

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 18 – October 25, 2020

### Sunday:

- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study (also live-streamed on Facebook)
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)
- 10:00 a.m. "Oktoberfest" Youth Mission Trip Presentation & Fundraiser Meal in the parish hall
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion

### Monday:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- 1:00 p.m. Small Group Communion (please call church office to pre-register)
- 6:00 p.m. NSC Board Meeting in parish hall

### Tuesday:

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Team
- 1:00 p.m. Quilters
- 7:00 p.m. Nativity Project Meeting

### Wednesday:

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism

### Thursday:

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

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- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also live-streamed on Facebook & Radio 1170AM/106.3FM)
- 10:00 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

## SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

### THIS WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Kaleb Schmidt
- ACOLYTE:** Derek Hammer
- ELDER/DEACON:** Kevin Froslan/Kent DeLong
- RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

### NEXT WEEK:

- ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood
- ACOLYTE:** Elli Hoban
- ELDER/DEACON:** Kevin Froslan/Kent DeLong
- RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 25 - Quarterly Voters Meeting / no 10:30 service
- October 30 – Fundraiser Meal for Mallorie Gehloff @ Waseca American Legion from 5-7:00 PM
- Nov. 15 @ 10:30 - "Lifetime Plan for Giving" presentation by Matt Steiner from The Lutheran Foundation



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### Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

### Vision Statement

*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

## SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✝ Adult Bible Study: 8:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live-streamed)
- ✝ Divine Services:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live-streamed; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
  - 10:30 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Today's Radio Broadcast** is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Judy Deling, sponsored by her family.
- **Welcome New Members!** Today at our 9:00 AM service, we will be receiving the following new members into our midst: Madison Olsem and Spencer Clevenger by adult confirmation, Ashley Semmann and children Elli and Colt by profession of faith, and Matt and Kristina Berg (and their sons, Ryan and Noah, who are both currently on military active-duty) by profession of faith.
- **Thank you!** Makayla Clark extends her sincere thanks and gratitude for the fundraiser donations received towards her recent hospitalization costs, and also the prayers, cards, gifts, and phone call chats!
- **Live Nativity Project - A Drive-through Christmas Celebration:** How would you like to be a part of sharing the Christmas Story with the surrounding community? We would like to host a Drive-through Christmas Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20 on the north end of our parking lot, set-up under the awning. We need a couple sheep, cow, donkey, Mary, Joseph, 3 Wise men, a Shepherd, Angels, Carolers, Hay or Straw and Manger, Baby Jesus, Traffic control, Literature Distributors, Apple Cider and Hot Chocolate Servers, set-up and take down help. If you would like to be part of this exciting way of sharing the Christmas Story please attend the initial planning meeting on Tues., Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall or contact Anita Nelson at 461-5027 or [anita.nelson@accelerate100.com](mailto:anita.nelson@accelerate100.com)
- **Pastoral Nominations** are being accepted October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms are available at the church entrances or in the church office. After completing a nomination form, please place in a sealed envelope and return to Bob Lau, call committee chair, or any Elder. Nominations will not be accepted after October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Quarterly Voters' Meeting next Sunday, October 25:** Agenda items include: Treasurer's report, Board reports, Policies & Procedures Manual/Collection of Important Documents, Sponsorship of Mallorie Gehloff's trip to Africa to serve with International Medical Aid & Outreach in the small communities of Kenya. Appoint Roger Rucker as delegate to 2020 Circuit Forum and 2021 District Convention.
- **Thank you!** The Board of Education wishes to thank all who participated in the door offering for the family of Eddie Bethke. Your generosity is appreciated!
- **The Board of Stewardship is hosting a special seminar** by Matt Steiner from the LCMS Foundation on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Matt will have a short presentation followed by any question's attendees may have regarding Lifetime Plan for Giving. Hope to see you there!
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** began an 8-week study of the Epistles of John, with the theme, "God is Love." All are invited to join us in the parish hall Sunday mornings from 8-8:45, or join us on Facebook Live Stream.
- **Our Sunday morning schedule will continue as follows, at least through the end of December.**
  1. Adult Bible Class will be from 8-8:45, and also Facebook Live-Streamed.
  2. The 9 a.m. service will continue to be broadcast on the radio and Facebook live-streamed.
  3. Every Monday, we will celebrate Small Group Communion at 1.
  4. We continue to offer a 10:30 service, except October 25.

## INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY CORNER



- Last Sunday, our Voters decided to call a pastor from the field. All members may nominate one or more pastors affiliated with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Nominations will be accepted from October 4 - 24<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms are available at the church entrances and the church office.
- Our Transition Team Steering Committee has agreed on two particular priorities/goals to our congregation in our preliminary report to the July Voters' meeting
  - Goal #1 -Reach out** with the love of Christ to attract and engage all ages, especially young families with children.
  - Goal #2 - In-reach** with the love of Christ to engage and challenge our own members, with a focus on less active members.

## UPCOMING SERMONS:

- October 25 - Pastor Zimmer / Reformation Sunday

### Four Part Sermon Series: 20/20 Vision

- November 1 - All Saints' Day - Focused on Jesus the Lamb
- November 8 - Focused on Jesus the Bridegroom
- November 15 - Focused on Jesus the Master
- November 22 - Focused on Jesus the Judge

### Thanksgiving Day: "God and Country"

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

If there is just one thing that you can give to your family, what would that one thing be? Hopefully, your heart quickly settles on inheritance in God's house, anchored by being children of the Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus. Your end of (earthly) life planning enables you to focus your attention on what really matters in your family relationships. You may want to write that down in a family blessing or Christian preamble to your will. Come learn about other important aspects of documenting your estate plan and more ways to make gifts to St. Paul: Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Or, contact Matt Steiner- Gift Planning Counselor, MNS District/Concordia St Paul – 651-641-8243.

*--Board of Stewardship*

## YOUTH GROUP CORNER:

- **Friday, Oct. 30** (7-10 PM = 7<sup>th</sup> Grade & up; 10-Midnight = Youth Group only) – Halloween Party: Dress up as your favorite person or animal from the Bible. There will be games, music, food and prizes but most of all Friends! A prize will be given for the BEST costume. Hope to see you all there! Please RSVP to Aimee Hill no later than Oct. 23 at [aimeebpaulson@gmail.com](mailto:aimeebpaulson@gmail.com) or text 651-380-0207.

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**PRELUDE MUSIC:** *The congregation is invited to participate in the singing of the Psalmody [Psalm 96] before our service begins. It is listed on the reusable song sheet distributed by Elder.*

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**OPENING SONG:** *“In Christ Alone”* *[see reusable song sheet distributed by Elder]*

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** Page 151

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**PSALMODY:** Psalm 96 *[see reusable song sheet distributed by Elder]*

**KYRIE** Page 152-153

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** 9:00 AM: *“Gloria in Excelsis”* Page 154  
10:30 AM: *“This Is the Feast”* Page 155

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY** Page 156

**FIRST READING:** *Deuteronomy 26:1-2*  
“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

**SECOND READING:** *Malachi 3:6-10; II Corinthians 9:6-15*  
<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup>Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that

having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE:** Common Page 156

**GOSPEL READING:** *Mark 12:41-44*  
<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**CHILDREN’S LESSON**

**HYMN:** *“Beautiful Savior”* **# 537**

**SERMON:** *“Portrait of a Biblical Giver” Part II* Rev. Dr. Larry J. Griffin

- 1. Page #4 is a picture of a thankful person putting first things first.
- 2. Page #5 is a picture of a red-faced man caught in the act of robbery repenting of his stinginess. (Proportionate giving)
- 3. Page #6 is a picture of a cheerful widow loved by God. (Cheerful giving)

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**NICENE CREED** [10:30 AM] Page 158

**HYMN** [9:00 AM]: *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”* **# 851**

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION** Page 272

**RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

