

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; all affected by COVID-19

**NEW BIBLE STUDY ARRANGEMENTS** are in place due to increasing attendance. 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the “kitchen room”; high school students in the youth room; adults, in the fellowship hall. What a blessing to have so many studying the Scriptures together!

**WELCOME TO REV. TOM DUNSETH** of Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society! We are excited to have him preach and teach today.

**CHURCH COUNCIL & ELDER ELECTIONS** will be coming soon. The following positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Elder (1), Trustee (1), and Secretary. Contact Pr. Mullet, Renel Alarie, or Mike Spencer for more information. **Nominations should be arranged and submitted by the end of October!**

**THE TRUNK-OR-TREAT** is Sunday, November 1, from 3-5 pm and will be followed by a potluck supper. You can sign up by the doors to decorate your car and to bring a side dish or dessert.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Rev. Tom Dunseth of Ephphatha

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

#### **CALENDAR**

Sun. Oct. 18 (St. Luke)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Ephphatha Mission Presentation 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Oct. 21	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Oct. 22	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Oct. 25 (Reformation)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group

## 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 25 / Reformation Day

**FIRST:** Revelation 14:6-7

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:12-19

**EPISTLE:** Romans 3:19-28

**HYMN:** LSB 656

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

*“Wisdom is justified by her deeds”* (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and remain in His house forever. For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.