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
15 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	16 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	17 5 pm GDLC Council Meeting	18 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 4</i>	19 5 pm Cornes/Hefel Wedding Set-up & Rehearsal	20 Pastor's Day Off 2 pm Hannah Cornes & Sam Hefel Wedding Service/Celebration (reception to follow downstairs) 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	21 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
22 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	23 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	24	25 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 4</i>	26 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale	27 Pastor's Day Off 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	28 9 am – 5 pm GDLC Fall Garage Sale 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
29 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	30 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)				Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis 612-781-1989 www.gloriadeilcms.org info@gloriadeilcms.org	

Special Occasions for Special People!

	
17 th Aaron Morelli 19 th Layne Betterman 23 rd Patty Lyrenmann	10 th Karmon & Meridel Christopherson 21 st Kevin & Kim Morelli

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care and Usher sign-up is located on the lobby bulletin board

Counters

1st Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
8th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
15th Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle
22nd Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
29th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Candles

1st OPEN
8th Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom, Arlene
15th Shirley Holzinger – Nephew, Shane’s Birthday and in Memory of Mother, Arlene’s Birthday – both 9/25
22nd Sandy Westling –Tricia (daughter in law) and Grace (granddaughter) Birthdays
29th Shirley Holzinger – Anniversary (10/04)

Flowers

1st
8th
15th
22nd Sandy Westling, Cornes Wedding
29th

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes. Thanks!

“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.”

— Will Rogers





SEPTEMBER

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:

- 1.** *Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.*
- 2.** *Thank God for His creation.*
- 3.** *Thank God for daily bread.*
Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
- 4.** *Thank God for family.* Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- 5.** *Thank God for shelter.* Pray for those who are without homes this day.
- 6.** *Thank God for reason.*
Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

- 7.** *Thank God for Jesus.* He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- 8.** *Rejoice that Jesus is true man,* that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
- 9.** *Rejoice that Jesus is true God,* that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- 10.** *Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.*
- 11.** *Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.*

- 12.** *Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit.* Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

- 13.** *Thank God for the Holy Spirit.* Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

- 14.** *Thank God for the Church.* Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

- 15.** *Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity.* Rejoice that God is love.



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SEPTEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16-30

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

16. *That God would lead all sinners to repentance.*

17. *Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.*

18. *Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.*

19. *Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.*

20. *Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.*

21. *Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.*

22. *Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.*

23. *Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.*

24. *Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.*

25. *Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.*

26. *Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.*

27. *Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.*

28. *Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.*



29. *Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.*

30. *Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.*

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