

September 25, 2022

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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR**

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The Organist – Kevin Patschke

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON**

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The Altar Guild – Ginger Clifford, Juanita Clifford, Paulette Schulze  
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Curtis & Margie Yurk in honor of their wedding anniversary this past Thursday (22).  
The Organist –Dorothy Wachsmann

**TO OUR VISITORS** - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. \*\*\* Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.**

**SILENT PRAYER** upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear your holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

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**SUMMARY OF TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS –  
THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Anxious Bondage Versus Confident Trust** “You cannot serve God and money,” (Matthew 6:24-34) for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the one true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father Who will care for all of our bodily and spiritual needs. The widow of Zarephath served God – that is, she believed the Word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry. (1 Kings 17:8-16) He Who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for all of our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith as God’s Christians. (Galatians 5:25-6:10) (lcms.org/lectionary-summaries)

## READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

*Summary: "O you of little faith" is the Son of God's way of addressing us as the beloved children of His Father in heaven for whom He created all things, so that we may know His love for us as He strengthens our faith and provides for our every need.*

What do you mean by these words: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker, etc.?" God has given and constantly preserves to me my body, soul, and life, members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on, food and drink, clothing and support, spouse and children, domestics, house and home, etc.

So we learn from this article that none of us has of himself, nor can preserve, his life. We also confess that God the Father has not only given us all that we have and see before our eyes, but daily preserves and defends us against all evil and misfortune, averts all sorts of danger and calamity; and that He does all this out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a benevolent Father, who cares for us so that no evil befalls us.

We ought, therefore, daily to practice this article and impress it upon our minds. In all the good that befalls us, and wherever we escape from calamity or danger, it is God Who gives and does all these things. See His paternal heart and transcendent love toward us. Our hearts are warmed and kindled to be thankful, and to employ all such good things to the honor and praise of God. (*lmssermons.com; Large Catechism: Apostles Creed, Article I*)

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† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: ♪ 425

### SERVICE OF THE WORD [PAGES 5 TO 14, FRONT OF HYMNAL]

### INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

**PASTOR:** Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save Your servant, who trusts in You – You are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long. Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God; turn to me and be gracious to me. Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant. (*Psalms 86:1a, 2b, 3, 4, 6, 15a*)

**CONGREGATION:** ♪ Glory be to the Father....

### COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

**P:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us our bodies and souls, and for continuously providing us with everything we need to support our bodies in this life. We humbly ask You to strengthen, confirm and uphold our faith, that, trusting in You alone and seeking above all other things Your Kingdom and righteousness, we may avoid all greed and anxiety, and by Your grace overcome every affliction; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 KINGS 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>Then the Word of the Lord came to the Prophet Elijah, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.”” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said.

And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the Word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING OF THE SMALL CATECHISM (SEE HALF-PAGE INSERT)**

#### **EPISTLE LESSON – GALATIANS 5:25-6:10**

<sup>5:25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>6:1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**C:** **♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

#### **MATTHEW 6:24-34**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

### **APOSTLE’S CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 12]**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** **♪ 521**

**SERMON: OUR PRIORITY THANKS BE TO JESUS: GOD’S KINGDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, MT. 6:24-34**

*“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Mt. 6:33) Amen.*

*Dear Christian saints baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Anxious much? Worried at all? Then today's Gospel lesson is for you.*

No doubt we live in anxious times. As far as anxiety goes, though, there's nothing new under the sun since people have been worried about the same basic things since mankind's Fall into sin, such as disease, violence, corruption, tyranny, wars, hunger, social and economic upheaval, natural disasters, etc. We can't help but look around us at conditions and events we've been facing over the past number of months and years. Anxious hearts abound since cause for unease abounds.

If you wear the flesh of Adam and Eve, then you have things that make you anxious and cause you stress and to worry. You may not be anxious about the same things as your neighbor, but you're still anxious about something, more-than-likely multiple things.

Jesus Himself uses the word "anxious" six different times in our Gospel reading. And yet our Lord doesn't want us to fixate on and wallow in our worries, but rather to "*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.*" (Mt. 6:33) Our daily fears and anxieties are very real, and Jesus speaks to this. But He invites us to come to Him all the more so, to rest in Him and His peace and assurance, saying, "Stop being anxious. Seek first God's reign and rule and His justification." That's really what this is all about – priorities – seeking first the reign and rule of God; seeking first His justification by faith in His own dear Son.

So what are your priorities? That's what this all boils down to. If you're honest, you'll confess that even the basic things you're anxious about from day-to-day oftentimes take center stage in your life.

The word Jesus uses for "anxious" in the original Greek connotes doubt and unbelief. "*O you of little faith.*" (Mt. 6:30) That's not good, not a compliment. That's an indictment; that's bad. The anxiety of which Jesus speaks is having your thoughts and cares consumed by something other than God. Simply put, whatever makes you anxious has become your god. It's your chief concern. Anxiety winds up de-throning God. We wind up serving the gods of our anxieties rather than the one true God. We're all guilty of this. We all have our anxieties. We all have things that we put before God. We try to justify our anxieties; we're wrong to do so. If we're honest, we all must confess that we don't trust in God above all things all the time. Yet God's Kingdom and reign in Christ Jesus supersedes and overcomes all our worries and anxieties.

The Lord Jesus uses some examples from His created order to drive home His point that we need not worry about anything since He and His Father are in control of everything, providing all things: "*Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*" If God provides sufficiently for the birds of the air, which Jesus says in another Gospel account are sold for a penny (see Mt. 10:29), will He not provide also for you? Especially as you're worthy infinitely more to your heavenly Father than many sparrows! (See Mt. 10:31)

You're the only creature whom God created in His own image and breathed life into. Everything else was simply spoken into existence. Not man. God Himself formed us with His own hands and breathed into lifeless clay, making us living beings. If birds and fields of grass are treated so well by God, doesn't that put things into perspective for you?

Consider also Jesus' statement on anxiety and one's lifespan: "*Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to [your] span of life?*" (Mt. 6:27) Anxiety doesn't add a single hour to our lives, but it can take months or years of life away from us. That's why our Lord ends His discourse by telling us not to be anxious about tomorrow. Let tomorrow be worried about itself.

This all goes back to seeking first the reign and rule of God – His Kingdom and His righteousness. We get so worked up and anxious about things, many of which we can't even control. Things that might take place days, weeks and months or more down the line. But what about today? You don't even know what today holds. So don't be overly-concerned about what's to take place, what's to come. Seek first the reign and rule of God. Seek first His saving righteousness, His justification by faith alone in Jesus Christ.

That's where our focus needs to be: First-and-foremost on the righteousness of God in His only-begotten Son. After all, He – the very Righteousness of God – took on the very flesh of mankind in order to redeem us. Look to Christ your Redeemer on His holy cross for you! Here's God's remedy for all your anxieties, worries, cares and

concerns! Here's God's payment for your sin, death and judgment – in full! Here's God's unconditional and incomprehensible love for you, nailed to a cross and pierced with a spear – sacrificed for you!

Your Lord Jesus' priority wasn't to be anxious about what was to come for Him, but to set His face like flint (*see Is. 50:7*) toward Jerusalem, or to be singularly-focused on giving His life for you as a sacrificial offering to the Father. He was bound and determined to suffer the full wrath of God for you, in your place. *“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, Your will, not My will, be done.” (Mt. 26:39)* This cup being the cup of God's wrath and punishment. As true God, Jesus knew what the wrath of God against sinners meant: That either He or we must suffer the just punishment for our sins – the condemnation of the holy Law of God. Which is why Christ Jesus demonstrated the greater love of God to us by dying for us, giving up His life for those He calls His friends. (*See Jn. 15:13*)

Our Lord Jesus faithfully sought first the reign, rule and will of His God and Father. He humbled Himself to be the lowliest of men. He made Himself last and least of all because this was the good and gracious will of His Father. And when God's will was done, Jesus cried out in victory, *“It is finished!” (Jn. 19:30)* right before commending His spirit to His heavenly Father and falling asleep in the arms of His God and Father. The cup of suffering and wrath has been consumed in full by our Savior! No more wrath of God against us! No more sorrow or fear for us! All that remains now is joy and peace in the risen Jesus that surpasses all understanding.

O saints of the living God, in spite of all the anxiety-producing things in our lives, thanks to our Baptism into Christ, we're fully and forever redeemed! There's no need for us to be anxious in the least about what we'll eat, wear or anything else. Through Holy Baptism, you've been clothed in the all-availing righteousness of Christ. Is there anything more important? You have the Father's grace, mercy and peace thanks be to Jesus' crucified body and blood – the very same body and blood you're so richly and abundantly nourished with in Holy Communion. Here in your very midst – in God's Holy Word and Sacrament – is His righteous reign! Here's the Lord of Life, reigning victoriously! Here – in the midst of this shadowy valley of sorrow and death – is the righteousness of God for you!

With a sure Word that pardons you of all your sins and fills you with Christ's life to the brim; with a sacred bath that cleanses you pure as Jesus Himself; with His body and blood that nourish and enliven you forever, I ask you, *“Why are you so anxious about what you will eat or drink?”*

While your heart is not to be consumed by thoughts of clothing, food and a myriad of other earthy things and matters, this doesn't mean that food, clothing, etc., are of no value or are bad. We certainly can't go without such things, and our heavenly Father knows that we need them. Which is why He provides them to us for our good. So yes indeed, value the good things which He gives you in this life. Be good and faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to you. Also, keep things in perspective, in their proper order. As God's eternal Kingdom and the righteousness which it gives you by faith alone in Christ Jesus is the most important blessing of all, prize, cherish, hold fast to it above all else!

No matter how good life may be for you; no matter how bad things may get, you belong to God, and He's working all things for your good as His beloved children. Whether you live or die, you're resurrected and alive in Christ, and the best is yet to come! To live is Christ, and to die is gain. (*See Phil. 1:21*)

So then, why so anxious? By faith in Jesus Christ, seek the first and most important things – the Kingdom of heaven and the righteousness of God – seeking and finding Him right where He invites us to look, right where He Himself is holding out these gifts of life, love and peace to all who believe and receive Him.

May this Christ-centered reality drive away all your sinful anxieties as you dwell in God's Kingdom and are adorned in His righteousness – today, tomorrow and forever. Amen. *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

## **OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, You have set Your reign and Your righteousness before us in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us always look to Him Who has saved us from our sins, constantly seeking Him above all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You have poured out Your Spirit on Your Church, that the Gospel of Your Kingdom would be believed throughout the world. Bless the proclamation of Your Word by the pastors, missionaries and others whom You have sent, that many would hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from Whom all fatherhood on earth is named, bless the families of all Christians with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless all widows, orphans and broken families also with Your mercy, and give them joy in the redemption You have won for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, Your Son carried our burdens and redeemed us. Hear all those who call to You from hearts afflicted with anxiety and depression, who are overcome by adversity in this fallen world. Give them Your peace and healing now, and eternal salvation in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, You desire that all nations would be Your people and walk in Your ways. Have mercy upon our nation. Bless our leaders with penitent hearts before You and with the fortitude to govern in Your wisdom and justice. Bless the citizens and sojourners of our land, that they might gladly love You and one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have called us to bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the Law of Christ. Comfort and console the sick and suffering, as well as those who long to be with us but cannot: \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your good pleasure, heal and restore them. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

God, our heavenly Father, You have clothed creation in glorious dress and provide even more for all our needs of body and soul. Forgive us for our anxiety and worry. Help us always look to You for every good thing, trusting that, as our loving heavenly Father, You will never leave us without the things we need. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Providing Father, the winds and rains are in Your hands. Continue to grant us rain. Bless our fields and those who work in them, our livestock and those who tend to them, that they might be fruitful and provide for us. Help us also to love and serve our neighbor in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: ♪ 437**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECTS**

**P:** O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because we cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve us evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, in Whose presence there is fullness of joy and at Whose right hand there are pleasures forevermore, mercifully fix our hearts on heavenly things, and free us from excessive concern over the things of this present, passing world, so that, while we are here in the body, we may sow of the Spirit and not of the flesh, and in the end reap everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ 38**

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

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OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	34	26	8	\$2,038.00
St. James	46	35	5 11	\$1,661.00

Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor

	Operating	Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	56,582.00				
Actual	58,012.62		5,200.00		38
Last Week	1,520.00		518.00 (door collection)		

Sunday Offerings—St. James, Lexington

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	92,720.00			92,720.00	
Actual	77,944.62	445.00		78,389.62	38
Last Week	1,661.00			1,661.00	

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THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 8:30AM: **Noodle-making** (St. James parish hall)...All **HELP** would be appreciated!

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM: Quilting (St. James)

3:30PM: **Joint Week Day School**

THURSDAY 10:00AM: Joint Bible Study (at St. James) begins

FRIDAY +Pastor's Day Off

NEXT SUNDAY 2:00PM: **LWML Rally** (at Holy Cross, Warda)...**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!!!**

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

\*\*\***We remember in our prayers:...**at Holy Trinity...*Alleen Winkler, Al Cain, Dorothy Schimank, Monroe Brade, Donna Moerbe, Margaret Richter, Carolyn Nitsche, Andrew Richter* (currently residing at Oakland Manor in Giddings), *Michelle Holmes* [sister-in-law of Paul & Meloney Tucker (Holy Trinity)];...at St. James...*Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, W. O. Exner* (residing at Bec's Blessing in Giddings), *Genell Boettcher* (residing at Lost Pines Rehab in Bastrop), *Joey Johnson, Tom Kleinschmidt, David Roensch, Lucas Raines, Paulette Schulze, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Doug Wheeler, Charles Patschke, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James); *Scott Husband* [son of Sherwood & Janet Frosch (St. James)], *Amber Brockenbush* [friend and relative of St. James members], *Elton "Sonkey" Walther* [father of Felicia Poston (St. James)], *Bethany Behrens Lara* [friend of St. James members], *Tim Kleinschmidt* [brother of Tom Kleinschmidt (St. James) and friend of members] and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++We express our sympathy to **The Janet Frosch Family** (St. James) on the death of her nephew, Andrew Sommers, whom our Lord Jesus in His grace and mercy called out of this vale of tears unto Himself on Thursday (8-25-22). Service information was still pending at the time of the printing of the bulletin. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be with and comfort the surviving family.

\*\*\***Help Wanted:** The LWML will be **making noodles this Tuesday**, September 27, in preparation for our Roast Beef Dinner. If you are able to help, please join us in the Parish Hall at 8:30AM. We also need donations of Gold Medal Flour in order to keep costs down. If you can donate flour, please bring it to church or the parish Hall before we start making noodles on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!!!

+++**LWML FALL RALLY:** Ladies, you are invited to attend the LWML fall rally NEXT SUNDAY, October 2, at 2:00PM at Holy Cross, Warda. The theme is "Here am I; Send Me." Guest speakers are Nikki Kueck of Faith Lutheran High School in Warda and Barbara Hoffmann of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Bastrop. Proceeds from the ingathering will be split between Faith and Epiphany. GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) are invited to come as well! Girls in grades 5-12 will have the opportunity to work on a service project during the business meeting portion of the rally. A light dinner will be provided afterward. Please see Ruth Meyer if you have any questions or need a ride. Hope to see you there!

\*\*\***HOLY TRINITY** ...we would like to express our sincere THANKS to Nolan Huston for the Recent donation of a load of gravel...thanks Nolan!!!

+++**Roast Beef Dinner:** Mark your calendars for the annual LWML Roast Beef Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, October 9. Plates are \$12 each and to-go only. This is the main fundraiser for the LWML, and all profits from the dinner go to mission work. Thank you for supporting the spread of the Gospel!

\*\*\***ST. JAMES**...how about YOU! We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it..just contact the church office!!!

+++**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**...on the Book of Philippians...We are currently studying St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. No matter what we're going through of will endure in life, Philippians aids us greatly in being joyful in Jesus Christ throughout. A copy of the Bible study is also available for anyone who would desire it.

\*\*\*Community wide prayer initiative for 2022!!! If you are interested in praying for 5 to 10 of your neighbors on a regular basis this year, please contact Cindy Terrell at 979-540-7026 for more information. Let's cover our community in prayer and draw nearer to God while we do! Looking forward to hearing from you!!!

+++All are invited to come and join in on our joint Bible Study which meets on Thursday mornings at St. James beginning at 10am! See ya there!

\*\*\***Family/Personal Daily Devotional Settings:** It is good for us as Christians to be able to utilize devotional settings throughout the week for family or personal use. You're therefore encouraged to make use of several Lutheran devotional settings/devotions in printed form, available now at the entrance to Church, and online at: [trinity-stjames.org/devotions\\_updated\\_](http://trinity-stjames.org/devotions_updated_). The use of daily devotionals settings/devotions is a great way to receive and grow in God's Word in-between the weekly Sunday Divine Service. So by all means, do make faithful use of them!

+++Knitting & Crocheting Group...a group of ladies from Immanuel, Giddings, have been making warm hats and scarves for the needy in the Midwest and Alaska for 6 years now. They're all created from donated yarn, however, now they are very low on yarn skeins and colors. If anyone would have left over yarn that they would not need or would like to donate to this project, put it in a bag and mark it "Knitting & Crocheting Group" and drop it off at the church office whenever they are in Giddings. Each September theses are shipped to the Lutheran Social Services in the Midwest and Alaska.

\*\*\***Holy Trinity**...**A Note of Thanks from Head Usher Allan Urban**...on behalf of the our congregation, I would like to express my appreciation to the faithful and dedicated gentlemen



willing to step up and help with ushering (many serving each month)! It is a wonderful thing to know that we have such dependable and willing help and support by their continued service ...many **THANKS!!!**

+++**QUILTING**...St. James LWML invites you [we need participation] to come **HELP** quilt on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am.

\*\*\***THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because".

+++Get your published novels *Grace Alone*, *Faith Alone*, *Hope Alone*, and *Stand Alone* by Ruth Meyer ...if you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$12.00), you can either contact the church office or see Ruth!

\*\*\*St. James & Trinity...the LWML and Ladies Aid are collecting used postage stamps (regular and commemorative). At least a ¼ inch margin should be left around the stamp (or just drop in the whole envelope). A box has been placed in the Narthex that you may place your stamps in.

+++**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...St. James- Pam Fails, today; Sherry Dube, 27; Rayden Iselt, 28; Brandi Johnson, 28; Pistol Lay, 28; Kelsi Boriack, 30; Ed Drosche, 1.

\*\*\***ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...St. James-Patrick & Rachel Wuensche, 26; Dennis & Lois Turner, 1.