

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7

- ¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
- ² “I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by
your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know
me.
- ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know
me,
- ⁶ that people may know, from the rising
of the sun
and from the west, that there is none
besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- ⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create
calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these
things.”

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
- ² We give thanks to God always for all
of you, constantly mentioning you in our
prayers, ³remembering before our God
and Father your work of faith and labor of

love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Holy Gospel: 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.



About the Cover: The Pharisees wanted to trap Jesus, but Jesus undoes their game. Though all things are certainly God’s, Jesus shows that paying taxes has its place under God-given government but also that we ought to render ourselves to the Lord. God’s likeness is on us as we were made in His image, and our whole lives belong to Him. He has purchased and won us by His own precious blood.

Whose likeness and



inscription is this?

Matthew 22:20



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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45AM

***Divine Service** 9:45 AM

Facebook Page: St. John's Sauers Lutheran Church

(Service is streamed on Facebook Live).



In Our Prayers:

For our Shut-ins: Gladys Lambring, Don Hoevener, Paul McMahon, Mabel Pollert, Joyce Sterling, Richard & Phyllis Lambring, John & Patty Surenkamp, Leroy Lambring, Carla Miller, Norma Brown, Milton Stuckwisch, Ann Hoevener.

For illness/Healing: Jim Reedy, Richard Bane, Allen Holle, Curt Benter, Mark O'Mara, Victor Schneider, Robert & Wilma Rieckers, Raymond Tormoehlen, Mary Wehrkamp, Rick Mackey (Diana Stuckwisch's brother), Nancy Toppe, Kevin Sullivan (Kim Sullivan's father-in-law/cancer), Don Luecke.

Special Needs: For our nation and community as we face the challenges that are confronting us with regards to COVID-19.

Celebrating: Alex & Megan Wischmeier on their marriage.

October 18, 2020

Opening Hymn LSB 549

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Readings: *Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Hymn LSB 734

Offetory LSB 781

Closing Hymn LSB 850

Acolyte: Abby Schroer

Acolyte for next Sunday, October 25: Phoebe Underwood

Organist: Mr. Ross Rieckers

This Week's Schedule:

Today: +8:45am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
+9:45am Divine Service
+Following service: Brief Voter's Meeting
+11:00am Choir

Mon-Wed. +Pastor Fall District Conference

Tuesday: +7:00pm Midweek Bible Study

Wednesday: +8:30am Chapel
+7:00pm Women's Bible Study @ Church
+8:00pm Public School Confirmation

Thursday: +10:00am Inquiry Class

Friday: +7:00am Church Cleaning

Next Sun: +8:45am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

+9:45am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

+7:00pm Reformation Rally @ Immanuel, Seymour

Please contact Holly Sawyer at the Church/School office for:

- ❖ Flowers on the altar;
- ❖ School Rental (rental fee \$50.00);
- ❖ Bulletin Announcements: Please forward all items for the October 25, bulletin by **8:00am, Friday, 10/23.** sjsoffice.hsawyer@gmail.com

	Date: 10/11/2020
Envelopes/Loose	\$9,130.00
Memorials	\$40.00
Total	\$9,170.00
Weekly Need to Balance the Budget	TBD
Total Tithes/Gifts to Date (1/1/2019-10/11/2020)	\$379,740.87
Needed to Date to Balance the Budget	TBD
Week 41: % of Budget to Date:	TBD
Line of Credit	\$72,900.00

Proper 24 - Matt. 22:21 – "... Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' " So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

Fall Festival: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brownstown will be holding a drive-thru fall festival this year on Sunday, October 25th from 4-7pm. Menu options include: Chili or Potato soup, chicken or western sandwich, assorted salads & desserts. There is also a kid's menu of hot dog, mac & cheese and cookie. Free will donation. Flyer on bulletin board in narthex.



The annual St. Peter Lutheran Church Waymansville **FISH FRY** is today from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and will be drive-thru style. Our menu will include fish sandwiches, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, cookies, and a drink. A freewill donation can be given in the drive-thru, and all proceeds will go to Lakeview Ministries this year.



New! The 2020 Lutheran Mission Federation Reformation Rally will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church Seymour - This year's Rally is on Sunday, October 25th, at 7:00pm. The service will feature Rev.



Sean Daenzer, the Director of Worship for the LCMS & Chaplain at the International Center, as our preacher. Due to limited seating, you are asked to sign-up to attend in person at <https://signup.com/go/fxDBWxY>. The service will be streamed via Facebook Live. For those who will be watching livestream, you can pick up a paper copy of the service in your church office, or you can access it in the description of the video feed.

SIGN UP TO SERVE AT A FUNERAL DINNER - Sign-up form is on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone (men & women) available to serve and/or donate food items for the next funeral dinner.



This year, Trinity Lutheran High School will be performing one of Broadway's classics: *The Music Man*. November 13-15, at 7:00 p.m. in Gym & Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Gym. Festival Seating, Tickets \$10.00 each, Purchased through School Office 812-524-8547. Come enjoy our "Radio Theater Concert Version" of the MUSIC MAN at TLHS! We will be presenting the musical with a socially distant cast on the gym floor and a socially distant audience in the bleachers. We hope to deliver an entertaining performance while following health guidelines. Come back in time with us to River City & 76 Trombones!

Our Nursing Home Brothers & Sisters

- † Covered Bridge Health Campus: Mabel Pollert (B-day: April 15th)
Leroy Lambring (B-day: Nov. 5th)
- † Seymour Crossing: Phyllis Lambring (Birthday: November 6th)
- † Hoosier Christian Village: Carla Miller (Birthday: November 22nd)

Prophet, Priest, and King: How to Live a Prophetic Life (1 of 3)

Touch not My anointed ones, do My prophets no harm! (Psalm 105:15)

Christ Jesus, our Lord, was "anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our Prophet, Priest, and King" (*Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 182). The prophetic part of Christ's office means that He speaks the divine Word to us for our forgiveness and life in Him. Jesus faithfully spoke the Word—that is, He prophesied—during the days of His humiliation (Hebrews 1:1-2), and He still prophesies today through the preaching of His Word.

Amazingly, our Lord Jesus has also made each of us to be His prophets! All God's Christians are given to prophesy, that is, to speak the Word of the Lord to their neighbor. Through such faithful speaking, we live prophetic lives.

The verse at the top of this page indicates that God the heavenly Father calls each Christian His prophet. Psalm 105 was written concerning the entire people of God, that is, all those who are descendants of Abraham (v. 9). As the apostle Paul later explained, everyone who believes in Jesus is a descendant of Abraham: "it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham" (Galatians 3:7). Therefore, Psalm 105 speaks also about us Christians, because we are God's people and children for Abraham through the divine miracle of our Baptism into Christ. In the particular verse at the top of this page, God first called Christians His "anointed ones," which can be taken as a reference to Baptism; then, God called us His prophets, saying "do My prophets no harm!"

How then, shall we live a prophetic life?

- We do not need to pretend that every layperson is, should be, or even qualifies to be a pastor. No. The pastoral office is a particular office that God has

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created, in part, for a particular speaking of His Word. We call that particular prophetic work the preaching of the Church, which is a function of the pastoral office.

- However, God has given many offices for a more general speaking of the divine Word. We sometimes call this more general speaking of the Word "personal witnessing." (Personally, I like to call it "confessing the faith.") Do you have children or grandchildren? Speak to them about the eternal benefits of their Baptism as opportunity allows. Do you have co-workers or friends? Tell them about the comforts you receive from Holy Communion, or about the joy you feel about the coming return of Christ on the Last Day. Do you send cards, letters, emails, or texts to your loved ones? Write the consolations of Christ to them in addition to your other messages.

Through such habitual speaking and writing of God's Word, Christians live prophetic lives.

- It is not necessary to know all the answers to the questions someone might ask you about Jesus. The simple confession of faith, "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:11), is itself a prophecy from God—and a powerful one, at that! If someone overwhelms you with a lot of questions, you can simply answer, "Let's ask my pastor!"
- It is also not necessary—and not advisable—to seek special visions or messages from God to be a prophet. There are no more such visions or messages coming from God (Hebrews 1:1-2), and only the false prophets claim to receive such things today.

Christian Baptism makes prophets for God! All God's prophets merely speak God's Word, confessing faith in Christ as God Himself gives the opportunity.

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St. Luke, Evangelist – Abortion and assisted suicide insist on a salvation by works. They believe only pretty, popular, powerful, productive persons deserve to survive. Almighty God doesn't delight in this kind of physical strength (Psalm 147:11). His grace and love give every life value, and so St. Luke's Gospel proclaims the Lord's joy and ours over blind, deaf, lame, mute (Isaiah 35:5-6), unborn (Luke 1:44), elderly (Luke 2:36-38), and even me and you!

There will be a brief voter's meeting following the worship service today concerning the sealing of the parking lot.

Next Sunday: -Commissioning and installation of Mrs. Kimberly Sullivan.
-Dedication of the Zimbelstern

St. John Sauers Lutheran School is seeking to fill the position of HEAD COOK effective immediately. Interested candidates should drop off a resume to the St. John Sauers Lutheran school office or you may contact the school office @ 812.523.3131 for more information.



Trunk or Treat  **Committee Needed** for OUR ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT on Friday evening, October 30th. Please contact Kelly Williams @ 812-528-0646 if you available to serve on the committee. Trunk or Treat will only be held outside this year. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled or rescheduled, not moved indoors.



ST. JOHN'S SAUERS CONGREGATIONAL HAM AND TURKEY SUPPER- is coming up on Sunday, November 1st. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for anyone willing to donate needed items. We need donations of turkeys, pies, desserts, & much more. We also need volunteers to work. If you have a job preference for that Sunday, please let us know: Brian (812-521-9004) or Jenn (812-521-9002) Liggett, Corey (812-498-3111) or Hillary (812-350-7685) Lynch. Our dinner will be drive-through and carry-out only this year. Remember, this is a congregational dinner and everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

The topic for next Sunday's Adult Bible Class is "He Who Dies with the Most Toys Still Dies, What Do You Want Written on Your Tombstone?". Adult Bible class meets on Sunday mornings at 8:45am in the church study room.

This Tuesday evening's **Midweek Bible Study** will focus on the topic, 'See the Complex Unity of God and What That Means in Our Life. 7:00pm in the church study room.'



Memorials are Given to the Glory of God and...

of:

- † **Alvin Hackman:** To the Expansion Fund: Marilyn Stuckwisch
- † **Dorothy Acton:** To the General Fund: Curt & Sarah Benter
- † **Doris J. Stahl:** To the General Fund: Don Rieckers
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