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AS WE GATHER- THE GLORY OF GOD IS THE PASSION AND CROSS OF CHRIST JESUS – After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15-20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

MATINS

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OFFICE HYMN

“WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK”

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✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you

utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 34:9, 19 ALT.

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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

G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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"O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD"

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LORD'S PRAYER

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

G Hear our Prayer

In Our Prayers:

+ Andy Birkholz
+ Phyllis Ernst
+ Scott Christenson
+ Cheryl Lueck
+ Beverly Paulson

+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Sonya Clausen
+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Maya Radtke

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CLOSING HYMN

“HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS”

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 111

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. JOINT WORSHIP – Worship service on Sunday, September 6th will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie at 9:00 AM. There will be NO service at St. Paul that day.

2. ITEMS AVAILABLE – As a major cleaning of the Sunday School rooms is taking place, many excess items are available for congregation member. Please view the items on the tables by the coat racks and take what you can use.

3. WINDOWS OF FAITH UPDATE – Currently we have received approximately \$58,000 out of the \$78,000 need for this project. Windows in the Education Wing have been replaced. Trim work will be completed on these windows soon. Stained glass windows will be repaired as money is available. A reminder that you can contribute to this project at any time. See the display in the Upper Narthex for more information, and for special offering envelopes. (You may also use your regular envelopes and indicate “Windows of Faith”)

4. RELEASE TIME – Release time will be starting up with the new school year. Classes will begin the week of September 14th. This will be for grades 3-6. Registration can be done by contacting Pastor Barlau.

5. SUNDAY SCHOOL – Registration is now open for Sunday School. Please visit our Facebook page or website to find the link to register or use the QR code following bulletin announcements.

6. LWML – It's time to collect items for School Kits that will be sent to Orphan Grain Train to distribute to kids who need them. The following are items requested by OGT. They ask not to deviate from this list. There is a sample kit on the LWML table. Light weight back packs (new or gently used). Spiral notebook (70 sheet), Pencils, Pens (like Bic), Construction Paper, 24 Count Crayons, 12" Ruler, Glue Sticks, Child Scissors, Eraser, 12 Count Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpener, Single Pocket Folder. Place items in the bin below the table. You may also donate cash and we'll purchase the items.

7. SAVE THE DATE – Rally Sunday September 13th, "Lift High the Cross". Join us for our exciting new Sunday School format and curriculum! Sunday School mission will raise funds to be donated to House of Hope Madagascar.

8. MEETING – LWML invites all women to join us on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 in an education classroom. There will be a Bible study and coins (mites) will be collected for missions. A donation will be given from the treasury to Lutheran Bible Translators and Vicar Alex Nelson who is currently serving a congregation in Green Bay.

9. SERVANTS NEEDED to visit our senior members who are not able to regularly join us in the pews on Sunday mornings. If you are interested or would like more information, contact April Lee, Jane Holasek, or the church office.

10. USHERS NEEDED- We are in need of ushers for both services throughout the year. If interested, please call Head Usher Jim Klaustermeier (320) 395-2387.

11. SCHEDULE – September 13 ~ Ushers: 1st Service: Adam Birkholz, Todd Ruschmeyer, Jacob Ross, Fred Holasek; 2nd Service: Mike Lee, Gary Kosek, Ben Schulteis, Mavrik Kosek; Acolytes: 1st Service: B. Peterson, E. Novotny; 2nd Service: T. Herrmann, L. Schauer; Greeters- Jerome Herrmann; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Altar Guild: Rachel Barlau, Megan Salden; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

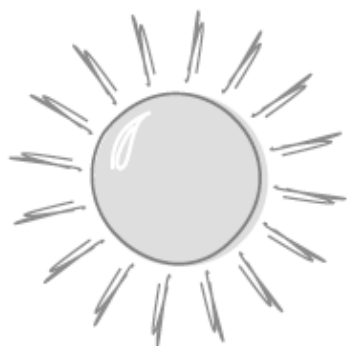
Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug 30	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP Endowment Committee Meeting
Wed. Sept 2	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin Confirmation Class
Sun. Sept 6	9:00 a.m.	JOINT WORSHIP AT. ST. PETER (No service at St. Paul)
Mon. Sept 7		Church Offices Closed
Wed. Sept 9	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin Confirmation Class
Sun. Sept 13	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMMUNION Sunday School Rally Sunday WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMMUNION Elders Meeting



Sunday School
Registration

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is “Matins”?

Today we receive our Lord’s gracious gifts through the Order of Matins. The word “Matins” comes from the Latin word “matutinus” which means “of the morning.” Matins is a service of prayer that is used by the Church in the morning.

Why do we use the Order of Matins?

The Order of Matins has been used by Christians since almost the beginning of Christianity. At the beginning of the day, Christians prayed the Order of Matins because it started their day off right! You can use the Order of Matins too! When you wake up in the morning, grab your hymnal and try it. What better way than to begin each morning deep in God’s wonderful Word? If you’re not sure how to do it, then ask your pastor. He’d be glad to help you!



Parents: It can be quite easy for children to learn and enjoy the liturgy of the Church when a parent shows them how. Children rely upon routines in their lives, which are put in place by parents. Matins can become a part of the morning devotional routine at your house.



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