

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn

**WELCOME TO REV. & MRS. MICHAEL SCHEMPF!** We are excited to have them with us today. We have been regular supporters of their mission work in Uganda. Rev. Schempf will be preaching and also making a special presentation during the Bible study hour. Join us!

**OUR NEW FIELDWORKER** is Sem. Scott Woodhouse. He and his wife Christine are from Columbia City. We are excited for them to join our family of Faith for the next couple years. Scott will be installed next Sunday, October 11.

**THE VOTERS' MEETING** for this quarter is next Sunday, October 11.

**CHURCH COUNCIL & ELDER ELECTIONS** will be coming soon. Contact Pr. Mullet, Renel Alarie, or Mike Spencer for more information.

**THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT** has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 1. You can sign up by the doors to decorate your car and to bring a side dish for our potluck supper that day.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Psalms of Comfort and Hope

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS:** Jesus in the Old Testament

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Oct. 4	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion (Rev. Schempf) 9:00am Rev. Schempf Mission Presentation 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Oct. 7	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Oct. 8	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Oct. 11	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation

## 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:** October 11 / Trinity 18

**OT:** Deuteronomy 10:12-21

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-46

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**HYMN:** LSB 694

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:4–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (1 Cor. 1:9).