

Life thought from Lutherans For Life: Abortion frequently runs interference for “sexual freedom.” It often intends to provide cover for adultery. But it ends up a cheap imitation and poor substitute for the self-sacrificing, servanthood love of biblical, biological, binary, and lifelong marriage (Ephesians 5:31-32). Death cannot supply what sin has deprived us of. Our Lord Jesus gives us His whole body and life like husband to wife and parents to children. We will experience real joy when we emulate His way.

An invitation from Christ, Juniata *Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!* (Psalm 34:3) In celebration of Pastor Greg and Peg Volzke's retirement and their 22 years of serving Christ Lutheran Church Juniata, you are invited to join the congregation of Christ, Juniata TODAY from 2:00-5:00 for an open house at the church. We will also be celebrating Pastor's 70th birthday as well!

A message from Heartland Lutheran High School: HLHS is hosting the Village Pie Maker pie booth in the 5 Points Bank Arena at the Nebraska State Fair again this year. The dates are August 27 through September 6. We would appreciate your help serving pie, ice cream, brownies, popcorn, coffee cake, sandwiches and drinks. To sign up, call the school office at (308) 385-3900 to let us know when you would like to work and we will enter your information (name, email address and phone number). AND, we will provide an admission ticket for you and one free item from the pie booth at the end of your shift!

Don't miss church just because you're at the State Fair. The Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League will host a worship service at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on Sunday, September 5, beginning at 9 AM The service will be held in the Family Fun Zone area located at the north end of the fairgrounds, just south of the 4-H building.

Sons of Solomon is an ecumenical prayer discipline of Christian men worldwide focused on the Psalms and Proverbs. Daughters of Wisdom is the complimentary group for Christian women. These groups will ground your day in short readings of the Psalms and Proverbs throughout the day. For more information, ask Pastor or visit sonsofsolomon.net.

Bartlett Residents: There is an open house being held for Ellis Schrunk's 90th birthday TODAY at the Elgin Community Center from 1 – 4 PM. No gifts please, your presence is gift enough.

Three-year Bible reading guide Each day's reading in the three-year guide includes Old and New Testament selections as well as a psalm or part of a psalm. The reader who follows the guide will read through the entire Old Testament once and the New Testament twice over the three-year period, with the Book of Psalms being read in full twice each year. Certain church festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost have readings appointed for the specific occasion. Also included are weekly Luther readings from *Luther on the Scriptures* by Johann Michael Reu. The reading guide and schedules are available for free download at lcms.org/bible-reading-schedule-2021-to-2023. This guide is a different guide from our Week in the Word insert, but whichever guide you follow, it's a great benefit to be in God's Word.



Those desiring long term prayers:

John Clark (Grandson of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Floyd Dunbar, Randy Cain, Cheryl Weekly & family (Francis Mares daughter), Paul Cain, Laura Knight (Francis Mares's sister), Sam Lee, Mick Scarlett, Frances Mares, Howard Lee, Pastor John Ryding, Judy Steimle (friends of Kenn & Jan Stobbe), Roger & Deb Stevenson (friends of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Darlene Shermo, Evelyn Detlefsen (Resident of CMHC), Jodi Sonneman (Sister of John Hansen)

Those desiring short term prayers:

Vern Perrot recovering at CMHC, and Jason Roblyer being treated for cancer. Russ and Marcia Tiffany

Those serving in the military:

Eric Donner, Tom Ziegler, Rebecca Fines, Brandon Kammerer, and Tate Phillipps

Sevice Outline:

Opening Hymn: 594 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Confession and Absolution, pg. 203

Introit

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house

And the place where your glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;

Test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,

Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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And the place where your glory dwells.

Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis pg. 204

Collect/Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 29:11 – 19

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:22 – 33

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:1 – 13

Hymn of the Day: 585 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

Sermon: “Traditions”

Sermon Text: Mark 7:1 – 13

Apostles’ Creed, pg. 207

Prayers of the Church

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Offertory: 865 “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

At this point the stream will be cut off, and communion will be offered to those physically present. For those who are streaming, here is a recommended conclusion to today’s service for the head of the household to lead

L: Let us pray,

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of god and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.