

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

⁴ [The Lord said to Job:]

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹ when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

¹² "Have you commanded the morning since
your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the
earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep
darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the
earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The

word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

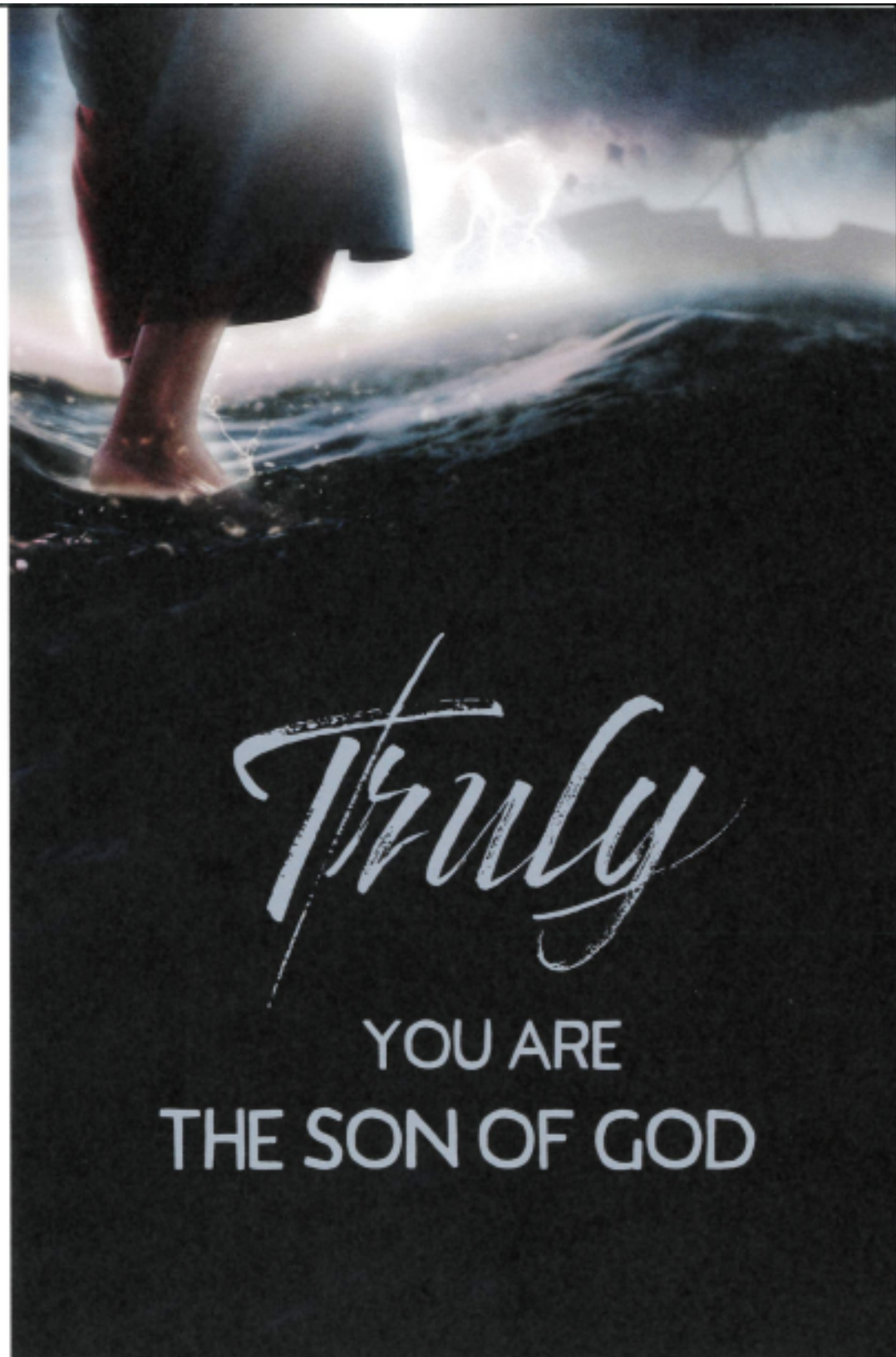
Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



About the Cover: Jesus showed His divinity as the one who "trampled the waves of the sea" (Job 9:8). He also showed His mercy by calling out, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Jesus, God in the flesh, was full of mercy toward Peter and the disciples. The Son of God is also full of mercy toward us. He showed it to us through His cross. We need not fear nor be afraid because the same Lord who said, "It is I," is present in His Word.



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Service of Prayer and Preaching (Lutheran Service Book, p. 260)

Hymn of Invocation 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,

All your trust and nope re - pose in the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

Psalms 18 *(in place of Old Testament Canticle)* ¹I love you, O Lord, my strength.

²The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my

God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my

stronghold. ³I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be
praised,

and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

⁷Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.

⁸Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his
mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

⁹He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.

¹²Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

¹³The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

¹⁵Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

¹⁶He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens. C
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place
where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. C
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place
where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. C
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place
where Your glory dwells.

Catechism

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Augsburg Confession Chief Articles of Faith

Article XX Good Works (§ 27-40)

Furthermore, we teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose

says: “Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right.” Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God’s sight. Besides, they are in the power of the devil, who pushes human beings into various sins, ungodly opinions, and open crimes.

We see this in the philosophers, who, although they tried to live an honest life could not succeed, but were defiled with many open crimes. Such is human weakness, without faith and without the Holy Spirit, when governed only by human strength.

Therefore, it is easy to see that this doctrine is not to be accused of banning good works. Instead, it is to be commended all the more because it shows how we are enabled to do good works. For without faith, human nature cannot, in any way, do the works of the First or Second Commandment. Without faith, human nature does not call upon God, nor expect anything from Him, nor bear the cross. Instead, human nature seeks and trusts in human help. So when there is no faith and trust in God, all kinds of lusts and human intentions rule in the heart. This is why Christ says, “Apart from Me you can do nothing”. That is why the Church sings: “Lacking Your divine favor, there is nothing in man. Nothing in him is harmless.”

Sermon

Office Hymn 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 -

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayer concludes:

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

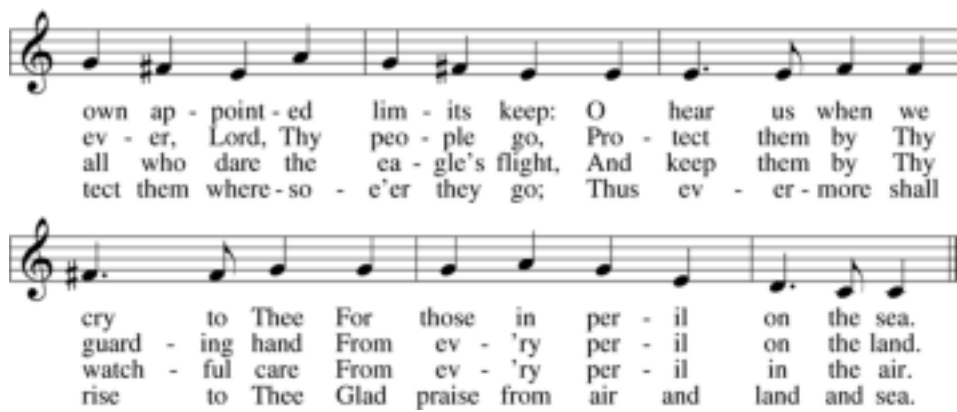
C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power

Amen.

Blessing
over me.



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.

Presentation of the Offering

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

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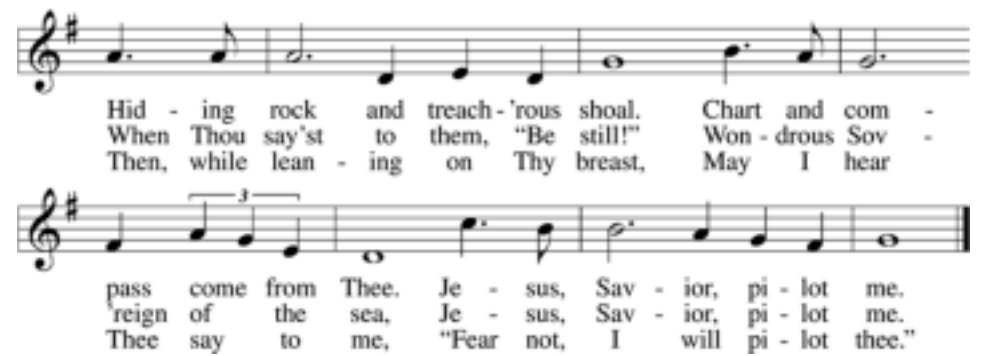
Hymn to Depart

715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me




1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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WE PRAY: Jesus Christ, Son of God, who walked the mountaintops and the Cresting waves, stay by our side in sunshine and in storm, for we lack faith and courage enough to face the vicissitudes (unexpected changes) that life thrusts on us and are so very slow to pray when there are no trials for us to face; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri Monday—Friday, please call ahead Pastor Tuesday— Friday please call ahead

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday school—2/1 Adult Bible class— 9 Worship —39

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,590.00 Weekly Budget for 2026 \$4,379.13

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study 10:00 am Outdoor
Divine Worship

Thursday 6:30 pm Council meeting

Next Sunday 10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion 11:30 am Youth
meeting

THE PASTORAL CARE FUND needs replenishment. Help us out with a donation. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to all those who planned, prepared, helped and attended our VBS last week. We praise and thank God for every child and person. We had 10 kiddos here throughout the week. May God's Word bring His saving blessings on each person.

Building Healthy Families: In today's culture, death is often suggested as the answer to life's most challenging situations – including the



challenge of an unplanned pregnancy. The world tells a scared and confused mother she can make her situation better by ending her child's life through abortion. We Christians have a better option: tell her that she and her baby are both seen, known and loved by God. Tell her of Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then love her like family, support her in choosing life; offer tangible help like transportation, meals, childcare, diapers, clothing, and other household items. Continue your support through the pregnancy and long after. There is joy in living out 1 John 4:19 – *We love because he first loved us!* www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church's Art Show - Highlighting 75 years of Creating and Displaying Art in God's House. The Circuit is invited to attend our upcoming Art Show and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 16, 2-4pm. You will be able to take a self-guided tour of the church artwork created by past and present members and commissioned by others in memory of a loved one. Each station will have a description of the art and who created it, or who it was in memory of. Follow up your tour with an ice cream social. A free will offering will be going to LWML for Missions.

“Great Is the Lord!” is the theme for the LWML Fall Zone Rally to be held on Thursday, Sept. 10th at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Chris Hall, CID Lutheran Campus Minister at Western Illinois University in Macomb. Donations will be going to Rockridge Food Pantry and Rockridge High School's "Students in Need". Items needed are: tooth paste, tooth brushes, small bottles of shampoo, deodorant, school supplies, non-perishable food items like fruit cups, fruit snacks, granola or cereal bars, Easy Mac, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, boxed potatoes, peanut butter and monetary gifts. Make checks payable to St. John's LWML. If interested in attending, please, contact Marilyn Woods **before Aug. 24** at 309-944-7569. Registration is \$15.00 and includes a very nice lunch.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

MISSION—*Pray for missionaries*, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His Work.

ST JOHN'S—Mr. & Mr. Preston Smith—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Preston, Sabrina, and Vivian asking Your blessings on them.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants: **Linda Aper Paula Chapa Joyce DeFauw John Erdman Betty Firch Marcia Helke Jessica**

**Johnson Rosalie Jorgensen Larry Kane Linda Lundquist Mary Jayne Nash
Aaron Raschke Drew Schillinger Carolyn Werner Carolyn Wildermuth
Marilyn Woods**

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)

Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

Ann Behrendt (daughter of Carolyn Wildermuth)

Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn) **Ellen Bauer** (grandmother of Joel Werling)

Joline Parrish (sister of Gayla Kroll) **Lyall Talarico** (niece of Mary Jo Gehn) **Cindy**

Davenport (cousin of Terri Hock) **Chad Gehn** (nephew of Brad Gehn) **Jeff Schreck**

(cousin of Terri Hock) **Ralph Boney** (uncle of Larry Hock)

MILITARY—Pray for our military and their families:

Karl & Hannah Flynn (son/daughter-in-law of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

Chase Werling (nephew of Joel Werling)

Carter Martwig (nephew of Joel Werling)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Just as powerful, we can relate to stories because, whether we know it or not, we are part of the greatest story ever told. The one that’s still unfolding. The one that will last forever. We’re part of God’s story—the one He’s writing—the story of salvation. And because we’re in God’s story, our story begins even before we were born.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ATTENTION CIRCUIT MEN The next “Brats, Bibles, & Beverages” will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, East Moline (1450 30th Avenue). Join other men from the Rock Island Circuit for an evening of food, fellowship, and a study of God's Word. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Weather permitting this will be an outdoor event, so bring a lawn chair. If it rains we will move indoors. Please call St. John's 309-792- 0755 to RSVP by August 23rd so we can plan accordingly.