



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

September 13, 2020
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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 today! 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 any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

Week of September 6, 2020

SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)

OFFERING: \$ 0.00 (Sunday collection)
 395.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$395.00

*Wear your masks every day and everywhere.
You know it's one answer to
"What Would Jesus Do?"*

*Thank you to the Estate of Donald F. Praeger Sr. for
the generous bequest CDLC recently received.
Please remember to pray for the repose of
Mr. Praeger's soul.*

Jacob Blake; Patricia Rice, John Hussinger (friends of Robert Gee); Doris Thomas; Debbie Vida (daughter of Marilyn Bauer); Patrick Kiley; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Viana Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Barb Mains; Patricia Loth; Mardelle Retzloff (friend of Linda Jaeger; former teacher at MLHS); Nathan Halstead and parents (MLHS, per Linda Jaeger); Eva Lotz; Jeff Dowling, Dave Kleinow, Janette Richardson (friends of the Smoodys); Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).

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.

Prayer for the Week

Good and Patient God, we are back again with the same problem. We are cut off from full communion with you and one another because of our evil thoughts and deeds. We have spoken harshly and judged unfairly those sisters and brothers who need our love. We have inflicted hurt and made unfair demands. Forgive, we pray, the transgressions of your servants, and move us to appreciate your generosity. In thanksgiving for your mercy we offer full pardon and acceptance to those who have wronged us.

God of All Knowledge, Source of All Truth, we bring ourselves before you as we really are. We do not want to deceive ourselves, and we know we cannot deceive you. Let no iniquity have dominion over us. Redeem us from human oppression and the lure of distorted values. Silence the tongues that run wild with gossip and the ambitions that run roughshod over the aspirations of others. Open wellsprings of gratitude for your gifts we have taken for granted, and open our hearts to the needy people around us whom we have ignored. Then we can aspire to your forgiveness.

*Teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every person, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation.
Amen.*

- from *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 13 *
*Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

Worship CANCELLED
Sanctuary Open for Prayer
*Robert's 10th Anniversary as
Director of Music at CDLC*

Monday, September 14
Tuesday, September 15

Holy Cross Day

Wednesday, September 16 **Gathering Place CANCELLED**

Thursday, September 17
Friday, September 18
Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20 *
*Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

Worship CANCELLED
Sanctuary Open for Prayer

* Of Special Note:

Listen to our condensed Sunday worship services, including Pr. Bill's sermon (and some cool tunes), on our website:
www.capitoldrivelutheran.net

Sunday, September 13

Listen to Pr. Bill Mains' sermon, *Have You Heard . . . ?*, on our website: www.capitoldrivelutheran.net.

Monday, September 14 - John 3:13-17 - Holy Cross Day

Two church members sat in their usual pew (fifth row from the front) and traded gossip before worship started. "Do you know where her husband is?" wondered one. "I heard he got arrested for drunk driving," replied the other. God's people are often more ready to criticize and judge than God is. Sadly, we may use God's law as a weapon to tear down rather than a tool to build up the Body of Christ. Jesus came into the world not to condemn sinners, but to save them. He gave us his life on the cross to set us free from our transgressions. As followers we are called to see others with the loving eyes of God and to treat them with mercy and acceptance, not judgment. Every day we have opportunities to let God's light shine through us by encouraging others and treating them with kindness and respect as Jesus showed us in his earthly life.

Tuesday, September 15 - Romans 14:13—15:2

On a family bike ride through their small town, Felicia asked her parents why there were so many churches. "Don't we all believe in the same God?" she wondered. Her parents said that they did, but tried to explain that sometimes churches had different ways of doing things. They told her that they also have different ideas and beliefs about other things, like communion, that keep them apart. Felicia understood, but it still made her sad. "Can't we do something that brings us all together?" Her parents agreed. Their family persuaded their church to get involved in a food drive for the community food pantry. All the churches in town worked together collecting canned goods to help their neighbors in need. This project generated good feelings and a new closeness between churches by emphasizing their commonalities rather than their differences. What are some ways that you can pursue what makes for peace and mutual up-building in your context?

Wednesday, September 16 - Genesis 50:22-26

Today's reading is the continuation of the story from Sunday and is part of the conclusion of the story of Joseph. Joseph's brothers were worried that now that their father was dead Joseph would seek his revenge on them for selling him into slavery—as he surely could have done. Yet instead Joseph reminded his brothers of God's goodness: "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people" (vv. 19-20). Joseph rejoiced at God's wondrous working in the midst of evil. Perhaps Joseph was speaking of the future when not only would his family and Egypt be fed, but the nations would be blessed because of them. Such hope does not negate the past. Joseph suffered, his father suffered, the whole family suffered. But God is always at work, bringing about good for a numerous people, including us.

Thursday, September 17 - Leviticus 19:9-18

Sarah has a rare condition that causes her joints to dislocate, making her reliant on an electric wheelchair to get around. On her way to a meeting recently, Sarah rode her wheelchair to the train station but found the elevator broken. Again. With no way of getting to the platform, she was told to take a taxi to another station forty minutes away. The taxi was called but never arrived. Sarah gave up and went home. Unfortunately, this is a regular occurrence for Sarah. Broken elevators stop her from boarding trains; forgotten ramps leave her unable to get off them. Sometimes Sarah is treated as a nuisance by railway staff for needing assistance. She's often close to tears. Out of the many biblical laws governing human relationships, "love your neighbor as yourself" (today's verse 18; Romans 13:8-10) is key. And while this love stops us from lying, stealing, and abusing others (vv. 11, 14), it also changes how we work. Employees must be treated fairly (v. 13), and we should all be generous to the poor (vv. 9-10). In Sarah's case, those who fix elevators

and drag out ramps aren't doing inconsequential tasks but offering important services to others. If we treat work as just a means to a wage or other personal benefit, we will soon treat others as annoyances. But if we treat our jobs as opportunities to love, then the most everyday task becomes a holy enterprise.

Friday, September 18 - Luke 7:36-50

The Pharisee in this reading is a curious seeker after truth. So he invites Jesus to his home to investigate who he really is. As he watches Jesus with this woman, he decides that Jesus must be a fraud. "If this man were a prophet," he concludes, "he would know . . . that she is a sinner" (v. 39). But no, Jesus must be blind. But in fact, this Pharisee is the one who cannot see. He is blind, both to the holiness of his guest and to his own sin—and therefore he "loves little" (v. 47). We never hear what became of this Pharisee. Did his heart melt when Jesus rebuked him? Were his eyes opened? Did he turn to God in humble repentance? We just don't know. What we *do* know is that every day God offers us a moment of grace similar to what God offered to this man. So how will we respond to the holy presence of Jesus today? It's easy to experience the same blindness as the Pharisee, a blindness to the holiness of God and to the way our sins offend God's holiness. But when we think this way, we become even more blind. Worse, we miss the grace that Jesus offers us—the gift of loving and being loved by God. As a result, our love for God can grow cold. But the converse is also true: the more we see the holiness of Jesus and the sin that lives in us, the more we will love Jesus.

Saturday, September 19 - Luke 8:4-15

As Jesus spoke this parable, he was drawing a picture of the ways different people respond to his word. Our experience also tells us that there's an element of each type of "soil" in each of us. *The Path*: This image captures the times when you might have felt prompted to pray or read Scripture but pushed the thought aside. A good farmer would take steps to amend the soil to make it more fertile. What could you do? Make the effort to build prayer or Scripture reading into your daily schedule. *The Rocky Soil*: In this case, you might have read a passage from Scripture or prayed for a particular situation. But it left your mind once you got involved in your day. You could amend this soil by having a journal in which you can write down passages that speak to you. Or keep a prayer list that you can refer to when you take the time to intercede. *The Thorns*: Perhaps in prayer you were touched by God's love and peace. But then you received some disturbing news, and anxiety overwhelmed you. Or you felt joyful during private adoration, but then your thoughts wandered and you became envious of someone who, in your mind, is holier than yourself. Your joy or peace was choked by discontent. In this case, keep turning your attention back to what God just did in your heart. Recall the passage God brought to life for you or remind yourself of God's love and righteousness. We all want to respond to God's word in a fruitful way. But no matter how we respond, it is immensely encouraging to know that our heavenly Father is always sowing seeds. God never tires of speaking to us and inviting us to bear fruit for the kingdom.

Sunday, September 20 - Jonah 3:10—4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

The tired workers in Jesus' parable grumbled because they felt that the landowner maltreated them, paying them for their full day's work exactly what he paid the workers he hired near day's end. Many of us can sympathize with the grumblers. It does seem unfair that the owner of the vineyard not only welcomes but pays idlers and latecomers the same wages that those who worked in the vineyard all day long received. How is that just? How is that right? And if the kingdom of heaven is like this, what does that mean? It means you, too, are welcomed into the vineyard. There's work to do, certainly. And there's grace—which has nothing to do with how much you work. God does this for *all* of us. Thanks be to God for this abundant, gratuitous grace.

The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	August 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 13 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost	September 20 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 27 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
Assisting Minister					
Lector	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Ushers					
Altar Guild					
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls				

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September Birthdays at CDLC

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| September 8 | Bernie Sanders |
| September 11 | JOHN KOSMA |
| September 16 | Lauren Bacall |
| September 17 | Laura Goeckermann |
| September 19 | Amy Beal |
| September 22 | Ben Katrichis |
| September 24 | CHRISTINE KOSMA |
| September 27 | Samuel Adams |

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. There is a printed list of items on the table near the main church doors. The Box is being emptied quite often. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.

August 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	31	September 1	2 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	3	4	5
September 6 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship <u><i>NOTE: Sanctuary CLOSED for holiday weekend</i></u>	7 <u><i>LABOR DAY</i></u>	8	9 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	10	11 Patriot Day	12
September 13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	14 <u><i>HOLY CROSS DAY</i></u>	15	16 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	17 9:00 AM: Quilters Hildegard of Bingen (d. 1179)	18 Dag Hammarskjöld (d. 1961) Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	19
September 20 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u>	21 <u><i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i></u>	22	23 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal	24	25	26 10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)
September 27 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship <u><i>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</i></u> Yom Kippur begins at sundown.	28	29 <u><i>St. Michael and All Angels</i></u>	30 9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal St. Jerome	<i>October 1</i>	2	3