

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020**

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

**IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK,** Pastor and the assisting elder will wear masks during the distribution of the Lord's Supper. We do not wish to cause any fear or doubt about receiving Jesus' body and blood!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held again this Tuesday, August 11, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper. We'll end a little earlier than before since school starts 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:** Psalms of Comfort and Hope

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS:** Angels and Demons

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Aug. 9	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort)
Tue. Aug. 11	5:30pm VBS
Wed. Aug. 12	7:30pm Worship
Thu. Aug. 13	7:30pm Bible Study (Angels & Demons)
Sun. Aug. 16	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort)
Aug. 20-27	Pastor & Megan Vacation
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.

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 16 / St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

**OT:** Isaiah 61:7-11

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:46-55

**EPISTLE:** Galatians 4:4-7

**HYMN:** LSB 518 sts. 1, 22, 3

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### A WRITING OF MARTIN LUTHER

Mary confesses that the foremost work God did for her was that He regarded her, which is indeed the greatest of His works, on which all the rest depend and from which they all derive. For where it comes to pass that God turns His face toward one to regard him, there is nothing but grace and salvation, and all gifts and works must follow. Here is the origin of the many prayers in the Psalter—that God would lift up His countenance upon us, that He would not hide His countenance from us, that He would make His face shine upon us, and the like. And that Mary herself regards this as the chief thing, she indicates by saying: “Behold, since He has regarded me, all generations will call me blessed.” Note that she does not say men will speak all manner of good of her, praise her virtues, exalt her virginity or her humility, or sing of what she has done. But for this one thing alone, that God has regarded her, men will call her blessed. That is to give all the glory to God as completely as it can be done. Therefore she points to God’s regard and says: “For, behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. That is, beginning with the time when God regarded my low estate, I shall be called blessed.” Not *she* is praised thereby, but God’s *grace* toward her. In fact, she is despised, and she despises herself in that she says her low estate was regarded by God. Therefore she also mentions her blessedness before enumerating the works that God did to her, and ascribes it all to the fact that God regarded her low estate. For, of a truth, she did not lie when she herself acknowledged her unworthiness and nothingness, which God regarded, not because of any merit in her, but solely by reason of His grace.