

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Hattie Jane and the Stoner and Lewis families

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS today is Hattie Jane Stoner, daughter of Christian and Ashley. Sponsors are Callie Lemper and Marissa Melchi. We rejoice that God has called Hattie to be His child!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Randy and Shelvy Lewis in celebration of the baptism of Hattie Jane.

THANK YOU to Janet Burgland, Judie Spencer, and Joy Lambert for your time and effort hosting our blood drive last week!

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 participate, decorate your car, and/or bring a side dish or dessert.

CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 25 (Reformation)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group
Wed. Oct. 28	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Oct. 29	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Nov. 1 (All Saints')	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 3:00pm Trunk-or-Treat 5:30pm Potluck Supper
Sun. Nov. 8	9:00am Voters' Mtg. (Budget & Elections)

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: November 1 / All Saints’ Day

FIRST: Revelation 7:9-17

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1-3

HYMN: LSB 677

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out *“salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne”* (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).