



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

August 26, 2018
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Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
*A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community*

Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience in worship today! If your children need a break, they can play in the area in the back left part of the sanctuary. You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with Pastor Jay after worship. We'd also be delighted if you sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

Week of August 19, 2018

SUNDAY Attendance: 26

**OFFERING: \$1,104.00 (Sunday collection)
\$710.00 (Automatic deposits)**

Total: \$1,814.00

Nathan Iseler (Karla's brother); Patrick Kiley; Wendy Bahr; Jeffrey Lund; Victims of US wildfires (including Anne Presser's daughter Janice, son-in-law Charles, and family); Dennis Mierendorf (friend of Julane Sebastian); Kimberly Handy (TC teacher); Evan Jaeger; Janette Richardson (friend of Dennis Smoody); Donna and Al Eiglmeier (friends of Liz Bollmann); Ardiss Nelson; Daniel Succa (Donna Weis' nephew); Melanie Roberts (friend of Linda Jaeger); McKenzie O'Conner (granddaughter of Neva and Chris Conlon; *per* Kathy Kannass); Mike Herold; Bonnie Fanning (Mike Herold's sister); Judy Pokos, Varilee Koker, Ted Schuenemann (friends of Mike Herold); Ed Six (friend of Linda Jaeger); Rev. John Schumell; Michael Smith (Marlene's son); Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt; Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters); Ron Shikora (friend of Kathy Kannass).

Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests to send a card.

*A small body of determined spirits
fired by an unquenchable faith in
their mission can alter the course of
human history.*

—Mahatma Gandhi

Prayer for the Week

Covenanting God, we confess that we have failed to speak and act according to your purposes. We have bristled with thorns that keep others at a distance. We provoke our children to anger and fail to honor our parents. We accept your bread as our due, even as we distance ourselves from true discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, that we may not be consumed by the fire of your wrath.

Holy One of God, sent to live among us in faithfulness to God's loving intention for all humanity, lead our journey toward the truth that is eternal. Be to us the bread of life, a source of trust, a guard against misplaced loyalties and false assumptions, that we may live in harmony with all God's creation and relate to our sisters and brothers in ways that are pleasing to our Creator. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 26	9:30AM Worship
14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:45AM Fellowship
<u>Monday, August 27</u>	
<u>Tuesday, August 28</u>	9:30AM Gathering Place
<u>Wednesday, August 29</u>	9:30AM Gathering Place 10:15AM YMCA Exercise 11:00AM SPGP Bible Study 12:00PM SPGP Meal
<u>Thursday, August 30</u>	
<u>Friday, August 31</u>	
<u>Saturday, September 1</u>	
Sunday, September 2	9:30AM Worship
15th Sunday after Pentecost	10:45AM Fellowship
Monday, September 3	Labor Day - Offices closed

For many of us, our picture of eternal life is shaped by popular culture; we fail to read and believe what the Bible actually says about it. This leads many Christians to have a false picture of eternity. The truth is, eternal life is so “out of this world,” it is impossible to fully describe it with words. That’s why God put such a rich variety of descriptions of eternity in the Bible. This week, let’s explore some of the ways eternity is described in the Psalms.

Monday, August 27 - Psalm 6

The dead cannot praise you

We start with Psalm 6. The psalm begins much like Psalm 90:7, by teaching that death is a result of God’s anger at sin. David immediately asks for forgiveness, because he knows that without forgiveness, he’s a dead man. Then he offers to God his sorrow and grief for all his problems and disappointments. At the end, he is confident that God will hear his prayer, deliver him, and shame his enemies. But look again at verse 5. David tells God that God should save him, not because he deserves it, but because only *living* people can give God praise! Most people think about eternity as like a luxury resort where we live in pleasure. The Bible rarely says this. Again and again, the Bible says eternity is about being in God’s presence. When we get into the habit of praising God constantly, we are getting in shape for eternity.

Tuesday, August 28 - Psalm 16

You will not abandon my soul

This is an amazing prayer, considering it was written by King David, hundreds of years before Christ. He did not know of Christ’s victory over death, which means that he had no evidence that eternal life was even a possibility. But God inspired him to long for it and trust in the hope of eternity. The key moment in this psalm is verse 5: David testifies that God himself is his “portion and cup.” This was a Hebrew expression which meant his “valuables” and “blessing.” David shows that he is ready for heaven, because he desires God himself. If we only want longer life, or a new body, or other luxuries of heaven, we aren’t actually seeking heaven. But when we want God himself, we are on the right track. So the psalm ends in verses 10-11 with the confident testimony that God will not abandon him to death (“Sheol” in some translations is the Hebrew word for being stuck in a grave), but he will experience the presence of God, where there is true “fullness of joy.”

Wednesday, August 29 - Psalm 39

Let me know how fleeting I am

Psalm 39 emphasizes how fragile and short life is, especially in verses 4-6. It is spiritually helpful to face up to the shortness of our lives, because it helps us to see how we are totally dependent on God. Indeed, as v. 7 says, God is our only hope. Also like Psalm 90 and Psalm 6, this psalm shows (in v. 8) that it is our sin that stands between us and eternity. Notice the beautiful image in v. 12, where David says he is “a guest” with God. This is a terrific attitude to have. Instead of acting like we are the owners of this world, when we realize that we are guests in God’s world, we will treat the world, and God, with much more consideration and humility.

Thursday, August 30 - Psalm 49

God will ransom my soul

Here is another psalm that is quite miraculous. The sons of Korah were singers who worked in the temple. They didn’t know about God’s plan to redeem the world through Jesus Christ. Yet the Holy Spirit inspired them to write a song about this very thing. Look at verses 5-9 describe our need for a savior. As we saw in psalms 6 and 90, it is our sin that kills us. We need to be ransomed from the grave, to pay off our debt of sin. But verses 7-8 point out our dilemma: nobody has enough money to pay this ransom! Indeed, those who trust in their own righteousness will be consumed in death (v. 14). But the writers of this song are not trusting their righteousness. In v. 15, they say that *God himself* will ransom them, and receive them into his presence. As Christians, we are blessed to know the rest of the story, how God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, paid our ransom, so we could have everlasting life. (See Mark 10:45 for Jesus’ own words about this.)

Friday, August 31 - Psalm 115

Earth he has given to the children of man

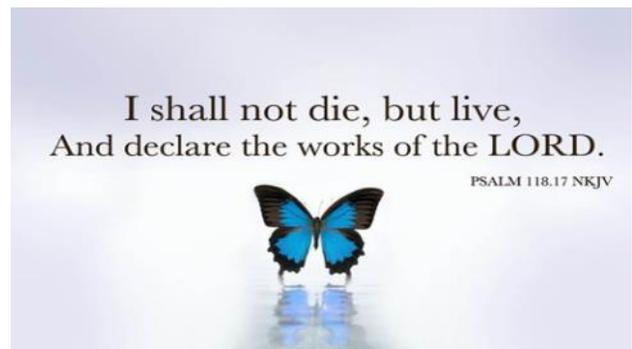
One of the biggest misunderstandings of eternal life is when we think it means leaving earth and going to heaven. That’s not the case at all. What the Bible actually teaches is that earth will be restored. The perfection of the Garden of Eden will return. As Revelation 21:1 says, there will be a “new heaven and a *new earth*.” And God will be fully present to us on the “new earth.” The beauty of eternal life is that the Kingdom of God comes, which means that everything will be operating according to God’s holy will. Keep this in mind as you reflect on this psalm, especially verses 12 and 16. Take note as well at the delightful jab at those who worship false gods: verse 8 says that those who worship false gods “become like them.” Let that be a warning: if we try to build our identity or gain our happiness from anything other than the true God, those things will rule our lives.

Saturday, September 1 - Psalm 118

The Lord answered and set me free

Today’s psalm is frequently read at the graveside portion of the funeral. It is filled with words which speak to this. Often the deceased struggled near the end, but now the Lord has set her free (v. 5). Like in Psalm 6:5, verse 118:17 speaks of God raising us so that we can praise him. Verse 20 points out that the grave is actually the gate of righteousness, leading to the presence of God. Finally, the psalm ends with several prophecies about Christ. Verse 22 predicts that he will be “the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Verse 26 anticipates the greeting Jesus received as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Devotions by Pastor Jay R. Thorson



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	September 2 Pentecost 15	September 9 Pentecost 16	September 16 Pentecost 17	September 23 Pentecost 18	September 30 Pentecost 19
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Jay Thorson	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Fran Odden	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. John Eyster
Assisting Ministers	David Bartel	Julane Sebastian	Brian Luttamus	Dennis Smoody	Bonnie Lund
Lector	Jacob Musil	Jim Katrichis	O B Beal	Jacob Musil	John Katrichis
Musicians	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistants	TBA	Carol Hess	Marlene Smith	Brian Luttamus	Linda Jaeger
Ushers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Hospitality					
Altar Guild	Marilyn Bauer	Liz Musil	Liz Musil	Donna Weis	Donna Weis
Council Members	Dennis Smoody, Dan Lehenbauer, David Bartel, Chris Kosma, Liz Bollmann, Bonnie Lund, Jan Smoody, and Rose Sorries.				

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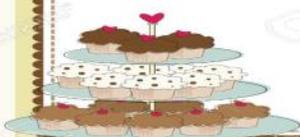
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September Birthdays at CDLC

September 8	Gene Anderson
September 11	John Kosma
September 11	Crystal McKee
September 17	Laura Goeckermann
September 19	Amy Beal
September 22	Ben Katrichis
September 24	Christine Kosma

Sign up to bring treats and
 share your hospitality at CDLC
 this month!



September 2018

September 2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum	3	4 9:30 Gathering Place	5 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 Meal	6 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast	7	8 9:00 AM: Quilting
September 9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum	10 <u>1:00 PM:</u> Council Mtg.	11 9:30 Gathering Place	12 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	13	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	15
September 16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum	17 5:00 PM D7 Crime / Safety Meeting @ Atone- ment Lutheran School	18 9:30 Gathering Place	19 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	20 7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM: Quilters	21 <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	22
September 23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum	24	25 9:30 Gathering Place	26 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal	27	28	29 10AM : Neighbor- hood Watch Meeting (Lounge) <i>Michael and All Angels</i>
September 30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Adult Forum	October 1	2 9:30 Gathering Place	3 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 Meal	4 <i>Francis of Assisi</i>	5	6 9:00 AM: Quilting