

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Brenda LeFever; Walt Trier; Cheryl Bellis; Joy Lambert & family

**LUTHERANISM 101:** for the next couple weeks we'll return to our overview of "Lutheranism 101" during Sunday Bible study, focusing especially on Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Confession & Absolution.

**DINNERS FOR 8:** you and your spouse (and children, if applicable!) are invited to participate in a fun new fellowship opportunity! An easy, low-pressure way to get to know each other a little better over supper. You will be "paired up" with three other couples/families. Your group of 8 (or more!) will have dinner together once per month in September, October, November, and December. Take turns hosting and coordinating, or make it a potluck every time! **Sign up on the tables by August 28!** Talk to Megan Mullet for more information! We'd love to have you join us. **Singles are welcome too!!**

**MATINS & BOOK OF CONCORD POSTPONED:** we will be taking a break from our weekly Matins and Book of Concord study for the month of August. Join us again beginning Wednesday, September 7!

**CONFIRMATION MEETING:** parents & students please plan to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30am. We will talk through scheduling, expectations, and so on. **Confirmation is not limited to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but rather is open to any youth who are deemed ready by their parents.** Not sure whether your student is ready? Join us and we can talk. :)

**FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS:** available on the tables. See Linda to purchase!

#### CALENDAR

Sun. Aug. 21 (Trinity 10)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101)
Tue. Aug. 23	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Aug. 24	7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Aug. 25	7:00pm Bible Study (Colossians)
Sun. Aug. 28 (Trinity 11)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101)

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In Bible study this morning, our focus is turned to Holy Baptism. What does Scripture teach us about this great gift of God? How do various Christian denominations view Baptism? Why are the differences important? Take a look at how Luther explains it in the Small Catechism. The Bible verses he refers to are a great starting place for our own study of Baptism!

### *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

### *Which is that Word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

### *What benefits does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

### *Which are these words and promises of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

### *How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and no baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

### *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

### *Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)