

Life thought from Lutherans For Life: Even Christian lips can dishonor God and endanger neighbors (James 3:9). When we permit assisted suicide or promote abortion, we cause more destruction than forest fires (James 3:5). But words also serve the Lord's gracious purposes. Gospel promises have delivered us. Even our sinful tongues can become instruments of His miracles. When we proclaim how God treasures every human life, He changes hearts and saves lives more than any laws or elections.

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.

Church Banner Sewing Project — Cayman Islands Safe Harbor Lutheran Church, the LCMS mission in Grand Cayman, has always met for Divine Services in a rented space. The specific site has changed frequently. These banners will be something that can go with the congregation, no matter what building the congregation is using. The banners will provide a visual reminder of the permanence of Christ despite the transient nature of the space. The designs are simple, yet Christ-centered. They will follow the liturgical year in color and theme. Detailed plans for the banner project will be provided. The leader of this project will work with Heidi Paul, the wife of the missionary pastor in Grand Cayman. The leader will coordinate:

- Any volunteers who want to help make the banners;
- Fundraising for the project (Thrivent Action Team grants could be a great source);
- Purchase of supplies to ensure uniformity across all banners;
- Distribution of supplies to volunteers;
- The making of the banners;
- Communication among volunteers and with Heidi Paul;
- Shipping of the finished banners to a location in Florida.

Note: this project will be completed in the United States; no international travel is necessary.

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 home and Jason Roblyer who is responding well to cancer treatment.

Those serving in the military:

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

Service Outline:

Opening Hymn: 528 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Confession and Absolution, pg. 151

Introit

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,

All you who hope in the Lord.

But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord;

I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in Your hand;

Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make Your face shine upon Your servant;

Save me for Your mercies’ sake.

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.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,

All you who hope in the Lord.

Kyrie/“This Is the Feast” pg. 152 ff.

Collect/Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4 – 10

Epistle Lesson: James 3:1 – 12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:14 – 29

Hymn of the Day: 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Sermon: “Demons Are Real”

Sermon Text: Mark 9:14 – 29

Nicene Creed, pg. 158

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Offertory: 545 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

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.