

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 30, 2020

Service Notes:

Hymns: 797, 545, 730, 862, 635, 618, 941
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:18-24
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
Sermon: "Be Opened!" Mark 7:31-37

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Tuesday Matins	08/18	8:00 a.m.	<i>livedstreamed</i>
Thursday Divine Service	08/20	7:00 p.m.	42
Sunday Divine Service	08/23	8:00 a.m.	67
Divine Service		10:00 a.m.	59

BULLETINS are given in memory of Lillian Garske and Don Kolter by the Garske and Kolter families.

FLOWERS are given in memory of Gerald Goetz by Linda, Megan, and Jessica Goetz.

DIVINE SERVICE AND COMMUNION For the next few weeks, we ask that you call the church office at (414) 282-8220 to sign up to attend Divine Service with communion on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. We will also continue to take appointments for communion during non-service times. Please call the church office or email Pastor to establish a non-service appointment for communion at prfabrizius@ourfatherslutheran.org. You can always leave a message on Pastor's phone, and he will return your call as soon as he is free.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church *today*, August 30, at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend.

REMINDER The *late service time* returns to 10:45 a.m. in two weeks, on Sunday, September 13.

HAND SANITIZER STANDS There are two hand sanitizer stands that are foot-activated in the back of church. The cost is \$250 per stand. The school has already ordered four of these. If anyone would like to help with the cost, that would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber at (414) 793-5193.

HELP/RECOMMENDATION The trees along the west driveway have dead branches that need to be cut out. Reaching out to the congregation for anyone who could help with this or knows a contractor that would do this at a reasonable rate. Please call the church office if you can help.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	08/30	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
		Voters' Assembly Meeting (<i>in the church</i>)	11:30 a.m.
Thursday	09/03	DIVINE SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Friday	09/04	NO School	
Sunday	09/06	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Kathleen Brook, Arlene Brown, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Ricky Feller, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Mark Gerloff, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes *today*, August 30.

SCRIP The next order due date is **September 13**. Order forms are available in the church narthex or in the church/school office. You may drop them off in the box at the church OR in the church/school office.

WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-8/26/19)	\$73,393.12
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-8/24/20)	\$82,292.62
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$91,369.21
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$9,076.59)

THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 30, 2020

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 29:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹ who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²² Therefore thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale.

²³ For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴ And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (ESV)

⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God.

⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,

⁶ who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end,

⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?

⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory.

¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it.

¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37 (ESV)

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 146:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The 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 forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

INTROIT

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O Lord, do | not delay!

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.

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O Lord, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
who | seek my life!

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“Be Opened!”

August 30 through September 5, 2020

This week the children will be memorizing the Fifth and Sixth Commandments by heart. I encourage you to talk with your children about God as the Creator of life who makes us male and female. The world has attacked the Creator for years by destroying life through abortion. Marriage has been under attack as well through divorce and living together outside marriage. Please help your children to understand the sacredness of marriage and the great gift that has been given in procreation. The Church must always be steadfast in confessing this matter for Christ is the Bridegroom and we are His Bride. This is the foundation for the correct understanding of marriage.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ ... ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Mark 10:7-9 (ESV)

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK:

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PSALMODY PRAYER: Be with all who have been anointed with Your Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism, O Lord, that they may remain firm in the faith to which You have called them. Save Your people and bear them up forever. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Exodus 40:1-3,16-38
Tuesday	Leviticus 1:1-17
Wednesday	Leviticus (4:1-2) 5:1-10 (11-13)
Thursday	Leviticus 5: (14-16) 17-6:7
Friday	No School
Saturday	Luke 10:23-37

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments:

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Luther, Sermon on Luke 18:9-14 (1522): Now you have heard that a man, before he can do anything good, must by all means first be good. For the truth must always stand: “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit;” and again, “An evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit.” Thus, a man must first be good, before he can do good. So, he also firmly concludes that the publican smote his breast, which proves the conclusion, that he had been good. This has taken place and has been written to the end that we should open our eyes and not judge the people according to their outward appearance. To do this in this instance, it is necessary to examine the hearts of both, and not judge according to mere external works. For when the heart is good, the whole man is good. For if I judged the publican according to his works, my judgment would soon be false. For nothing appears in him but sin. Again, if I judge the hypocrite or Pharisee according to his works, I will also miss the mark. For he stands at the holy place, makes the best prayer imaginable, for he praises and thanks God with grand works, he fasts, gives the tenth of all his goods, harms no one; in short, everything, both outwardly and inwardly, appears well with him. As he judges, all men judge; no one can condemn such an upright and virtuous life. ... Hence, if I am to judge whether this one is good and the other evil, I must be able to look into the hearts of both. ... He speaks of the publican as though he must have previously heard a word from God that touched his heart so that he believed it and thus became pious, as St. Paul says, Rom. 10:17: “So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” When the Word falls into the heart, then man becomes pure and good. ... it must previously have been known to him that God is merciful, gracious, and friendly to all those who confess their sins, who call upon him and long for grace. As he heard that God is gracious by virtue of his very nature, to all those who humble themselves and seek comfort in him. But to preach thus is always the pure Gospel.

Hence, the beginning of goodness or godliness is not in us, but in the Word of God. God must first let his Word sound in our hearts by which we learn to know and to believe him, and afterwards do good works. So, we must believe from this that the publican had learned God's Word. If not, it would certainly have been impossible for him to acknowledge himself to be a poor sinner, as this Gospel reports. Indeed, it has a different appearance here, because St. Luke seems to insist more strongly on external works and appearances than on faith, and lays the emphasis more on the outward character and conduct than on the root and on the faith of the heart within. Nevertheless, we must conclude that the publican had previously heard the Gospel. Otherwise his smiting his breast and his humble confession would not have occurred had he not previously had faith in his heart.
(*Sermons of Martin Luther* 4:338-339)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: 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.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* (stanza 1)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 6, 2020
"The Good Samaritan"

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 851, 683, 740, 919, 852, 866, 528, 869

READINGS

2 Chronicles 28:8-15

Galatians 3:15-22

Luke 10:23-37

This parable is a truly beautiful portrayal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament reading sets the stage as the prophet calls for repentance and a return to the God of mercy who would send forth His Son to suffer, die, and be raised again on the third day. The Samaritans are the heirs of Ephraim and fellow heirs with Judah. In other words, these were fellow sinners who were heirs of the same gracious Promise and were to be treated in view of that Promise. In fact, Jesus is the Good Samaritan who does not pass by, but looks with compassion upon the man in need. It is Christ who finds us upon the road of life, dead in our trespasses and sins. Christ bandages up our wounds, anoints them with the oil of the Holy Spirit in baptism, and pours the healing wine of the Supper into us to bring healing to our weak bodies of death. He has brought us into the inn of the Church and given us pastors as innkeepers who give to us His gifts. Indeed, Jesus is the true Neighbor who looks upon all who are in need with compassion. His compassion is for all men. The lawyer had wanted to justify himself on the basis of his own works, but Christ calls him to faith. The Epistle proclaims that the true Seed of Abraham is Christ and calls us all to faith in Jesus. This is the same faith of Abraham which was to unite Judah and the Samaritans. We have been called to faith in Christ through the Holy Spirit who has opened our ears to the preaching of the Gospel. In this, we, too, have become sons of Abraham.

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