

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD—*Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he shall never see death.” (John 8:51).* Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Trinity 15
Bible Class 9:15 — Congregational Assembly
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Youth Catechesis – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Divine Service 6:45 — Trinity 15
- **Thursday:** **Thursday Communion Chapel** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Jeremiah
- **Friday:** **Chapel Matins** – 8:00

THIS WEEK’S FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME: Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’ House

Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Class Series: Starts October 3rd

The St. Peter Option—To Everyone an Answer

What troubles you as a Christian these days? What causes you to fear for the future? What is our response to LGBTQ theology, transgenderism, the WOKE movement, cancel culture, global climate change, progressivism, totalitarianism, the loss of freedom, Christian persecution, and a host of other threats? Beginning October 3 and throughout this academic year during Sunday morning Bible Class, we will engage in a comprehensive study of 1 and 2 Peter, and how we are called to live joyfully and without fear as Christian pilgrims in a world of darkness and hostility toward the things we believe. Peter says, “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15) “**The St. Peter Option**” will explore how we are called to live in this vale of tears. Peter emphasizes that our calling in this world, even as we learn His Word deeply so that we might give a defense of our faith, is always to trust in Christ and to sing the praises of our God without fear or despair.

NEWS AND NOTES

Installation of New Officers and Board Members during the Divine Service at 7:45 a.m. Newly elected officers include Jason Petersen (chairman), Jim Frerking (vice-chairman), Julie Goltermann (secretary), Pat Handlos (treasurer), Mary Schneider (financial secretary). Newly elected board members include: Board of Elders – Kent Franklin, Paul Kachelmeyer, Mark Schneider, Matthew Voss; Board of Education – Jon Bruss, Laura Ferguson, Barry Wurster, Elton Volquardsen; Board of Properties – Paul Schneider, Fritz Theilacker.

Congregational Assembly – Today, Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. Remember to sign the attendance sheet. Complete packets are available.

All Boards meet Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. All Boards will meet the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting will begin jointly with a study led by Pastor on educational themes from Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions. This 30-minute study is open to anyone in the congregation. Each board will then divide and begin the business portion of their board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Submitting Names for Calling an Associate Pastor and Headmaster —

Anyone in the congregation may submit names to Pastor Bender for possible consideration of the Office of Associate Pastor and Headmaster. Under the provisions of our Constitution, the Board of Elders and the Board of Education work jointly as a call committee to screen potential candidates for the position. The Congregational Assembly is the calling body of our congregation. After candidates have been screened, and the Board of Elders, Board of Education, and Pastor Bender are prepared to make a recommendation to the congregation, a special meeting of the Congregational Assembly will be convened to consider extending a divine call. Updates on the process and candidates submitted for possible consideration will be posted each week on the narthex bulletin board.

Directory Updates: The membership directory for the congregation is being updated. If your address, phone number, and/or email addresses (if you want to be included) have changed within the past two years, and if you're unsure whether your changes have been recorded, please contact the office with your updates.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 9-5-2021 (13 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,265.00	Profit paid to Academy \$64.00
Attendance – 217	Total profit this fiscal year \$804.98

The first 6 weeks of this fiscal year show a rebound in sales! Thank you!

Keep up the good work!

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 12, 2021

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 750

“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Introit *sung responsively with the soloist. The congregation sings the Gloria Patri from Setting 3.*

Antiphon *(Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3)*

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me; *
save Your servant who trusts in You! You | are my God.
Be merciful to | me, O Lord, *
for I cry to You | all day long.

Psalm *(Ps. 86: 4, 6, 15a, 16)*

Rejoice the soul of Your | servant, *
for to You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; *
and attend to the voice of my suppli-| cations.
You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and | gracious. *
Oh, turn to me, and have mer-| cy on me!
Give Your strength to Your | servant, *
and save the son of Your maid-| servant.

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.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading I Kings 17:8-16

The Lord provides for the widow of Zarephath.

Choral Response “How Firm a Foundation”

Paul E. Koch

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say that to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters, I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake.”

Epistle Galatians 5:25-6:10

St. Paul describes the life of faith.

Alleluia-Verse *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day. The soloist sings the appointed verse.*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. *(Ps. 95:1)*

Holy Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Hymn of the Day 760

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”
Soloist sings stanza 3

Distribution Hymns

“Consider How the Birds Above” 736
“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” 557
“I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” 734

Hymn to Depart 598

“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”