

# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

## Together in Our Father's Household

**We welcome today** Bishop Emeritus David Stechholz, who has opened up our return to Sunday Bible Class this morning and will lead us again next Sunday in both Bible Class and worship while Pr. Scott is on vacation. Thank you, Bishop Stechholz, for bringing God's Word to us today.

**Pr. Scott is out of the office** through next Sunday, September 13. In the event of an emergency requiring pastoral assistance, please call Pr. Tim Loewe of Christ the King Lutheran, Lambertville. Pr. Loewe can be reached at (989) 280-4690.

### Helping to serve today:

- Liturgical deacon: Matt Sowers (*Next Sunday: David Jahn*)
- Organist: Karen Meyer
- Ushers: Will Sowers (*Next Sunday: Same*)
- Videographer: Matt Davenport

### Last Week at Good Shepherd:

✚ In Worship:	43
✚ Offering:	
General Fund	\$1,180.00
Mission Focus	\$30.00

**Together in Our Father's Word:** Listed below are an Old Testament and a New Testament reading for each day of the week through next Sunday. (Any readings in parentheses indicate additional, optional readings.) Join with your family of faith in this daily time with our Father.

6-Sep-20	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Eph. 5:15-33
7-Sep-20	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Eph. 6:1-24
8-Sep-20	2 Kings 5:9-27	Phil. 1:1-20
9-Sep-20	2 Kings 6:1-23 (2 Kings 6:24-8:29)	Phil. 1:21-2:11
10-Sep-20	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 (2 Kings 13:1-18:8)	Phil. 2:12-30
11-Sep-20	2 Chron. 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
12-Sep-20	2 Chron. 31:1-21	Phil. 4:1-23
13-Sep-20	2 Chron. 32:1-22 (Hos. 1:1-14:9)	Col. 1:1-23

### Included in our prayers this week:

- ✚ For boldness to speak the name of Christ, that many may come to know God's forgiving love in Him;
- ✚ For faithful pastors and church workers to minister to us in God's name and strengthen our faith and life together;
- ✚ For leaders who govern according to God's Word and a citizenry that respects life; for peace to the nations, an end to violence, prejudice and racism, and for an honest citizenry;
- ✚ Thanksgiving for the blessings of harvest and food for all, and for wisdom to use God's blessings wisely;
- ✚ For the care and guidance of the young and those new to the faith;
- ✚ For honest labor and industry, and for those in caring professions;
- ✚ For hearts that forgive as we have been forgiven;
- ✚ For deliverance from the pandemic, from disaster and danger, and from a sudden death;
- ✚ For strength of the weak, healing to the sick, comfort to those who grieve and peace to those near death. We include in particular . . .

### Those homebound and in care centers:

**Fern Brown** (Landings of Oregon)

**Barb Eilert** (Kingston of Perrysburg)

**Marge Porkert** (home)

**Frank Holub** (Goerlich Center)

**Marilyn Vergot** (The Lakes of Sylvania)

### Infirm / recovering:

**Carole Ciralsky** (recovering from surgery)

**Marsha Pinniger** (Recovering at her daughter's)

**Lois Klug** (home)

**Joachim Lugnbuehl** (brother-in-law of Donna Schumacher, respiratory problems)

**Donna Bubb** (Karen Brown' mother, recovering from surgery)

### Tests or treatment:

**Angie Broyles** (general health concern)

### Chronic/severe health problems:

**Paul Hennecke** (beginning treatments for cancer)

**Kevin Schwake** (melanoma)

**Kim Pinniger** (accepted as a patient at the Mayo Clinic, awaiting kidney transplant)

**Kim Schwake** (cancer)

**Monica Steele** (former member, cancer has returned)

**Duane Harrison** (friend of the Jahns, diagnosed with cancer)

**Amy Remer** (mother of four young children, facing possible amputation due to cancer)

### Today's Word from God: *Living as Humble Little Children of the Father.*

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, "you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," but whoever is humbled like a little child will be "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3-4). Though in our sin we deserve to be "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned ("buried") with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7-9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which "is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we "pay to all what is owed to them" (Rom. 13:7) and we "owe no one anything, except to love each other" (Rom. 13:8).

### Grace Notes: ♪ The Order of Service, Part 11—Nicene

**Creed:** Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in His name. The Creed is our saying back to God what He has first said to us. In the Nicene Creed, we acclaim the truth of the Triune God and His work of salvation accomplished for us in His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. (Adapted from *Didache: A Narrative Commentary on the Divine Service* by Rev. John Pless. Used by permission.)

**Stewardship Corner:** In every church, there are people who continually rise to the occasion to get the work done. Although God calls each of us to follow and serve Him, many of us are

much more concerned about our own lives and goals than assisting in the Lord's work. If we focus on "I, me, mine, and myself," we take care of "number one" to the exclusion of helping and serving. In our prayers, we should be asking God to grant us hearts that want to serve, and we should be asking Him, "What do You want to achieve through me today?"

**Divine Service – Setting Two:** If you would be helped by having the words with the melody line of this setting of the liturgy, we have a one page document on the table where the service folders are set out containing the melody line with the text to the larger musical portions of this service. Help yourself.

## Announcements

**Coming Up at Good Shepherd:** ♦ **Sun., Sept. 6,** Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM) ♦ **Tues., Sept. 8,** LWML (2:00 PM) ♦ **Thur., Sept. 10,** Ladies Breakfast (9:30 AM) ♦ **Sun., Sept. 13,** Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Sunday School (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM) ♦ **Mon., Sept. 14,** *Holy Cross Day* ♦ Catechism (4:00 PM) ♦ **Wed., Sept. 16,** Bible Class (10:00 AM) ♦ **Thur., Sept. 17,** Ladies Breakfast (9:30 AM) ♦ **Sun., Sept. 20,** Bible Study (9:00 AM) ♦ Sunday School (9:00 AM) ♦ Divine Service (10:30 AM)

**Our Mission Focus Offering for September** will be our District's 1-1-1 initiative toward mission funding. We invite each worshiper to give \$4 (\$1 for each week of the month). What you choose to give is of course up to you, the giver. The point is to call us as God's people to recognize how richly blessed we are, and to share from those blessings toward the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.

**Bible Study Update:** We are resuming both our Sunday morning and Wednesday morning Bible classes for those who can safely participate. **The Sunday 9:00 AM class** began today. Next Sunday, Bp. Stechholz will be back next week and will lead a study titled "*The English District Saga: A Niche in the History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.*" **The Wednesday 10:00 AM class** will begin September 16, and will pick up in Genesis where we were when the pandemic interrupted.

To help us maintain a safe environment, please note the following:

- We ask you to sign up (or call the church office) so that we know how many to make space for.
- We ask participants to wear face coverings.
- We can offer a *Zoom* option for the Wednesday class, but we ask those who are interested in this option to indicate it when they sign up (or call the church office) so that we are not spending time and energy on something no one plans to use.

A Bible Study sign-up sheet has been stationed at the *Welcome Center*.

**We also commend to you** (and especially to those who cannot safely join in our on-site studies) "*The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,*" available online at [IssuesEtc.org](http://IssuesEtc.org). This daily 15 minute, verse-by-verse Bible study is currently examining St. Matthew's Gospel.

**Hurricane Laura as well as the recent and deadly derecho storm in Iowa** remind us not only of the passing nature of this earthly life, but of the opportunity God's people have to show the love of Jesus. While there are many commendable charities (and, sadly, plenty of scams as well) that are active in circumstances like these, we commend our Synod's *Disaster Response* as a way to offer help with confidence, and to do so in

*the name of Jesus.* To donate online, goto <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>. You can also make a credit card gift by phone by calling the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438. To give by mail, send your check payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod" with the memo line or a note indicating the gift is for "Disaster Response," and mail your contribution to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Mission Advancement  
P.O. Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

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**Life Quotes:** "*On earth, there will be no shortage of burdens to bear as we care for those in need. But one day, these burdens will be lifted from our shoulders in Heaven, where the Lord will see us through the lens of Christ's perfect sacrifice and will say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Enter into the joy of your master' (Matthew 25:21). Rest in His unfailing love.*" Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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**Refuse and Recycling Drop-Off Day:** Good Shepherd will again serve as a site for Community Refuse and Recycling drop off for Toledo residents **this Saturday** (September 12). Please take note of the following:

**Hours:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Restrictions and limits:**

- Electronic waste (no TVs, CRT monitors, or appliances)
- Up to 10 tires (on or off the rim) free of charge (No commercial tire recycling)
- Document recycling available
- Cardboard, phone books, and newspaper
- Donation trailer, houseware goods, clothing, and toys
- Bulky items and refuse
- A donation trailer will be on site
- Latex paint (\$1 per gallon)  
\*Household hazardous waste accepted only at specific events

**Not Accepted:**

- TVs • Air conditioners • Refrigerators • Large appliances

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