



WEEKLY NEWS

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

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Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

August 7, 2022
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Mark your Calendars Now!

Final CDLC Congregational Worship -
Sunday, September 25, 2022 - 9:30 am

Week of July 31, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY Attendance: 15

OFFERING: \$ 65.00 (Sunday offering)
175.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$ 240.00

REMEMBER THE BLESSING BOX!

August 7, August 14, August 28: Pr. Jon Breimeier

Sunday, August 21: Pr. Diane Olson

Sunday, September 4: Pr. Paul Ihlenfeld

Sunday, September 11: Pr. Jon Breimeier

Sunday, September 18: Pr. Mary Martha Kannass

Sunday, September 24: Bishop Paul Erickson



Victims of gun violence in Milwaukee and across our nation; The Citizens of Ukraine and their supporters; Everyone affected by Covid-19, including the families of 1.03M+ Americans lost; Everyone who is suffering from depression and other mental health afflictions; Mike

Herold; Sr. Pat Daley (friend of Pr. Jon); Paul Wegner (colleague of Linda Jaeger); Trish Gagnon, (friend of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); John Katrichis.

RIP: Patricia A. Rice (1930-2022)

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

Gracious God, we seek a homeland with you, where your promises find fulfillment and our intentions are faithfully lived. Mold us in your perfect design today. Help us to listen carefully and act wisely. Keep us alert to discern your purposes in all we do.

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored.

God of all worlds, whose presence in our world we celebrate in Jesus Christ, lead us to deeper faith, fuller trust, and greater responsiveness. May we hear your knock, answer your call, and serve where we are sent. We are ready to share in your promises, claim the homeland you offer, and extend to all we meet the invitation to believe and obey. May all people discern the treasure you offer.

Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 7* **Worship at 9:30 AM**
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday, August 8

Tuesday, August 9

Wednesday, August 10

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14* **Worship at 9:30 AM**
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

* Of Special Note:

Listen to our Sunday worship service on our website.
The Focus of the Moment: *Statim finis. Be curious, not judgmental.*

Sunday, August 7 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Listen to our weekly worship service, including the sermon by Pr. Jon Breimeier, on our website: www.capitoldrivellutheran.net.

Monday, August 8 - Psalm 89:1-18

We have no equivalent for the Hebrew word for God's "steadfast love." To our ears, the word *steadfast* might imply something that is dutiful but dull. God's love is anything but that! The Hebrew word in question goes even deeper than "unconditional love" to describe the very nature of God's character as one who remains faithful especially in the midst of our unfaithfulness. This is the definition of mercy—grace that we do not deserve but still receive. God's promise of grace means that nothing we do can change God's passionate love for each of us. God cherishes us just as we are. No act we commit, no hurt we inflict, no insult we come up with will diminish the outpouring of divine love in which God wraps us every minute of every day through the redeeming love of his Son. This is great news. And what do we do when we are joyful? We break out in song! So with the psalmist, let your soul sing of God's mercy in all that you do. *God of the universe, thank you for the gift of music. Use my voice to sing your praise. Amen.*

Tuesday, August 9 - Hebrews 11:17-28

The story of how God tested Abraham's faith by telling him to sacrifice his own son is beyond our comprehension. A loving God would never ask such a thing of us, but we find our faith tested in other ways. Consider families beset by devastating illnesses while others sail through life in near-perfect health. Or cancer patients who begin treatment hopefully only to find that the cancer has become more aggressive. Or how sorely our resolve has been taxed through the long months and years of the pandemic. In these and other soul-shattering tests, what becomes of our faith? The test for Abraham was that he was willing to give up that which was dearest to him in the world. In return God gave him his deepest desire, offspring "as numerous as the stars of heaven" (Genesis 22:17). Let us take heart: by faith, we with Abraham trust that God will bring new life, even amid adversity and death. We can count on God! *God of hope, in the midst of difficulties, keep my heart centered in your redeeming grace. Amen.*

Wednesday, August 10 - Luke 12:41-48

People often talk about God's plan. "God has a plan for you." "God gave you those gifts for a reason." The trouble is, such statements can be used as weapons of dehumanization if the subject doesn't live up to expectations: "Such talents, and this is all you do with them?" The truth is, God is not a micromanager. God gives life to each person and blesses each human being with a unique set of gifts. It is the joyful invitation of life in Christ to discern how to devote our special abilities to making God known in all we do. The wonder of discipleship is that, just like practicing the piano, the more you do it, the better you get and the more challenges you are then able to take on. Embrace and exercise what God has given you, and soon you'll find that you have become a concert pianist of the Holy Spirit! *God of all possibilities, open to me your deepest desire for my life. Amen.*

Thursday, August 11 - Psalm 82

One of the hardest things to remember is that only God can judge. Every day we are tempted to pass judgment on people and events: This person should have done or not done this or that. Complex events distilled into media soundbites egg us on to render our own verdicts. Without even realizing it, we present ourselves as know-it-alls. This short psalm begins, "God has taken his place in the divine council." God is reminding the people of Israel that he is the head of their earthly judges who make laws and render opinions on human behavior. The triumphant concluding verse affirms that God's will is done when God's justice is carried out through care for widows, orphans, and all people in need, so that all may have access to the blessings of this life. God's good and perfect

judgment is for the sake of the widow, the orphan, and all in need. Let us devote ourselves to the justice of God, who is God of all. *All-knowing God, teach me to seek your justice in all things. Amen.*

Friday, August 12 - Revelation 5:8-14

A commercial jingle of the 1970s inspired a generation. Created as part of Coca Cola's "The Real Thing" ad campaign, a British group called The New Seekers eventually sang it as a full-length song that climbed to the top of music charts around the world. But many will never forget the original television version sung by young people on a hilltop outside of Rome. Whimsical as it was, with visions of honeybees and fruit trees, we resonated with a songwriter's desire to teach the world to sing with the heart and harmony of love. The apostle John describes something like that idealized dream, only vastly greater. He envisioned a song sung by "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them" (v. 13). There's nothing whimsical about this anthem. Nothing could be more realistic than the price paid by the One to whom this song is sung. Neither could there be anything more foreboding than the visions of war, death, and consequence that his sacrifice of love would have to overcome. Yet this is what it took for the Lamb of God to bear our sin and defeat death, overcome our fear of death, and teach all heaven and earth to sing—in perfect harmony. *Father in heaven, please help me to sense the wonder of what you've done to give me a song that can be sung in joy by everyone and every living creature. Amen.*

Saturday, August 13 - Revelation 8:1-6

Dr. Gary Greenberg has magnified and photographed sand from beaches around the world, often revealing surprising, vibrant splashes of color from minerals, shell, and coral fragments contained within. He's discovered there's more to sand than meets the eye. In arenology (the study of sand), the microscopic analysis of sand's mineral content can reveal much about erosion, shore currents, and their potential effects on coastlines. Even a little sand can yield information of great worth! A single prayer, like a grain of sand, can be a weighty thing. Scripture indicates that prayer's powerful role in the coming of God's kingdom. In Revelation 8, John sees an angel standing at the altar before God's throne holding a golden censer containing "the prayers of all God's people." "Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake" (vv. 3, 5). Immediately after the angel hurled the censer filled with fire and prayer, seven angels with seven trumpets "prepared to sound them" (v. 6), heralding this old earth's last days and Christ's return. Sometimes we may not feel like our prayers add up to much, but God doesn't miss one. God so values them that they somehow even play a role in the consummation of God's kingdom. What may seem like the smallest prayer to us can have earth-shattering weight with God. *Heavenly Father, please help me to be faithful in prayer today and always. Amen.*

Sunday, August 14 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Some pastors (and some non-ordained folks) sign their correspondence with the simple closing, "Peace." This could be their deepest desire, that whatever they are writing may somehow be an expression of the peace of Christ that passes all understanding. The quote from Jesus in Luke 12:51 might make letter writers think that perhaps their closing should be "Division." Just kidding, but this is what Jesus is telling us—that division better expresses the effect of his mission. Faithful proclamation of the gospel will inevitably divide us, just as any of the hot-button issues of our time do. Following Christ does not mean taking sides but simply testifying to what we know to be true. Others may be threatened by our testimony because acts of radical love contradict the ways of the world. But we can be encouraged by the outcome, for as John the Baptist testifies in Luke 3:6, "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." *Eternal God, give me the courage to follow Jesus in the face of opposition. Amen.*

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

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	August 14, 2022 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 21, 2022 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	August 28, 2022 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	September 4, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Diane Olson	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Paul Ihlenfeld
Assisting Minister					
Lector	O B Beal	Linda Jaeger	Jim Katrichis	O B Beal	Linda Jaeger
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild					
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls				

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Worship services have returned to in-person events. All are welcome. We make audio recordings each Sunday and they can be found on our website.

Donations to Ukraine thru Lutheran World Relief
Highlight everything below, then copy and paste it into your browser.

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August Birthdays at CDLC

August 8	Bill Theisen
August 12	Mark May
August 12	Karen Bartel
August 15	Anne Presser
August 26	Linda Jaeger
August 30	Bill Berholtz
August 31	Mike Herold

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.

AUGUST 2022

Sunday morning worship has resumed in the sanctuary.

<p><u>July 31, 2022</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	<p><u>August 1, 2022</u></p> <p>St. Alphonsus Ligouri</p>	2	3	4	5	6		
<p><u>August 7, 2022</u> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p>	<p>St. Dominic (d. 1221)</p>	8	9	10	<p>St. Clare of Assisi (d. 1253)</p>	11	12	13
<p><u>August 14, 2022</u> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p> <p>St. Maximilian Kolbe (executed 1941)</p>	<p>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</p>	15	16	17	18	19	<p>St. Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153)</p>	20
<p><u>August 21, 2022</u> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Diane Olson</p>		22	23	<p>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM: Quilters</p>	26	27	
<p><u>August 28, 2022</u> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p> <p>St. Augustine of Hippo</p>		29	30	31	<p><u>September 1, 2022</u></p>	2	3	