

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ RUSSELL, KS

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ 8:15 am

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter/Usher Connie Schinkus
Musician Glenda Phillips
Lector Connie Schinkus
Altar Guild Rhonda Kuhlmann, Courtney Krug,
Gina Langhofer, Crecia Reeves

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 ~ 8:15 AM ORDER OF SERVICE



St. John Lutheran Church, Russell

PRELUDE

COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

(Congregation may stand as able)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN.....“All Are Welcome”; Verses 1-3

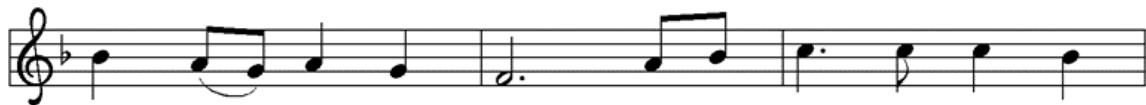
ELW #641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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GREETING AND KYRIE

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide,

C: you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Congregation may be seated)

READING OF THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 54

L: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

C: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

L: For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

C: Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

L: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

L: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

READING OF THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and

wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
L: Holy wisdom, holy word. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Congregation may stand as able)

ALLELUIA VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 9, verses 30-37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation may be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW #445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

Student: *A reading from Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, verses 4-9:* Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Student: *A reading from the Letter to the Romans, Chapter 12, verses 4-8: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually, we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The Word of the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. God of love, wisdom and understanding:

C: You have called us to love, to wisdom and to understanding. O Great Teacher, help us to love, to be wise and to understand. Lead us, and empower us to learn from each other and to teach each other that together we may be wholly yours, completely dedicated to your service. Use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All with backpacks and car keys are encouraged to come to the front of the church

BACKPACK BLESSING

P: God, bless these bags and this one who uses it. Let them not be scared, be with them as they learn and grow this year. Show them how to serve you and help them to teach us all about your love. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, these backpacks remind us that a new school year has begun. We pray your blessing upon their owners and upon all students, young and old, as they begin this new school year. We ask your blessing, also, on all who work with or support them in their education. Let each person who stands before us now feel the love and support of this congregation, and grant us all the wisdom and means to meet their needs throughout the coming year.

C: Amen.

Participants turn hands down and hold them over the bags or backpacks.

P: Let us pray.

C: Bless now these backpacks and those who carry them: That with hearts enlightened by your Holy Spirit we all may grow in knowledge and grace, to worship and serve you from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: God gives all of us jobs; things to do that help us to serve God in the world. This is called our vocation. Each of us has a vocation, and one of our vocations right now may be going to school. We can serve God by going to school and learning about God's world, by being with other people and by being loving toward others. We learn things in school now that we need to know for other opportunities we will have later in life. We are all learners. We are all teachers. All of us can teach each other about faith and love. No matter our age, we can teach each other, and we can learn from each other. Let us pray.

C: God, we thank you for the gift of your children to raise, these lives to share, these minds to help mold, these bodies to nurture, these spirits to enrich. Let us never betray your children's trust, dampen your children's hope, or discourage your children's dreams. Empower us, dear God, to help your children become all you mean them to be. Let your grace and love fall on us all like gentle breezes, and give us inner strength, peace and patience for the journey ahead. Amen.

Student: All you who are dreamers, too, Help me make our world anew. I reach out my dreams to you.

P: Let us go forth to make the world safe for the dreams of all God's children; may we be partners in manifesting God's promised new creation of compassion and justice.

C: Amen.

CAR KEY BLESSING

P: Lord of our journeys, today we mark and celebrate a significant moment in the lives of these young people. As they prepare to assume the responsibility of drivers, we ask you to gift them with wisdom to make good choices as they navigate the roads they travel. Provide them with safe passage as they make each journey. Bless them with a clear mind that they may steer away from any danger they may encounter along the way. And let them know of the hope they provide us as they take this next step into maturity. We ask all these things, in the name of God who travels with us throughout all our journeys.

C: Amen.

TEACHER BLESSING

P: O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

C: Teach us your ways, O God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Help us to study diligently and to grow in all that is good. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE SERMON

(Congregation may stand as able)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: With our faith in Jesus Christ, let all the people of God confess their faith of the church:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence)

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

*We will not be greeting one another or passing the peace.
The entire assembly will extend to one another the greeting of peace.*

C: **The LORD be with you all. And also with you.**

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

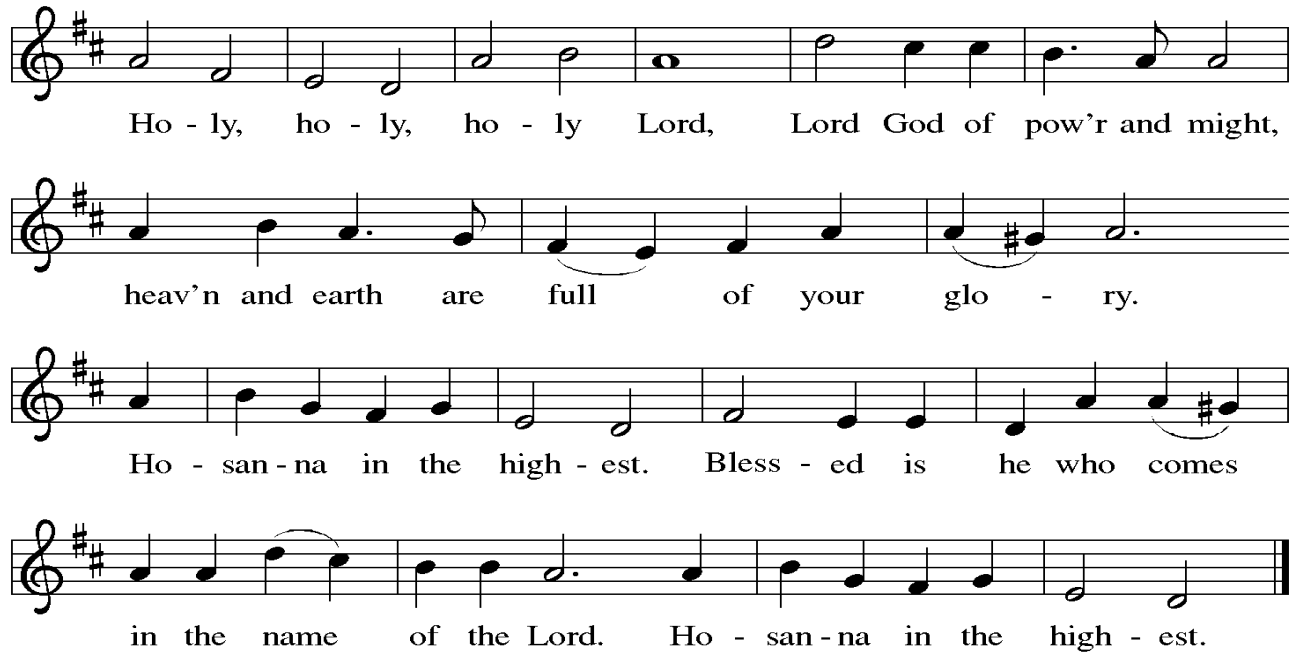
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by

his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his beneficial command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the

forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Congregation may be seated)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

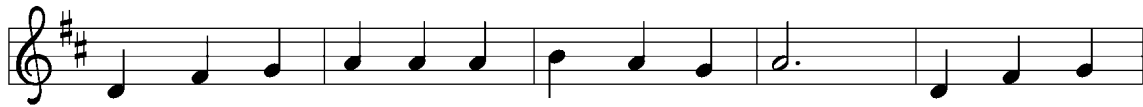
C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" **ELW #815**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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BLESSING AND SENDING

P: People of God, we are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God, bless us now and forever.

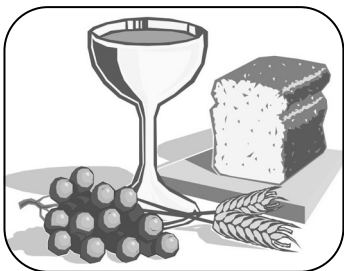
C: **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Our family practices “open” communion – all baptized believers are invited to share in **Holy Communion**. Guests who receive communion in their home congregations are welcome to share today’s meal. Those not receiving the sacrament may receive a blessing. Please follow the lead of the ushers. Welcome to the table.



Your help is needed! YES, YOU!!

Each of us is called to serve and participate in our Faith Community.

St. John is participating in a Synod pilot project focused on helping churches who are in transition. We need FIVE members who are willing to step up and represent the congregation as a team who help define the needs of the Church presently and in the future.

We would like as much representation as possible:

- a) individuals willing to represent each worship service
- b) representatives who can speak to the needs of the diversity of our members - from newer members to lifetime members
- c) representatives willing to listen to new ideas and engage in conversation with the Faith Community as a whole.
- d) individuals willing to commit to a couple of hours a month to engage in the process (which will also include some leadership training)

If you feel called to serve your congregation in this process, please let Pastor Teri or Blaine Maier know as soon as possible.

We also need help with weekly worship. Each week there are fewer and fewer volunteers to help with worship. It is a weekly struggle to have enough folks to assist with worship. Your gifts are needed, and sharing those gifts is greatly appreciated.

Every service needs more folks who are willing to be greeters, ushers, readers/lectors, as well as those who can share the gift of music, whether as accompanists or as liturgists/song leaders. We need folks willing to invest in our children and their faith development as Sunday School teachers on an ongoing basis, or as a substitute teacher as needed. We also need folks to serve on the Altar Guild.

As Paul said, we are all united as the body of Christ and all are equal members, so there are no limitations - age, gender, etc. - to serving. All that is needed is a willing heart!

Please let Pastor Teri know what gifts you will share with the congregation or indicate your interest on the yellow pew cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sutton Victoria Dietz, daughter of Brett Randall Dietz and Callen Renae Pearson-Dietz, was baptized into Christ's family Saturday afternoon, September 18, 2021. Sutton's sponsors are Shaye Marie and Matt Harris. Blessings to all!

Backpack and Key Blessings will take place at each service this weekend. All students, teachers and staff are welcome to participate in the celebration and blessing of the new school year.

St. John Sunday School students from 5th through 8th grade will receive **acolyte instruction** during the Sunday School hour (9:15 to 10:15) on September 19. Acolytes will serve at the 10:30 Services beginning this fall. Schedules will be forwarded to each student and parent or guardian as soon as it is available.

The St. John Lutheran Church Education Committee will **present each 2nd and 3rd Grade student with a bible** during the 10:30 Service on Sunday, September 19. The following students will receive their bible, to be studied and explored throughout their Sunday School and Confirmation journey:

- ◆ Rush Brown
- ◆ Quinn Byfield
- ◆ Adelyn Counts
- ◆ Kollins Dumler
- ◆ Bryson Feil
- ◆ Sofia Ginther
- ◆ Wesley Johnson
- ◆ Noah Krug
- ◆ Emily Olson
- ◆ Maybelle Olson
- ◆ Reece Peck
- ◆ Evanlee Rainey
- ◆ AnaLeigha Schoech

St. John Women of the ELCA invite all women of St. John to the **Fall Women's Cluster Meeting** on Sunday, September 26 at First Lutheran Church in Dorrance. Registration begins at 1:30 pm - if you would like to carpool, please meet at St. John no later than 1:00 pm.

Janella Eck, 2x5s Youth Group Leader, invites all St. John youth from SECOND through FIFTH Grades AND their parents to the **2x5s Ice Cream Kick Off** on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite ice cream topping to add to the Sundae Bar (vanilla ice cream will be provided). Questions? Call the church office (785-483-5358).

The St. John Lutheran Church Education Committee is still searching for **Sunday School teachers, assistants, and substitutes for the 2021/2022 school year.** The curriculum is scripted and very easy to follow - all the materials you need are within the teacher kit! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the church office (785-483-5358) or Kim Stoppel (785-324-2314). Thank you for considering doing one of the most important jobs you will ever do... teaching children about God's love.

OUR SYMPATHY AND GOD'S COMFORT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Lyle Dunning
Mary Craig Goodyear

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE:

Care Center Residents Homebound Members Amira
Elaine Backhus Charles Bayles Larry Bernard
Faye Brunner DeAnna Carter Caroline Chatham
Barbara Dietz Debbie Dumler Nancy Dunning
Twyla Ehrlich Cari Estep Wayne & Janet Funk
Robert Groff Cheryl Harrison Doug Karst
DJ Kuhn Joetta Mai Katie Northcutt
Mary Parkhurst Penny Radke Vernon Radke
Thurlene Ruggels Keven Schneider Maximus Self
Bob Schremmer John Seay Gladys Standley
Janice Stoppel Kenny Strachan Wren Straub
Tom Sutherlin Kaden Towery Mary Ulrich
Janice Vanderbur Mary Pat Waymaster Mike Waymaster
Kristen Windscheffel Darlene Woelk Richard & Karleen Wolf
Samantha Woods

Connie David (daughter-in-law of Pat David); **Dwaine Flegler** (brother-in-law of Juanita Flegler); **Kevin Gregg** (nephew of Kayla Meyer); **Cathy McClain** (friend of Ruth & Dean Keil and Juanita Flegler); **Martha Mink** (sister of Margaret Finkbeiner); **Virginia Mitchell** (sister of Bonnie Beuhler); **Brennan Soukup** (grandson of Tina Schaad-Claussen)

To keep weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters current, we review the "Prayers for God's Presence" listings from time to time. If a loved one's name is removed in error, please accept our apologies, and notify the church office.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALENDAR

Monday, 09/20 **Newsletter Deadline**
10:00 am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, 09/21 1:30 pm..... Sewing Circle

Wednesday, 09/22.... 6:30 pm..... 425 Youth Group
6:30 pm..... St. John Ringers
7:30 pm..... Agape Choir

Saturday, 09/25 6:00 pm..... Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, 09/26 8:15 am..... Worship
9:15 am..... Sunday School and Confirmation
10:30 am..... Worship; St. John Ringers Bell Choir; KRSL
1:00 pm..... Meet to carpool to WELCA Fall Women's Cluster Meeting (First Lutheran Church, Dorrance)

Worship Assistants for September 25 and 26

6:00 pm Saturday: Greeter/Usher - Allen & Betty Funk
Reader -
Song Leader -
Musician - Glenda Phillips

8:15 am Sunday: Greeter/Usher - Kurt & Lois DeWald
Lector - Lois DeWald
Musician - Glenda Phillips

10:30 am Sunday: Greeter - Paul Phillips (N Door) and Sheryl Krug (S Door)
Usher - Paul Phillips
Acolytes -
Lector - Ruth Keil
Liturgist -
Musician - Glenda Phillips

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Wednesday, 10/6..... 6:30 pm..... 2x5s Youth Group - Ice Cream Kick Off (Parish Hall)