

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!** Join us for an ice cream social after the second service to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year!

**CONFIRMATION MEETING: TODAY** at 11:30am. is open to any youth who are deemed ready by their parents. Not sure whether your student is ready? Join us!

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!** Join us for supper at 6:00pm and games, activities, & fellowship to follow. Bring (a) friend(s)!

**DEVOTIONAL READINGS** will be posted on our website M-F beginning tomorrow, Sept. 12. See the Back Page for more information!

**MONDAY DISCUSSIONS:** join Pr. Mullet and Vicar Woodhouse every Monday at 8:30am to discuss the readings for the following Sunday (connections, Greek & Hebrew odds & ends, preaching ideas, and so on). We'd love to have you!

**ELDERS & CHURCH COUNCIL** meet this Tuesday, Sep. 13, at 6:00 & 7:00pm.

**THE WOMEN'S GROUP:** meets this coming Saturday, September 17, at 9:00am.

**DINNERS FOR 8:** groups have been formed! Enjoy your dinners together!

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Sep. 11 (Trinity 13)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / <b>Sunday School</b> <b>11:00am Ice Cream Social</b> <b>11:30am Confirmation Meeting</b> 6:00pm Youth Group
Mon. Sep. 12	8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings
Tue. Sep. 13	<b>6:00 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council</b>
Wed. Sep. 14	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Sep. 15	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sat. Sep. 17	<b>9:00am Women's Group</b>
Sun. Sep. 18 (Trinity 14)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation

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Last week we revisited the vital importance of receiving God's gifts in the Divine Service and the study of God's Word. This week, as promised, we zoom in on the topic of personal devotions and prayers. Corporate worship and study are indispensable, but so too are personal study, devotion, and prayer centered on the Word of God and the gifts He offers to us there.

Many of us might use *Portals of Prayer* or a similar devotional resource. And these are a great place to start! Often, however, such resources offer only a verse or two of the Bible each day—a rather “slim diet” of God's Word! Four chapters every day will complete the entire Bible in about ten months. Perhaps that's overwhelming right now—that's ok! Make it a goal to work toward. Consider reading one chapter a day. Or set a timer for 15 minutes and see how far you get! There are countless ways to get started in God's Word. If you're not sure where to begin, don't hesitate to ask!

It is always good to include prayer in your reading of the Bible, too. Small, simple devotional “services” each day, whether by yourself, or with your spouse or family, are an excellent way to center your life and the lives of your family in God's Word and in prayer. Husbands and fathers, do this for your wives and children! I stand ready to offer any help you might need.

In service of these goals to read more of God's Word and to establish a routine of daily prayer and devotion, I offer the following outline (10 minutes or so) that you might use each day by yourself or with your family.

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*“In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

- The Psalm of the Day\*
- The Reading or Readings\*
- The Hymn\*
- The Apostles' Creed
- The Lord's Prayer, Prayers for Ourselves and/or Others,  
& Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

*“The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve me / us. Amen”*

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\*Where do I get the psalms, readings, and hymns for each day? I'm glad you asked! CPH's *Treasury of Daily Prayer* is a great resource for this, offering all these and more for every day of the year. The hymnal has a list of daily readings. **Alternatively: \*\*I will be posting short audio recordings every Monday – Friday, reading the Psalm, another Reading, making a few comments, and singing a hymn stanza. Simply listen along with me, then continue with the Creed and the prayers in the short order above!\*\***