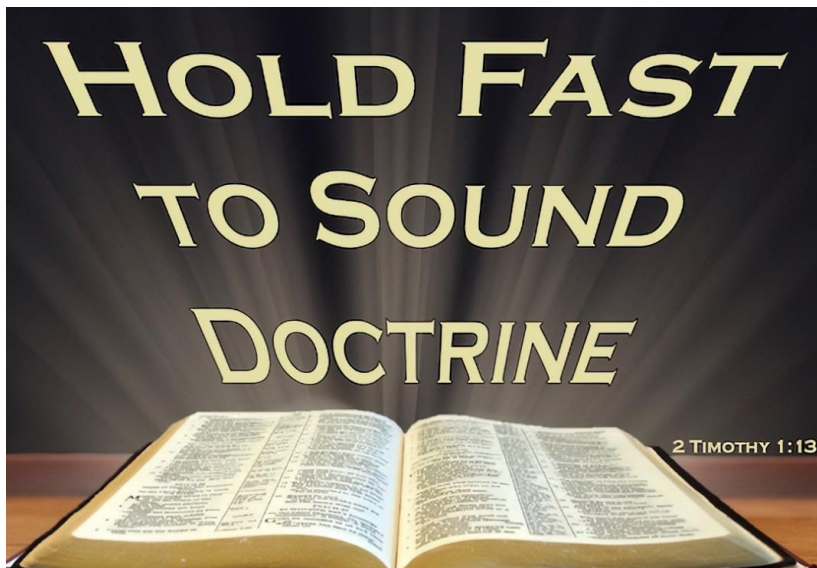


We Grow ... We Go ... We Gather



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022

Divine Service 1 (p. 151ff in LSB)

The Preservice Music, Call to Worship, and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and
we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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The Invocation, Confession and Absolution


- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+Service of the Word+

The Kyrie

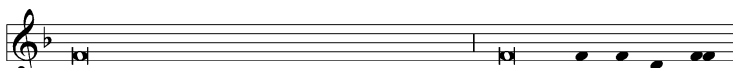
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



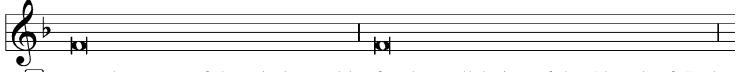
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



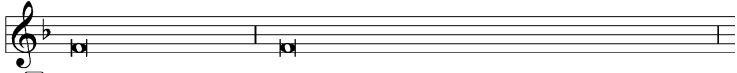
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



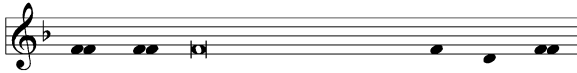
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my
complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:
“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’?”

⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Hymn of the Day: LSB 756 “Why Should Cross and
Trial Grieve Me”**



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
May be great, They will not de - feat me.
Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
For my good, By His death to save me.
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

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The Sermon (*KIDZ Time: Children ages 3 through Grade 2 are invited to participate in a Bible story time during this sermon.*)

The Offering (*Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!*)

The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

**☪ 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.**

A Hymn: LSB 717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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The Announcements/Benediction

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface

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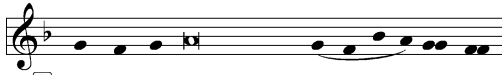
P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

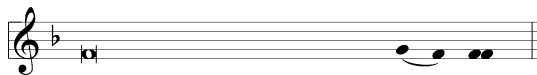
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Words of Institution

The Pax Domini

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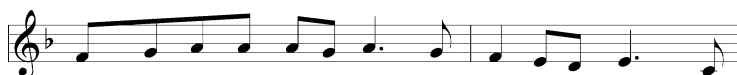
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

The Agnus Dei

LSB 163



G 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.

The Distribution

A Distribution Hymn: LSB 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour. In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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A Distribution Hymn: LSB 633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death’s dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um-phiant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be
 gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
 you peace.

A A - men.

The Hymn to Depart: LSB 924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Events of the Week: October 2-8, 2022

- Today** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
6:00 p.m. LWML meeting
- Monday** 6:30 p.m. Communion service
7:30 p.m. Council meeting
- Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. NO BIBLE STUDY
6:30 p.m. The 4 Ps Training Session
- Thursday** **Second Best Sale Begins at 9:00 a.m.**
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday** Pastor’s Day off
- Saturday** 8:30 a.m. Men’s breakfast/Bible study
- Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB
9:30 a.m. Worship service
11:00 a.m. Bible study
1:00 p.m. Planned Giving Seminar

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: September 25/26, 2022

General Fund	3805.00
Tessaro LBT Ministry	31.00
Memorials	<u>2050.00</u>
TOTAL	5886.00

Announcements

The October newsletter is available on the table in the foyer by the office. It was emailed to those for whom we have an email address.

The Four Ps of Christian Discipleship, a four-week, Bible study begins the week of October 16th. There are several Bible study groups to join:

- **Tuesday: 2:00 p.m.** Facilitators are Mary Ward and Dr. Rachel Palmer
- **Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.** Facilitators are John and Marjie Weiss
- **Sunday morning** (after worship): Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski

We will provide a Zoom Bible study group if there are several people who request it.

We are also planning to provide childcare if it is needed on Sunday mornings so that parents can participate in a study group.

We encourage every member to participate in a group and to be blessed by your participation! Sign-up sheets are located on a table in the foyer. Please sign-up ASAP so that we can make proper arrangements.

Take a Stand for the Life of the Unborn Child. The Life Chain is TODAY, Sunday, October 2 from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Participants will stand along 44th Street between Breton Road and Ivanrest Ave. More information about the Life Chain can be found on the information sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

SECOND BEST SALE runs This Week from Thursday morning through Saturday noon. Volunteers are needed TODAY after worship to set up tables and to sort the items for the sale. Volunteers are needed Monday and Tuesday for sorting and pricing. They are also needed for Thursday through Saturday to assist customers and clean-up on Saturday. If you have any questions, please see Walt Kryzanowski or Dale Rosema.

We need about 4-8 volunteers to serve supper at NECM on Tuesday, October 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If interested, please speak with Dale Rosema.

Attention Ladies! St. James' LWML invites you to join them for fellowship and encouragement from God's Word.

- **October 2 meeting** - Join your sisters in Christ for Bible Study at 6:00 pm. Cherie Hood will lead us in Part 1 of the study: **Lord, Teach Us to Pray**. We will also have opportunity to learn more about our Michigan District Mission Grants, which are funded through "Mite" giving.
- **The Grand Rapids' Zone Rally – My Sheep Hear My Voice!** - will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on **Saturday, October 22nd** from 8:45-12:00. Pastor Berg from Good Shepherd, Middleville will lead a Bible study exploring the relationship of the Good Shepherd and His flock and what it means to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. The ingathering will be items for Allendale's Positive Options, a service of Lakeshore Pregnancy Center. Suggested donations: size 4,5,6 diapers, wipes, and quality new teething rings. Sign up to attend by October 16th.
- **Lifting our Hands in Prayer Painting Event-** St. James LWML invites you to join them for an evening of fun on **Sunday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.** Sticking with our Fall prayer emphasis, we will contemplate David's words recorded in Psalm 141:2: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Kim Urbanski will be leading us as we create a visual prayer reminder. Each participant will be guided to create an image of praying hands on a 9x12 canvas. A charge of \$10 per person will cover the cost of supplies. We hope you will join in the fun. Sign up outside the office door by November 6th.

Next Sunday, October 9th, is the Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop. Julie Burgess, an LCMS gift planning counselor in Michigan will share information about planned giving for your estate plan. We will have a pizza lunch starting at noon and the

workshop will get started around 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Room along with an information sheet about the “Lifetime Plan for Giving.”

It’s time...to welcome back the community to St. James!

TRUNKS of TREATS is scheduled for 2:30-4:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 29th. So, it’s time to think and plan how you would like to participate in this outreach. Please take a look at the sheet by the office to see the opportunities and sign up. Clearly our emphasis is always Christ-centered in all we do, so if you decorate your car feel free to express your Christian faith to our visitors! Questions/suggestions can be directed to Cindy, Marjie, and John. Thank YOU 😊

Dorcas Society will meet on Thursday, October 13th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering room (Note the time and location is incorrect in the newsletter) for a fun time of playing games and sharing time together in Christian fellowship. All women of our congregation are invited. Please see Phyllis Schultz with any questions.

Please read these words from Jim Sprague (Executive Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids) about Proposal 3.

Dear Friends,

The Michigan Supreme Court has determined that Proposal 3 will be on the November 8 ballot. This means that Michigan voters will decide whether or not to modify the state’s constitution to enshrine abortion therein. However, the language crafted to accomplish this goes FAR beyond simply “restoring Roe,” as its proponents have said.

Make no mistake, if Proposal 3 is approved Michigan will become more extreme on abortion than California and New York.

In addition to making abortion legal, this action would at the same time strike down all of the current laws related to abortion. This is

*incredibly dangerous and far-reaching! Gone would be both parental consent and the current 24-hour waiting period; also erased is a screening for coercion (currently, the abortionist is required by law to discern whether or not someone is forcing the abortion against the woman's will). **So extreme!***

Human traffickers and those running prostitution rings would greatly benefit from this change, so would any man that commits statutory rape. If a pregnancy occurs in any of these situations, this “problem” could be resolved by simply forcing the women involved to have an abortion, all with no questions asked.

Furthermore, this opens the door for minors to receive an immediate and private abortion, that is without her parent's knowledge and consent. Keep in mind, this same minor could not get a tattoo without her parent's approval, nor could she get an aspirin from the school nurse.

*Also stricken from the books would be a law requiring state inspections of abortion facilities. Veterinary clinics would be more closely monitored than abortion clinics. In addition, the vet could actually become an abortion provider, as well, because in the “new Michigan” abortions can be performed by any medical person. **So radical!***

I think Proposal 3 can be defeated at the ballot box—IF we get the word out on how extreme and radical it is. What's more, this is the first time in history that both prolife and pro-choice voters can agree on a piece of legislation that is dangerous to the women of Michigan, and should not be adopted.

Please join me in praying that this proposal is not approved by the voters.

Friends, these are unprecedented times and we cannot remain silent in the coming months. I urge you to consider speaking out against this dangerous proposition. Maybe you're like me and political conversations make you uncomfortable. But we must

understand that if our constitution is modified in the way being proposed, we will not recognize the state of Michigan when the dust from this election settles.

We must all get over, around or through our hesitancy in talking about the dangers of Proposal 3, and I'm right there with you!

As I close, here's a link to a couple websites for you to visit often, and stay current on this issue. Please consider copying and posting to your own social media pages, and let's get the word out together.

**The Citizens to Support MI Women and Children
Michigan Says No**

Again, this proposal is so radical that even pro-choice voters should be given pause; share it boldly. And pray boldly.

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

The Lector: Marjie Weiss

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: John Weiss & Jerry Talen

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Margie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski

October Altar Guild: Sherry Schmidt