

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 9/8: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 9/9: Worship & Music Team meeting, 9:30am.

NO Confirmation class.

Thursday 9/10: Church Council, 7pm.

Saturday 9/12: In-Church Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/13: In-Church Worship Service at 9am. Newsletter items due.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Wanda Bernhardt 9/7

Anna Wince 9/9

Lois Swan 9/11

Louie Mielke 9/12

Dolores Plote 9/13

James Haberstich 9/13

ANNIVERSARIES!!!

Mike & Dawn Percudani 9/9/88

Adam & Elizabeth Ruff 9/11/15

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to William & Jamie (Hall) Wittwer who were married Saturday.

William is the son of Tim & Dianna Wittwer.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Marilyn Roser, John Roser and Mary Loomis' mother is in hospice care.
- Marlene Feign, Cindy Stevens' mother is in hospice care.
- Doug Elmore had knee replacement surgery and is recovering.
- Mike & Marti Valasek's daughter Leanne is anticipating hernia surgery. She will meet with the surgeon on September 11.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky continued healing from major neck surgery.
- Connie Schauer began radiation treatments on Monday, August 31.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Fires in California and Colorado.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

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Sermon: **"OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF..."** – Gospel

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*Closing Hymn: "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul." ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Psalm 32:1-6 (responsively by whole verse) P. 230

Second Reading: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-4, 10-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35