

The Twenty-Third Sunday
after Trinity
The Sunday of the Denarius



“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are
God’s.”

Matthew 22:21b

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24 October + 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *"in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels"* and *"better than gold, even fine gold"* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil. 3:20-21).

Service Notes: Kantor for the 8:00 service is Julie Moreno. Mark Johnson will provide distribution music. Joanna Kumm is the kantor for the 10:45 service.

Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Divine Service

Setting Three

Prelude: WIE SCHON LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN LSB #913 "O Holy Spirit Enter In.....Dietrich Buxtehude

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\text{I}}\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit (*congregation chants bold*) *Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12*

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.**

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

**Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

**Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
54nd on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 8:11–22

¹¹For wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹²"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. ¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; ¹⁶by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. ¹⁷I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. ²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, ²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

Saturday Gradual: *(Kantor) Ps. 44:7-8*

You have saved us | from our foes*
and have put to shame those who | hate us.
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

8:00 a.m. Gradual: *(Kantor) "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name".....LSB #734*

I trust, O Lord, Your holy name; O let me not be put to shame Nor let me be confounded.
My faith, O Lord, Be in Your Word Forever firmly grounded.

You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My fortress that withstands each shock,
My help, my life, my tower, My battle sword, Almighty Lord -- Who can resist Your power.

All honor, praise, and majesty to Father, Son Spirit be, Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We run our race Till we depart victorious.

Philippians 3:17–21

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¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Trio/Kantoeri) Ps. 115:11

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD! *
He is their help | and their shield.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 22:15–22

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.

¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode



1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
 scorn as - sail us; While You are
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's



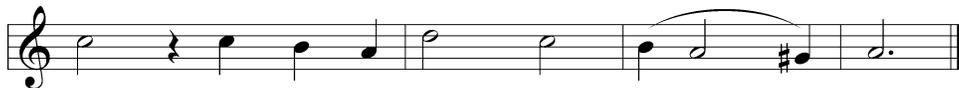
love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
 fail - us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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Sit

Sermon: "Jesus passes the test for us." ~ Matthew 22:17-22

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- ☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering ~ "God the Father, Be Our Stay".....Georg Philip Telemann

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

*We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper.
 Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.*

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Sit

8:00 a.m. – "The Church's One Foundation"arr. Grimpo

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



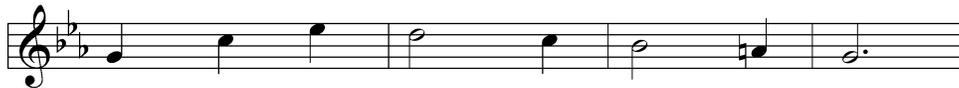
steeples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

672 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, O cit - y fair and high, Your
 2 O hap - py day, O yet far hap - pier hour, When
 3 The pa - tri - archs' and proph - ets' no - ble train, With
 4 Un - num - bered choirs be - fore the shin - ing throne Their



tow'rs I yearn to see; My long - ing heart to
 will you come at last, When by my gra - cious
 all Christ's fol - l'wers true, Who washed their robes and
 joy - ful an - thems raise Till heav - en's arch - es



you would glad - ly fly, It will not stay with me.
 Fa - ther's love and pow'r I see that por - tal vast?
 cleansed sin's guilt - y stain, Sing prais - es ev - er new!
 ech - o with the tone Of that great hymn of praise.



E - li - jah's char - iot take me A - bove the low - er skies, To
 From heav - en's shin - ing re - gions To greet me glad - ly come Your
 I see them shine for - ev - er, Re - splen - dent as the sun, In
 And all its host re - joic - es, And all its bless - ed throng U -



heav - en's bliss a - wake me, Re - leased from earth - ly ties.
 bless - ed an - gel le - gions To bid me wel - come home.
 light di - min - ished nev - er, Their glo - rious free - dom won.
 nite their myr - iad voic - es In one e - ter - nal song.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You
 would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
 Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen, amen, amen.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



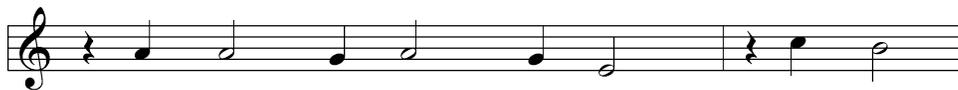
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

Postlude: "Prelude in G-Major".....Johann Sebastian Bach

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News and Notes



Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir – Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

"Honoring God's House" ~ It's not too late to give a gift or pledge to St. Paul's Capital Campaign. Forms are located in various places in the church. Please prayerfully think on how you can help! Please be sure that you are caught up on your pledge.

Anyone interested in helping with small jobs around the church are invited to be here on Tuesday mornings for "The TEWSday Crew" from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Tews for more information. (260-341-1540)

Reformation Day Dinner, October 31, 2021 This year it happens that Reformation Day lands on a Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our heritage as Lutherans, with a firm reliance on the Word of God! In our services we will follow Divine Service 5, "Luther's German Service," complete with so many hymns he wrote. Also, please join us for a meal immediately following the second service, sometime around 12:15 pm. Brats, sauerkraut, and drinks be provided. We ask that everyone who attends bring a favorite German side or dessert. We'll sing a few hymns, tell a few stories and who knows, we may even catch a few people in their lederhosen!

Harvest Dinner We are again happy to be able to plan another dinner at Church, specifically the annual Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 21st immediately after second service.** These dinners, as in the past, are sort of like Thanksgiving Dinners for our Church Family. At this time, the main theme will be thanksgiving to God for the generosity of our members and a prayer for continued generosity toward the accomplishment of refurbishing our structure. Comments may be made at this time about the progress of our construction. Later that week we will again bow our heads before the living God in worship on the Eve of Thanksgiving Day. **Join us for worship at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th.**

"Society should address every act of injustice and partiality based on ethnicity, and not allow politicians to use envy or 'race' for election ploys. 'Wisdom from above' is needed, says James, lest there be 'wars among you.' Resist the calls to revolution and repair to the One who is able to bring all men together, at the Cross." James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Christian Book Club

Hosts: Nate and Becca Heinicke, 510 S 8th St

Currently reading: Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring , Book 1

Discussion: November 4th, 7 p.m.

Please RSVP if you'd like join the club and haven't previously attended.

See Becca for a printed copy of discussion questions.

The Festival Choir will sing for both services on **Reformation Sunday, October 31**. Interested singers are invited to any of the Wednesday choir rehearsals at 7:15 p.m. and to a special Festival Choir rehearsal on Sunday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Frank.

We Want You!

An update on SPLECC



Lots has happened at St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center in the last few months. The Board has been fast at work after our Director resigned in order to modify some structure and rebuild stronger than ever before. After much study and discussion we have made some great changes.

- 1. Operations Director:** It has become evident over time that there is much to deal with in the Early Childhood field and too much for one person. The SPLECC Board has established the position of operations director in order to set the table for the success of our program. This position will have charge over staff scheduling and all things necessary to see to the smooth flow of the ministry processes.
- 2. Tung Dang:** Quickly after creating the Operations Director position, the board filled it with Mr. Tung Dang. Tung is retired from the Navy after 24 years of service and has spent years in Christian ministry with children at such places as The Hope Center, Gabriel's Corner and Children's Square. Tung has already been a huge blessing to our center!
- 3. Volunteers:** We are rebuilding our volunteer program at SPLECC. The more members that can help our program the better! We are very thankful that Mrs. Tews is now volunteering on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center! We also have a large volunteer team ready to go for our Fall Party on October 29th! (These helpers include Sue and Tom Trede, Greg Montgomery, Bill and Kathy Kruse and Pastor and Mrs. Tews. Special donations are coming from Martin Cannon, The True Family and Joe and Nicole Villarreal.)
- 4. New Staff:** In addition to Tung, Anna Raymond has come aboard as a new team member at our center! It is wonderful to see our members interact with children from the community and others from our church. When children from church get to see people they know at both the center and church, it is a real blessing!
- 5. WE WANT YOU!** As we look to fill our Early Childhood Director position and other positions at the center, we want you or someone you know to consider working or volunteering at SPLECC. SPLECC is St. Paul's ministry, and there is no better way of showing our love to the community through our center than filling our mission with St. Paul's members.

If you are interested in learning more about open positions or how you can volunteer, please contact Pastor Sherrill at 712-310-4248 or nathansherrill1978@gmail.com

Opportunities for Growth: October 24 – 31, 2021

Sunday: 10/24/21

9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC/Festival Choir Rehearsal

Monday: 10/25/21

6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

Tuesday: 10/26/21

8:00 a.m. – Tewsday's Crew

9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 10/27/21

9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC

5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir

5:00 p.m. – Christ Academy

7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei/Festival Choir

Friday: 10/29/21

1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son

Saturday: 10/30/21

5:30 p.m. – Worship - C

Sunday: 10/31/21 - Reformation

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship - C

9:30a.m. ~ SS/BC

12:15 p.m. – Reformation Dinner



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