

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford (cancer); Amy Burgland (recovering from surgery); Lane Burgland (recovering from surgery); Jim Lambert (recovering from surgery)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held again on Tuesday, August 11, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper. Please sign up by the doors! We'll end a little earlier since school begins the next day.

SIGN UP FOR PASTOR'S RETIREMENT PARTY! There are TWO sign-ups: one for a headcount for the meat, and others to sign up to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. We hope you can join us!

DROP BOXES FOR PHOTOS AND CARDS for Pastor Burgland's retirement party are located in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: beginning today, August 2, our Sunday morning Bible study will spend time in the Psalms, finding hope, comfort, and encouragement for difficult times.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS: beginning Thursday, August 6, at 7:30pm, we will begin a (theoretically) four-week series on the topic of angels and demons. Bring your questions and your sweet tooth! We are always excited to add to our group.

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug. 2	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort)
Tue. Aug. 4	6:30 / 7:00pm Elders / Council
Wed. Aug. 5	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Aug. 6	7:30pm Bible Study (Angels & Demons)
Sun. Aug. 9	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort)
Tue. Aug. 11	5:30pm VBS
Sun. Sept. 13	Picnic / Sunday School / Retirement party

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: August 9 / Trinity 9

OT: 2 Samuel 22:26-34

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

HYMN: LSB 730

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

“*The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness*” (Luke 16:1–9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).