

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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# Important Announcements

## For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Stay Home when Sick:** If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

**Singing:** At this time there are mixed studies on what effect singing may have on the spread of this disease. Due to this, the governor's office has made refraining from congregational singing a requirement. So we will speak the liturgy and the hymn of the day will be sung by the pastors. To make up for this deprivation in the Sunday Divine Service, we will add much music and singing to the Wednesday evening service which is still Live-Stream only. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

**Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home:** The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

# † The Ninth Sunday after Trinity †

August 9, 2020

*Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.*

## Service of the Word

Hymn: 536 One Thing's Needful

*sung by the Pastor*



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly  
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal  
3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -  
4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my  
5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,  
joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,  
vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,  
high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer  
all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the  
At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her  
And my way ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty  
But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the  
Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness  
heart, how de - vot was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that  
there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my  
cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness  
pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are  
Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her  
steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -  
ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -  
Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!  
Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.  
vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.  
tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.  
vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

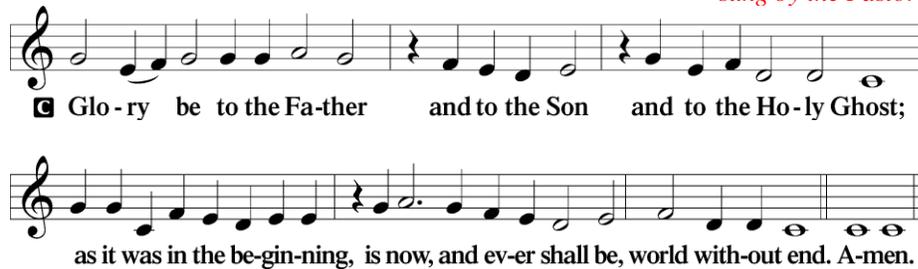
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## Introit

*Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4-5*

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.  
**O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.**  
**O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**  
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.  
For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

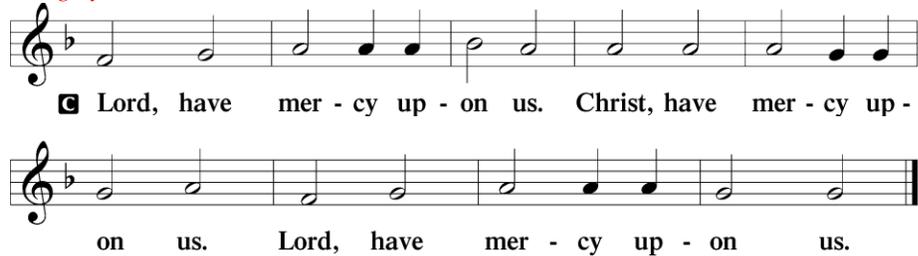
*sung by the Pastor*



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie *sung by the Pastor*

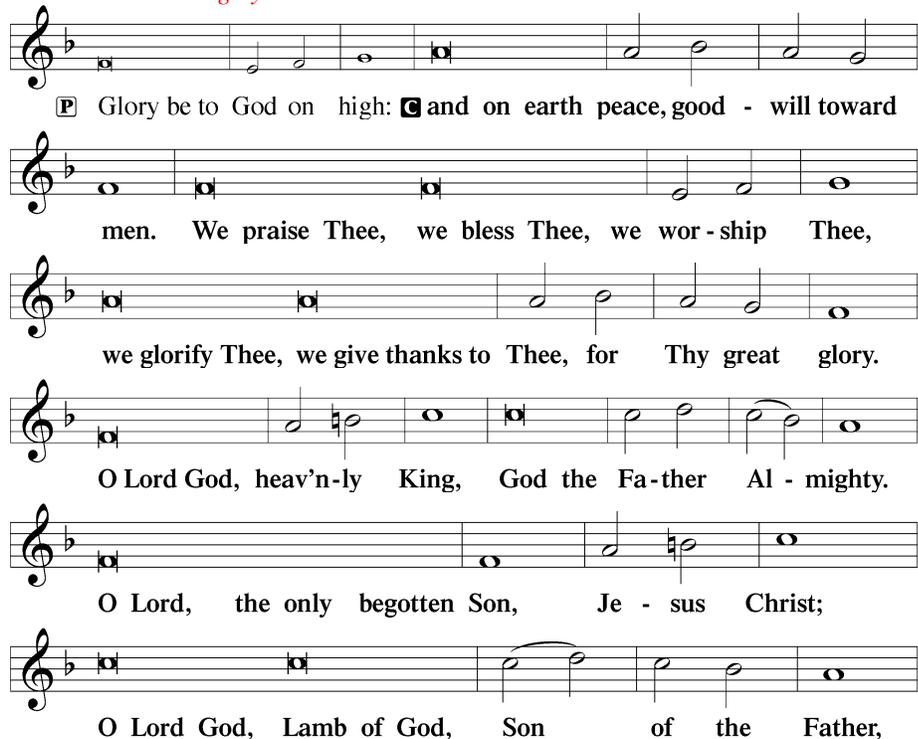
*LSB 186*



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis *sung by the Pastor*

*LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *sung by the Pastor*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*sung by the Pastor*



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*2 Samuel 22:26-34*

<sup>26</sup>With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,

and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 8:1*

**O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
above the heavens.**

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 10:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia** *sung by the Pastor*

*LSB 190*

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The notes are connected by a series of beams and slurs. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: **A** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 16:1–13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve

two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 730 What Is the World to Me

*sung by the Pastor*



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Sermon

**“A Sermon on Cell Phones?”**

*Stand*

## Offertory *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 192



**C**re - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.*

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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ilene Shepherd, Brigette Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel), Patrick Oberle, and Ramona Von Ende. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

**Our homebound members** are John and Arleen Barrett, Linda Bredenberg, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

**All those serving in our Armed Forces**— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), Emily Sawyer (Florida), and Danny Schilling (home).

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**— Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, the family of Betty Schmiege, Justin Bermel & family (at the loss of his father Douglas, and his brother Jeffrey), Rob Borcharding & family (at the loss of his mother Carol), the family of Rev. Greg Tyler (Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Osseo), Lisa Kolander & family (at the loss of her mother Lucy Fairchild), Jan Stadler & family (at the loss of her sister, JoAnne Hackbarth), John Meyer & family (at the loss of his brother Jeff), the family of Larry Jobs, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), and Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— the family of Fred Hunt, the family of Diane Lawrence, Gerald Anderson & family (at the loss of his father Dale), Joyce O’Hern & family (at the loss of her father-in-law Marland), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her father George Hackler), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), and the family of Vivian Kuns.

**All expecting families and their unborn children**— especially Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney, and Sarah & Luke Wiley. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. Matthew Harrison, our Synod President and all our elected officers and board members in the LCMS.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for Board of Parish Ed Deacon Mark Dorethy and the Board Members, and Jr/Sr Youth Coordinator Jayme Kruse.

### † Announcements †

**COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, Phased-Reopening:** *All St. John’s events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, however, we now are able to hold Divine Services, weddings, and funerals that adhere to our protocols, as published in the pastoral letter of May 24, and available in our church’s “Covid-19 Preparedness Plan”. Please visit our website for the link to these documents and to stay informed as updates can happen quickly.*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please keep in mind your social distancing awareness and hygiene when entering the building and encountering other individuals; you are required to wear a mask as you enter, exit, or at any time when not social distancing. Our Custodial Staff has been working diligently maintaining disinfection measures throughout the building to help keep our limited staff & visitors safe.

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *Saturday Aug. 15- The Feast of the Virgin Mary (Is. 61:7-11; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 1:39-55)*

**VIDEO BIBLE STUDY:** Ephesians...An Epistle for the One Holy Church- in adult Bible study this summer we will study Saint Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, one of the most important Epistles in the New Testament and important for our understanding of what the Church is and is here to do. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel “Matthew Moss” and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

August 9- The Liturgy of the Spirit-filled Baptized (Eph. 5:15-21a)

August 16- Order as a Gift of the Spirit and an Image of Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:21b-33)

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We will meet via Facebook Live at 9:45 am each Tuesday. This format will allow any questions you might have, simply post a comment and if it is seen it will be answered. We will not have normal class this coming Tuesday (nor next), but will resume in two weeks (August 25) at our normal time of 9:45 am

on Facebook Live. This Tuesday at 9:45 am we will have a brief, pre-recorded segment on some of the literary qualities seen in the Book of Acts.

**MIDWEEK EVENING PRAYER SERVICES** are being live-streamed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Since our Sunday services will have a reduced liturgy and hymnody, our Kantor has agreed to come on Wednesdays to add music and hymns to this service. New bulletins will be uploaded to our website each week to include the hymns to be sung.

**NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING:** It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Vivian Kuns on August 2, 2020. A Graveside Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020, 1:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, 9141 County Road #101, in Maple Grove. Please bring a lawn chair. Masks and social distancing are required. Because of Covid-19 no luncheon will be served. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** The deacons have decided to enter Fiscal Year 2020-21 with the budget that was approved by the Deacon Council and presented in the packets provided previously. We hope to hold an Assembly to ratify this as soon as possible. Please direct your questions or concerns to Congregational President Erik Preus or contact our Church Secretary if you need another copy of the packet previously published.

**ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT:** SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove. Details to follow. Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to join us!

**ESP IS HIRING!** Just as St. John's school is intending to resume in-person classes this upcoming school year, ESP is also working to resume! If you are someone you know is interested in learning more or applying for this joy-filled position please contact Tori Kuehne (tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org or 763-244-7711) by August 12, 2020. Applicants must be at least 17 years old; previous childcare experience is preferred. This is an hourly position that includes a tuition discount for dependent children in grades K-8.

**ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS:** Please send us your college age student's address (even if they are living at home) so that St. John's may keep in touch with them throughout the year. Email addresses to: [parished@stjlutheran.org](mailto:parished@stjlutheran.org) OR [sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (August 9 – August 15) ***Sunday***- Chelsi Briel/Gary Volberding, ***Monday***- Nick Baltes/Ally Lodholz, ***Tuesday***- Claire Bode/Mackenzie Coombs/Jisaiah Phillips/Sienna Swanson/Sarah Wiley, ***Wednesday***- ..., ***Thursday***- ..., ***Friday***- Agena Christophersen/Mandy Gangelhoff/Sylvia Gapen/Janelle Kliche/Conrad Meyer, ***Saturday***- Ryan Bahr/Kristi Holthus/Angela Kaiser/Griffin Metcalfe/Naomi Schilling

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<u><i>Last Week</i></u> <i>08/02/20</i>	<u><i>Year-to-date</i></u> <i>since 07/01/20</i>
<i>Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources</i>	\$ 11,016	\$ 127,142
<i>Amount Needed</i>	\$ 17,192	\$ 123,569
<i>Amount Ahead (Behind)</i>	\$ (6,176)	\$ 3,573
<i>% Ahead (-Behind)</i>		3%

*Current Building Mortgage Balance (July 31, 2020): \$258,733*

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer ([mtgaff@comcast.net](mailto:mtgaff@comcast.net))

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK (August 2<sup>nd</sup>)** Total: 147 CM: 108

*Note: The pastors and kantor are only counted once in both figures above, but take up three of the 75 slots at each service. Also, Safety Team members are positioned in the halls, and do not count against the 75 available spots in the sanctuary, however they are included in the numbers of those present for worship and communing if they communed.*