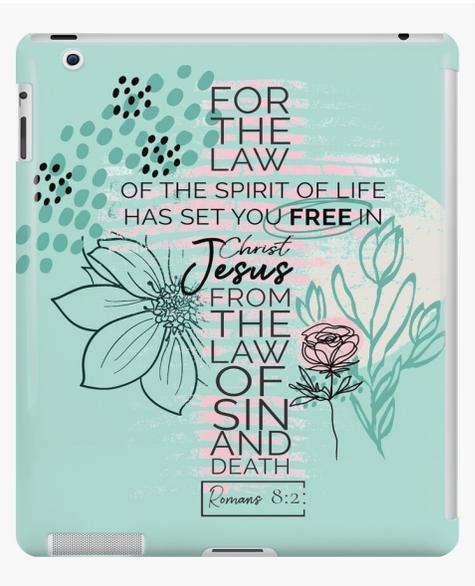


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(Trinity IX) August 1, 2021

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KNNA radio: 95.7FM or www.thecross957.org
Services broadcast live Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am
and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU

The Scriptures flatly call natural man in spiritual and divine things *darkness* (Ephesians 5: 8; Acts 26: 18). John 1: 5 says, "The light shines in the darkness" (that is , in the dark, blind world, which does not know or regard God), "and the darkness has not overcome it." Likewise, the Scriptures teach that a sinful person is not only weak and sick, but also finished and entirely dead (Ephesians 2: 1-5; Colossians 2: 13).

Now, a person who is physically dead cannot from his own powers prepare or make himself come back to life again. So the person who is spiritually dead in sins cannot by his own strength make or apply himself to acquire spiritual and heavenly righteousness and life. This is true unless he is delivered and brought to life by God's Son from the death of sin.

The Scriptures deny to the intellect, heart, and will of the natural man all readiness, skill, capacity, and ability to think, to understand, to be able to do, to begin, to will, to undertake, to act, to work, or to agree to work anything good and right in spiritual things from himself.

. . . "The natural person does not ac-

cept [or as the Greek word properly signifies, grasps not, comprehends not, accepts not] the things of the Spirit of God" (I Corinthians 2: 14). This means he is not capable of spiritual things. For they are foolishness to him; neither can he know them. Much less will he truly believe the Gospel or agree with it and regard it as truth.

For the mind that is set on the flesh [or the mind of the natural man] is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (Romans 8: 7)

In a word, what God's Son says remains eternally true, "For apart from Me you can do nothing" [John 15: 5].

Paul says, "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" [Philippians 2: 13].

~Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord II 10-14

MISSION PROJECT DONATIONS

Donations by check to Good Shepherd's mission project of the month should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The funds are sent by check from our treasury to the monthly recipients in a timely manner.

The mission project for the month of August will be KNNA radio. This week KNNA was broadcasting remotely from the ACELC conference at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle. During the time of COVID restrictions KNNA has been a blessing to many who needed comfort and peace from God's Word on a daily basis through the programming recorded and broadcast. It is also available over the internet at www.thecross957.org.

VENEZUELA MISSION PROJECT

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ Jesus, Our hope is that our heavenly father would multiply his richest spiritual and material blessings in every one of you and continue putting in your hearts that wish to continue sharing with your neighbors, the blessings that God has provided for you.

The above was sent to us from a recipient of our mission project funds.



IT'S PICNIC TIME

Join us for the Good Shepherd church picnic on Sunday, August 29th at the home of Scott & Susan McKinney. The McKinneys will provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert, fishing poles, and swimsuits for the kids for the slip 'n' slide. The picnic will begin at 4 pm with supper served at 5 pm. **Please sign up to attend in the narthex** so that we can plan for food and drink numbers. Address is: 3231 W. Covered Bridge Dr., Lincoln.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW

The next opportunity to give blood at Good Shepherd will be on Friday, Aug. 13th from 12:30—5:30 pm. Go to the American Red Cross website (www.redcross.org) to make an appointment and check out the instructions for donating. You must have an appointment to donate. Questions? Contact Amanda Knudsen at (402) 660-1188.

INSTALLATION

Installation for our new vicar, Thomas Goodroad, will be at both services on Sunday, August 1st. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey with us in the coming year.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

The installation of officers (both newly elected and continuing with their term of office) will be at both services on Sunday, August 1st. At the appropriate time in the service all present officers will be asked to stand in place for the installation and respond to the questions posed. Come to whichever service you would like to attend.



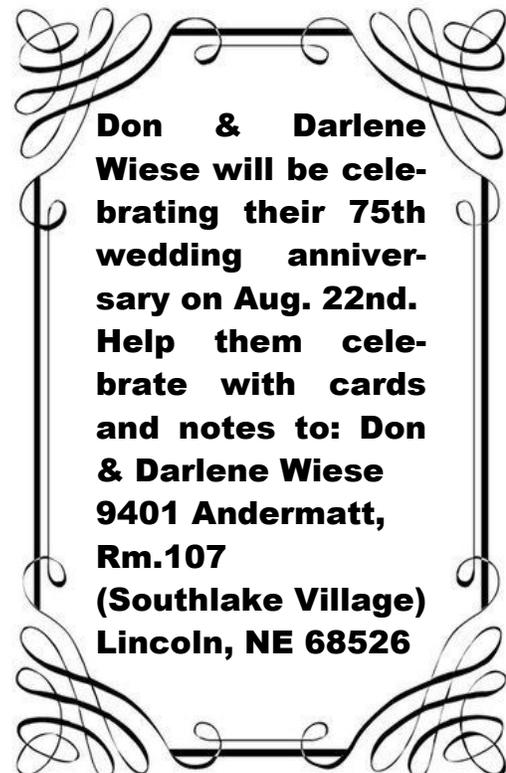
PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would

like to keep it on the prayer list, you may call during the 6th week to renew it.

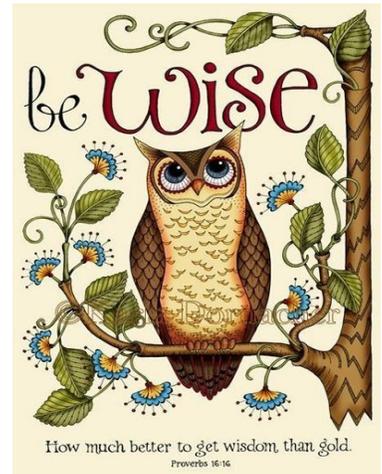
- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (5)
- **Bob McClellan**, at Gateway Vista (2)
- **Art Steele**, grandfather of Vicar Steele, hospitalized (5)
- **Renos & Vivian Kunz**, moved to The Waterford at 40th & Pine Lake (2)
- **Melanie Walker**, friend of Bob & Elaine Van Valkenburg & Ron, continuing treatment for cancer (1)
- **Mildred Humphrey**, with health issues including heart failure(1)
- **Suzie**, daughter-in-law of Bob & Elaine Van Valkenburg and wife of Ron Van Valkenburg, continuing with chemotherapy (3)
- **Richard Gudgel**, brother of Wayne Gudgel, with medical issues. (2)
- **Ray Phillips**, father of Matt Phillips, recovering from successful back surgery (3)
- **Sherry Sapp**, mother of Lori Reinke, recovering at Southlake Village (2)
- **Ashley Jackson**, cousin of Sarah Stepp, in a skilled nursing home waiting for an appointment with a neurologist and an accurate diagnosis (2)
- **The family of Justin & Luisa Jonker**, daughter and son-in-law of Gary & Myrna Heckman, as they seek true justice from the judicial system in Georgia. (3)
- **Doug Henderson**, brother-in-law of Ken Knaus, recovering from heart surgery (5)

- **Chellsey Schmidt**, daughter-in-law of Pastor John & Karen Schmidt, dealing with medical issues (5)
- **Con Urbach**, recovering with continued rehab at home (3)
- **Roger Ketelson**, at Old Cheney Rehab following a stroke (3)
- **The family of Shirley**, mother of Jo Kirk, who was taken to her eternal home this week (1)
- **The family of Alan Strauch**, brother-in-law of Wayne Gudgel and especially his wife Ruth Ellen, who was taken to his eternal home this week (1)
- **The family of Marlin**, cousin of Karen Kammann, who was taken to his eternal home recently (1)



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— Luke 16: 8,9— “. . . For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.” The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools. They can be used for good or ill. They can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important in your life?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK (August 1-7)

People celebrating birthdays are:

Aaron Boucher Jacob Crocker
Cade & Cole Cover
Paul Schmidt Matt Durr
Matt Buresh Pastor Poppe
Michael Fredrick

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

David & Jerika Perrin
Nate & Kim Keller
Erik & Jennifer Prenosil
Pastor Timothy & Ruth Brisbois
Jim & Marilyn Carr

MIDWEEK CLASSES

The midweek study classes are divided into a 4-year program (Bible I, Bible II, Catechism I, and Catechism II in this order). Letters of invitation will be sent to all families with children in grades 4-8 in the coming weeks. You will be invited to an introductory session on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 5:30 pm. The session will cover such subjects as objectives and expectations, memory work, church and Sunday School attendance, etc. We look forward to a great year of growth in the knowledge of God and His Word.

LIFE MOMENT

Jesus Christ has already swallowed up death forever. It belongs to Him and Him alone. He reserves the right to provide life to us on His terms and decide in His time when we die. His death and resurrection have freed us from needing to seek it for ourselves or for anybody else. His peace and presence, promises and power pass us not only into death's shadow but through it — without ever setting up residence.

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS

The latest edition of *Reflections*, the Higher Things devotional begins on Sun., August 8th. Pick up your copy at the sign-in table in the narthex.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION
JULY 18, 2021

WEEKLY BUDGET NEED:
\$ 11,253.00

ATTENDANCE:
WED., JULY 21: 58
SUN., JULY 25: 201

OFFERING:
\$ 4,540.00

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD TODAY:

**DOORKEEPERS TODAY: (August 1) 8:00 am: Loraine Harnett
10:30 am: David Perrin**

ELDER TODAY: (August 1) : Ken Knaus

**USHERS TODAY: 8:00 am: Matt Fritz, Jimmy Stepp
10:30 am: Eric & Lisa Klutz**

ACOLYTES TODAY: 8:00 am: Broderic Beed 10:30 am: Colson McNabb

COMMUNION SET-UP: Kacy Meyer CLEAN-UP: Gayleen Potter

PROVIDING GOODIES TODAY: Karen Kammann

COFFEE SERVERS: Loraine Harnett, Sandy Langemeier

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As we ease back into our normal and loved fellowship activities at church, we are looking for additional help to support these activities. Speak with **Sarah Kaldahl (660.238.7327)** regarding any of the following opportunities you are interested to help with:



- **Meal Train** — Provide a meal for a family in need of a little help. (ie: birth of a new baby, hospitalization, new vicar moving in, etc.)
- **Provide Sunday morning goodies** — Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall by the kitchen door to provide 5 dozen goodies. Please stay to help serve snacks or ask someone to serve in your place.
- **Shop for and deliver goodies** — Be the one who buys and delivers the goodies for someone who donated the money.
- **Donate money for goodies** — Donate money for goodies to be bought.
- **Serve coffee and/or goodies** — Be on the rotation to serve coffee and/or goodies once every 3-4 months.
- **Other fellowship activities** — Interested in helping out even more? Let us know!



THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE

The order of the Divine Service as we have received it historically is not the product of one person, one church body or synod, nor one ethnic background. It spans the entire history of the church and even has roots into the Old Testament. It has served the needs of the church to deliver the means of grace in a context of reverence, joy, catechesis, prayer, and repentance. Now, with this background in mind, we will examine the structure and order of the Divine Service as we know it.

SOME BASIC DISTINCTIONS

A. Propers vs. Ordinaries

- a. Propers** — are the variable elements of the Divine Service that are “proper” to the day or season in the liturgical calendar (e.g. Introit, Gradual, Readings, collect of the day, hymns, proper preface)
- b. Ordinaries** — are the regular parts of the liturgy that are “ordinarily” there (Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Creed, Preface, Agnus Dei, Benediction, etc.)

B. *Beneficium* (Sacramental/Blessing Acts) vs. *Sacraficium* (Sacrificial Acts)

- a. Sacramental Acts** — Word and Sacrament elements that God is doing for us. The liturgist typically faces the congregation for Sacramental Acts. Typically Sacramental Acts are reserved for those men who are called and ordained pastors, or those men (like deacons) serving auxiliary to the pastor.
- b. Sacrificial Acts** — responses of repentance, prayer, thanksgiving, praise, that are prompted by the Sacramental Acts. The liturgist typically faces the altar or cross for Sacrificial Acts or may signify such with hands uplifted in a prayer or sacrificial position (extended from the shoulders outward or upward). Some sacrificial acts are part of the congregation’s response (Scripture responses or songs of praise, some are done or led by the pastor or liturgist as certain prayers, etc.)