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The Seventh Sunday of Easter
(May 16th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,

We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

LSB 651

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.



Resurrection DNA: Grows

Psalm 1 is a beautiful psalm, and the beginning of the Psalter. It points out 2 ways—and only 2 ways—in life. Each path has its own outcome. Psalm 1:3-4 point out the 2 types of ways and their outcomes.

- What is the simile, or imagery, used for the blessed?

- What is the simile used for the wicked?

The world, our culture and Satan define “wickedness” in a completely opposite way that what God does. And only God’s word counts and means anything.

“[The blessed] is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (Psalm 1:3 [ESV](#))

- Since the tree was planted (transplanted in the Hebrew), where was it before?

- The tree’s branches, leaves, etc., do something, namely, the tree produces fruit.

- Have you thought about this tree as a channel through which the living river’s waters nourish the leaves as well?

- What does this mean for the Christian Church?

- What’s this mean for the Christian?

Offering

Offertory

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Words of Our Lord P 197

Pax Domini P 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei P 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 590

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LSB 457

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- STAND** 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
May 16th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Billy Diaz, John O'Connor Duane Lofton, Matt Bonnell	8:00am 10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	William Diaz, Emma Diaz Kenny Dimmick, Shyloh Dimmick	8:00am 10:30am
Ushers	George McGuire, John O'Connor Matt Meyer, Tom Moore	8:00am 10:30am
Videographer	Karen Mead	8:00am

Announcements

May 16th, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL MEET: there will be a congregation meeting today at 1:30. It will be held in the sanctuary.

GOSPEL DNA: We will have Small Groups starting up again in June!!! “Gospel DNA”– Contact the Church office if you would like to participate (either as a group or an individual).

THANK YOU: Mary Deberard would like to thank everyone for all the prayers. She said that she is doing well.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE: Wow! With Joy and humility, we are blessed to report that the contributions to our Bakeless Bake Sale this year reached almost \$6,000. We are extremely grateful to all of you that contributed and give thanks for each and every one. The following projects will be funded:

3rd Grade Bibles \$300, Collared shirts for Pastor Schmidt \$100, Chairs for the fellowship hall \$500, Seed Money for Communion supplies and materials \$400, 6 months radio time for Pastor Redeker \$360, Add seed money for a new commercial stove for kitchen \$600, seed money for new church sign on west side of church \$500, and New lighters for acolytes to light candles. Away projects include \$1000 each for Missionaries: Rev Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation, Rev John Benito to San Pablo Lutheran Church, El Paso, Tx and \$1000 for assistance for a seminary student in St. Louis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will continue throughout the summer in the multipurpose room.

KIDS TALK: Need someone to help fill in for Kids Talk during the summer. Please contact Crystal Schultz at 970-201-5927.

DEADLINE for the June Newsletter is Tuesday, May 18th by 9:00am. You may email Glacia at glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org.

GIRLS ON THE RUN: Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole will be doing their 5K May 18th after school. Messiah came in FIRST for fundraising for GOTRWC which means the girls will have the official finish/start arch at the school. We will be walking, jogging, or running 11 laps on the sidewalks of Teller, 12th, Hill, and 11th. It is a blast to see the girls do a 5K-very rewarding and inspiring. We plan to start at 3:20pm and it will talk girls anywhere from 30 minutes to over an hour. THANK YOU! Only registered girls and coaches can run the 5K, but spectators are welcome to cheer the girls on.

ATTENTION: Jr. High Youth grades 5-8 Here is the information for the May Event hosted by Arliss and Cyndi. We will be meeting at the Alpaca Farm in Grand Junction! The date is Saturday, May 22nd. Location: 908 23 Rd with I Rd being the closet cross street. Drop your kids off at 1:00 pm and pick them up at 3:00 pm. We will provide water and a snack. This will be informative and fun! Questions? Call Arliss - 970-270-3517 or Cyndi - 714-402-0086. Arliss is familiar with the location. See you there!

SPRING IS HERE AND SO IS JUCCO!

Opening day, May 29th at 9:00am! The board of Evangelism will be welcoming the fans with coffee and donuts on opening weekend. **We need your help!** Due to COVID-19 protocol, we need your help in individually wrapping 8 dozen donuts, setting up the parking lot (tables), and making coffee at 7:00am, May 29th. Day two is Sunday, May 30th, help will be needed again. We will meet at 8:30am to set up in the parking lot since first game is at 10am on Sunday, to make coffee and set up in the parking lot (tables)—**no interference with parking lot on Sunday-** to give away coffee and donuts, cards with church and school information. Anyone who would like to join is encouraged to show up. Both days will take approximately 2 hours for set up, event and clean up. Thank You! Questions please contact Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net or call 970-361-0794.

GODSPEED LETHA: Ms. Letha Wallace has *accepted* her call to serve as a teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. We have treasured her time here with us and God has used it to train her well in preparation for His plan for her next. **Her sending service will be May 30th at 8:00am.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st, for Memorial Day.

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS: Cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are

a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

CHURCH CAMP!!!! Camp is happening this year! We will be going to Twin Peaks Bible Camp on the Grand Mesa August 6-8. It is a great chance for a las hurrah for the summer—playing, fishing, hiking, singing, and studying God's word. It's a good way to get to know other church members better. There are cabins or you can camp. We make all the meals and eat together. The cost is \$30/person for the whole weekend. You need to sign up on the Camp sheet to reserve your spot. The sign-up sheet and a map are on the shelf by the west entrance. If you have questions, call Karen Skoog at 970-242-2986 (Please leave a message). Hope you can join us!!!

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO. Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. We need greeters for May 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: Twenty years ago, you put a plan together when your list of assets was much different than it is today. Your investment advisor is different. You do not own the same accounts. You may have rolled over 401ks into an IRA. An insurance policy disappeared; another has changed status. Do you understand the significance of all those changes? Have you properly filled out beneficiary designation change forms? You Messiah

Gift Planning Counselor can help connect the dots between current assets and past plans, identifying where there may have been some drift.

Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: 1 John 5:12

- “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
	1:30pm	Congregational meeting
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Ruth Circle
	5:30pm	Senior High
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service
Thursday	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Early Dismissal/Last Day of School
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/8 th Grade Graduation/ Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.