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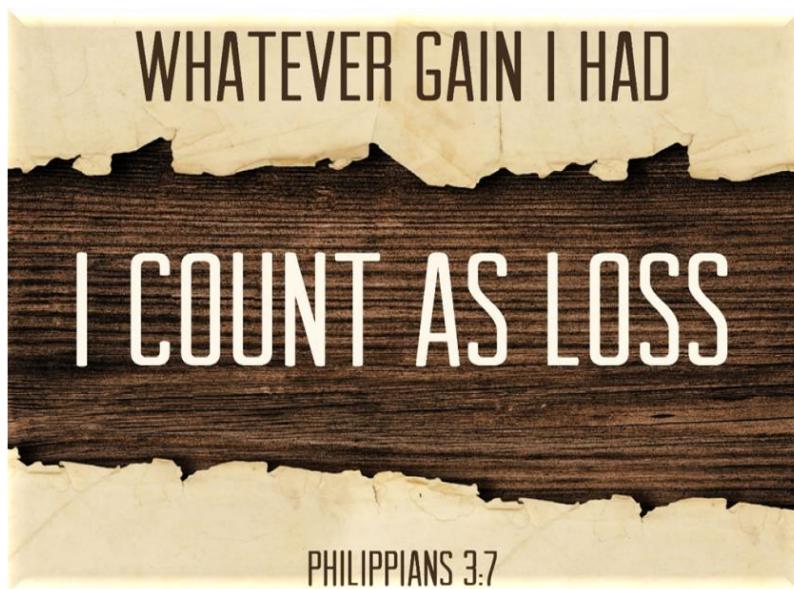
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✠ Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost ✠

October 4th, 2020 10:30 AM

LSB Setting 2

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU THIS MORNING!

We welcome you to this service of God's Word and Sacrament at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card. Visitors who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to read and consider the Communion Registration card (*reverse side of same card and below**) before joining us at the altar and to place the card in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

If you are unable to receive wine, please speak to Pastor or an elder before the service.

COMMUNION: When you commune, you will have a choice between individual cup and the common cup (chalice). The acolyte offers an individual cup before the pastor presents the common cup (chalice). Non-alcoholic wine is offered from individual cups placed in the center of the tray.

****PLEASE NOTE****

Those who intend to commune are encouraged to prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by reviewing the "*Sacrament of the Altar*" on page 326 and "*Christian Questions with Their Answers*" drawn up by Dr. Martin Luther on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book. *Visitors are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) with us if you...* are baptized in the name of the Triune God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, believe & confess the Christian Faith as expressed in Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, believe that in receiving Communion, you eat & drink Jesus' true body & blood with bread & wine for forgiveness of your sins & strengthening of your faith.

If you can affirm the statements above, you are welcome to share in reception of the Sacrament with us today. Please complete one of the red & white Visitor Communion Registration cards if you commune with us. Thank you!

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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The Prelude
The Greetings and Theme of the Day

✠ THE PREPARATION IN CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Entrance Hymn

LSB # 825 *Rise, Shine, You People*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 Tell how the world go out and tell the
 the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Apostolic Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

Gloria



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice,

but behold, bloodshed;
for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80:7-19

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

⁸You brought a vine out of | Egypt;*

you drove out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You cleared the | ground for it;*

it took deep root and | filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered | with its shade,*

the mighty cedars with its | branches.

¹¹It sent out its branches | to the sea*

and its shoots to the | River.

¹²Why then have you broken | down its walls,*

so that all who pass along the way | pluck its fruit?

¹³The boar from the forest rav- | ages it,*

and all that move in the field | feed on it.

¹⁴Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

¹⁵the stock that your right hand | planted,*

and for the son whom you made strong | for yourself.

¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have | cut it down;*

may they perish at the rebuke | of your face!

¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

¹⁸Then we shall not turn | back from you;*

give us life, and we will call up- | on your name!

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts!*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

▲ 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

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, a half note F, and a quarter note G. The second staff begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a half note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a half note A, and a whole note B. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a half note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a half note A, and a whole note B. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to You, O Lord."

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit.

³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes”?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB # 426 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sit

Sermon: *Our Loss & His Gain*

Stand

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

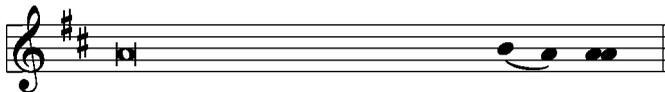
P Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Stand

Pax Domini

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).



P The peace of the Lord be with you all ways.



C A - men.

Sit

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God

C Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward in *Pilgrim style* and extend your arm so that pastor may place the bread /wafers in your hand.

An individual cup of wine will be placed on the altar rail.

After communing you are asked to place your individual cups in the bowl of water and dispose of your paper container in the waste basket

Communion Distribution Hymns

LSB # 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB # 634 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”

6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

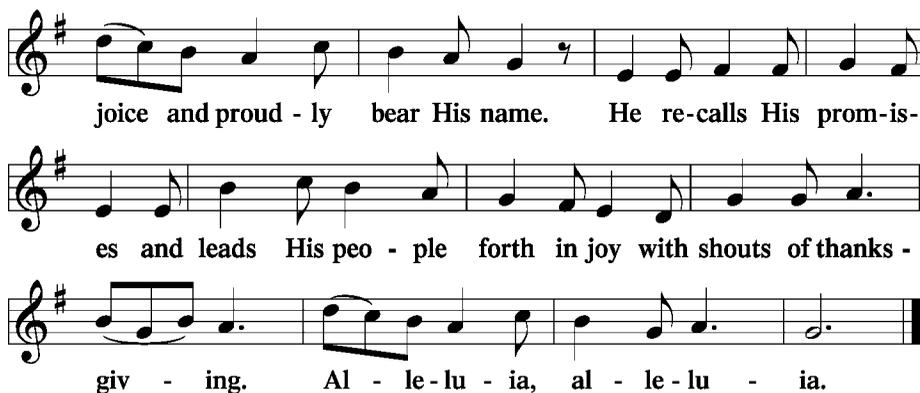
Post-Communion Canticle/Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

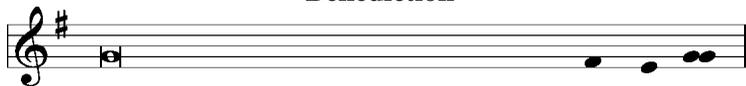
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - - men.

Announcements

Exit Hymn

LSB # 912 *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Dismissal

P Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

FLOWERS: *Jim & Peggy Blazek ~ for Jim's mother's 99th birthday*

THE LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY IS UP AND RUNNING! We have begun a study of the Gospel according to John. We meet in masked/distanced small groups AND offer a Zoom meeting as well. All are welcome. **If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Jan Saxe (864) 607-0217.** Meetings are held each **Tues. at 10 AM & 12 noon** and **Wed., at 10 AM.**

PLANS TO RESUME SUNDAYSCHOOL: Classes resume today, **10/4/20** with precautions (masking and distancing according to LCGS guidelines) in this revised format:

- a. Ages 2-3 taught by Leigh Ann Bockle (in the nursery).
- b. Combined children's Sunday School (ages 4-11) taught by Heidi & Jake Nagy with Jan Saxe assisting (in the large fellowship hall and/or outside if the weather allows). They will focus on catechism and Bible lessons with our CPH materials on hand. Children's SS offering will commence via LWML children's mite boxes.
- c. Confirmation class taught by Pr Steve Saxe (less than 5 in the library).
- d. Adult class (including post-Confirmation students) taught by Markus Bockle (in the sanctuary). This might be offered via live streaming as well.

e. Adult Catechism, taught by Pr Saxe, has resumed every other SUN evening - both in person & via Zoom.

UNITED MINISTRIES: United Ministries' Place of Hope Needs Men's Socks. Many of our homeless participants do a lot of walking. If their socks are worn out, we like to be able to give them a pair of new clean socks to put on their clean feet. We are down to our last 25 or so pairs. If you are able, pick up a package of new socks for our participants. Deliveries can be made to United Ministries, 606 Pendleton Street, from 8:00 – 5:00 Monday – Thursday and until noon on Fridays. Thanks for considering!

DEVOTIONALS: October – December, 2020, *Portals of Prayer*, are available at the door.

PASTOR TED'S GOLF FUNDRAISER: Although we have canceled the golf tournament this year, please consider a donation to Project Host on behalf of Pastor Ted. In speaking with Project Host, they remain busy as ever helping to provide food and work opportunities to those in need. I recently logged on to their website to make a donation and it only took me a moment. Do it today or at least set a deadline of October 4th, which would have been our tournament date. Looking forward to next year and thank you all for your support. Donation link: <http://www.projecthost.org/>

Regards, Pastor Ted Planning Committee.

Questions?: contact M. Kilpatrick via email marquek53@gmail.com or 864.201.6277

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QUILL NEWS: Many folks have asked when will we have a Quill? My reply is "as soon as **YOU** send me something to print." We are planning to print the first issue of the Quill for November provided you help. Elected officers and committee chair – what are the duties of your office or committee? Do you have any plans or ideas when things get back to "normal" whatever that may be? I would like a complete list of the 2021 officers and committee chairpersons, prayer list, calendar, and maybe a story or event you would like to share with everyone. This is your newsletter. Please help make our first one this year an interesting one. Send your articles to Joan Winkelman at lcsquill@aol.com. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: October 4 – Pentecost XVIII (Proper 22A) – Jesus' parable about vineyard tenants (Matthew 21:38-41) warns against abortion and assisted suicide. These acts always kill a son or daughter, without ever delivering the liberty they advertise. They ink us into

contracts payable only with guilt and grief. But entrusting ourselves to Christ, who creates bodies and sustains souls even amid costs and losses (Philippians 3:7-8) like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, this gives life not only to “me” but to “us” (Psalm 80:18).