

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Julie Stratton & family; Bob & Ralph LeFever & family

CONFIRMATION BEGINS TODAY at 11:30am. This is not restricted to 7th and 8th grade. Parents of younger students who believe their son/daughter is ready to begin instruction are encouraged to bring them! **Parents—please attend this meeting!**

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE who made our retirement party so special for us. Your friendship and partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ has made the last thirty years a great joy. May the LORD always be with you! -Lane & Janet

JOIN US FOR AN ADOPTION SHOWER and cake reception to welcome Aaron and Josiah Mullet next Sunday, September 27, at 11:00am. If you wish to bring a gift, books, puzzles, family games, or gift cards would be most appreciated.

CHURCH COUNCIL & ELDER ELECTIONS will be coming soon. There are several positions available. Interested in serving? Contact Pr. Mullet, Renel Alarie, or Mike Spencer for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Psalms of Comfort and Hope

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS: Jesus in the Old Testament

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 20	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort) 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation (parents attend!)
Wed. Sept. 23	7:30pm Worship
Thu. Sept. 24	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Sept. 27	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study (Psalms of Comfort) 9:00am Sunday School
Sun. Oct. 11	9:00am Voters' Meeting

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: September 27 / Trinity 16

OT: 1 Kings 17:17-24

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-17

EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:13-21

HYMN: LSB 758

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”