

Divine Service is now held twice each Sunday at 9:00 am and at 11:00 am. Social distancing is observed.

Pastor Hess will be on vacation from August 3-15. **Pastor Ley will be filling in for him** on Sunday, August 9.

There will be no Tuesday morning Bible Class, Tuesday afternoon youth class, or Wednesday night prayer service while Pastor is on vacation.

Help is needed for the setup and serving of coffee and for sanitizing the worship area between services. Please consider helping in this way as we continue to worship in a safe manner. A signup sheet is available.

Coffee fellowship has resumed. We have all greatly missed having the opportunity to visit with one another on Sunday. Coffee and juice will be served this morning in the parking lot from 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Pastor Tim Sternberg and his son Gabriel will be in Redmond on August 12. Stack Park in Redmond (820 NW Kingwood Pl.) has been reserved for a Meet and Greet. This will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and a variety of cold, bottled drinks will be available. The park is shaded and it is suggested that you bring chairs. Drop in to say hello. Pastor and Gabriel are looking forward to seeing their Trinity and Emmaus Church families once again.

We especially remember JoAnn Arney in our prayers this week.

Birthdays: Jean Scroggy, August 12, Joellen Hall, August 16

Amount budgeted to date for the Lord's work at Emmaus: \$70,300

Amount received to date for the Lord's work at Emmaus: \$62,800

Pastor's office hours are Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 pm and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Also, Pastor is available at any time by appointment. For questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Hess, 630-589-6481.

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Serving us this morning while Pastor Hess is on vacation is Reverend Bruce Ley, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Albany. Rev. Ley is familiar to many of us because he regularly conducted Divine Service for us during our recent vacancy. He is most welcome.

Make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon. St. Luke 16:9
So you should explain all passages of Scripture referring to works, that God thereby desires to let the goodness received in faith express and prove itself, and become a benefit to others, so that false faith may become known and rooted out of the heart. For God gives no one his grace that it may remain inactive and accomplish nothing good, but in order that it may bear interest, and by being publicly known and proved externally draw every one to God; as Christ says, Matthew 5:16: "Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Otherwise it would be but a buried treasure and a hidden light. But what profit is there in either? Yea, goodness does not only thereby. become known to others, but we ourselves also become certain that we are honest, as St. Peter in 2 Peter 1:10 says: "Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure." For where works do not follow a man cannot know whether his faith is right; yea, he may be certain that his faith is a dream, and not right as it should be. Thus Abraham became certain of his faith and that he feared God, when he offered up his son. As God by the angel said to Abraham, Genesis 22:12: "Now I know, that is, it is manifest, that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

Then abide by the truth, that man is internally, in spirit before God, justified by faith alone without works, but externally and publicly before men and himself, he is justified by works, that he is at heart an honest believer and pious. Martin Luther, "Sermon on the Gospel for the 9th Sunday after Trinity," *Church Postil*.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated this morning. As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Supper, they also devoted themselves to the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand, and so we too pledge ourselves to both. That means we seek doctrinal oneness among those receiving at this altar. This practice, going back to the early church, is called *closed communion*, and it is observed out of love for God's Word and

God's people. We normally offer the Sacrament only to confirmed members in good standing of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Exceptional cases are determined in consultation with the pastor. If this is your first time communing at this altar please see the pastor before the service begins. Thank you for respecting our practice in this matter of love and pastoral care.

Silent Prayer Please allow those who wish to prepare for the service of God by prayer and meditation to do so by finishing greetings and conversations outside of the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

Prayer on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who have given us rich blessings and daily bread in abundance, we pray You, protect us from stinginess and greed. Awaken our hearts, that we gladly give to the poor and have fellowship with them, they receiving what is ours and we receiving what is theirs. In this way may we be found faithful stewards of Your goods, and not be cast away to everlasting hunger when we come before your judgment and an accounting of our stewardship is required of us. Amen Johannes Eichorn (1251-1564)

We worship together this morning using Divine Service Setting 3 (page 184 in the hymnal).

Hymn:	Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender	504
Hymn of the Day:	What Is the World to Me	730
Distribution Hymns:	Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	636
	Jesus, Priceless Treasure	743
Hymn:	One Thing's Needful; Lord This Treasure	536

A prayer as you go:

For the Church

Hear us, O God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth; and in Your strength, make the churches, the outposts of Your power, as immovable as the mountains, strongholds of lofty virtues. On You we rely for the gifts of holy desire to ascend to Your presence, the summit of all blessedness, that Your Church, as it extends to all corners of the world, may soar in faith, may rest in hope, and rise to the full height of charity and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Mozarabic (Spanish) Liturgy, 7th century