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From the Pastor

"Hallowed be Thy Name."

This is the first petition in the Lord's Prayer; and just like the prayer itself, it is often misunderstood or unappreciated. This is an unfortunate thing that takes place; but it happens all the time. The Liturgy that we say and sing to each other and to God in our communal service and private devotions far too often become nothing more than lip service. Dear God have mercy upon us for this! *"Hallowed by Thy Name!"*

God's Name is holy in and of itself; but as Luther puts it in the *Small Catechism*, "We pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also." God's Name should be seen and kept as the most holy and important treasure that we have. For God has indeed given His Name to us. We are Baptized into this holy Name (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and so God places it upon us. As Revelation says we have His Name imprinted upon our foreheads. We are His chosen children. Not by any work or merit on our part; but only because of His great mercy upon us. *"Hallowed by Thy Name!"*

By placing His Name on us, God has set us apart from the world. He has announced to sin, death, and the devil that they no longer have a hold on us. We are not their possession; but we are God's. What a great and wonderful gift that our Father in heaven has given to us! And so in this petition we pray that this may always be so. As His Church, we are continually assaulted by every sort of evil and this will not end until He takes us home to be with Him. By praying this petition we call out to God to remember His promise to us and we remind each other of this very life-giving promise. *"Hallowed by Thy Name!"*

"But how does it [God's Name] become holy among us? ... When both our doctrine and life are godly and Christian." So in this petition, in this prayer, we are crying out to God exactly what He demands in the Second Commandment. We pray that God continues to keep us in the One True Church by keeping our teaching and doctrine rooted in His Word and His promises. This we must pray that He do, because we could not do it ourselves. Without His work we would stray in our teaching. We would speak contrary to His Word. We would despise His holy commands and we would not find comfort and peace in His promises. Our sinful flesh would always turn the work inward and we would taint His Truth with our wicked ways. *"Hallowed by Thy Name!"*

Not only would we err in our teaching, but we would also continuously stumble in our life as well. We pray in this petition that we have been called to be His children, we would not lead a life that profanes the Name of God. God has made us to be branches of the Vine and so through Christ we bear good fruit. Yet our sinful flesh desires to live and wallow in the sin of this world. And so we beg that this may not be so. We ask our Heavenly Father that He would keep our minds free from the temptations of the evil one so that we would not live contrary to His Word. But instead, that we would always heed His commands by loving God with all of our heart,

strength, and mind. And that we would love our neighbors as ourselves. *“Hallowed by Thy Name!”*

As Luther states in His Large Catechism, “If you pray for this with your heart, you can be sure that it pleases God. For He will not hear anything more dear to Him than that His honor and praise is exalted above everything else and that His Word is taught in its purity and is considered precious and dear. *“Hallowed by Thy Name!”*”

Rev. Eli Lietzau

FOR FURTHER PERSONAL STUDY

The Heart and Conscience Has Room Only for God

[Except from Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison’s (President of the LCMS) testimony during the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform’s hearing on February 16, 2012. (His full opening statement can be found in the April, 2012 edition of “The Lutheran Witness”)]

Mr. Chairman, it’s a pleasure to be here. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is a body of some 6,200 congregations and 2.3 million members across the U.S. We don’t distribute voters’ lists. We don’t have a Washington office. We are studiously non-partisan, so much so that we’re often criticized for being quietistic.

I’d rather not be here, frankly. Our task is to proclaim, in the words of the blessed apostle St. John, the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses us from all our sin. And we care for the needy. We haven’t the slightest intent to Christianize the government. Martin Luther famously quipped one time, “I’d rather have a smart Turk than a stupid Christian governing me.” ...

We (Americans) fought for a free conscience in this country, and we won’t give it up without a fight. To paraphrase Martin Luther, the heart and conscience has room only for God, not for God and the federal government. The bed is too narrow, the blanket is too short. We must obey God rather than men, and we will. Please get the federal government, Mr. Chairmen, out of our consciences. Thank you.

WHAT WE BELIEVE—AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Augsburg Confession Article XXI: Worship of the Saints—A Summary Statement (paragraphs 1-4)

Note: The Early Church had developed an appreciation for those who confessed, and sometimes died for, their faith. However, deep corruption had developed within the Church regarding the honor given to the saints, resulting in what could only be described as idolatrous worship. Those who have gone before us in the faith are to be honored, remembered, and imitated according to our various stations and callings in life. This is clear. However, it is clearly contrary to Scripture to teach that the saints are to be prayed to and invoked for aid. There is simply no command, no example, and no promise in Scripture indicating that we should pray to our departed brothers and sisters in Christ. (See also Ap XXI; SA II II.)

This then is nearly a complete summary of our teaching. As can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church universal, or from the Church of Rome, as known from its writers. Since this is the case, those who insist that our teachers are to be regarded as heretics are judging harshly. There is, however, disagreement on certain abuses that have crept into the Church without rightful authority. Even here, if there are some differences, the bishops should bear with us patiently because of the Confession we have just reviewed. Even the Church’s canon law is not so severe that it demands the same tires everywhere. Nor, for that matter, have the rites of all churches ever been the same. Although, in large part, the ancient rites are diligently observed among us. It is a false and hate-filled charge that our churches have abolished all the ceremonies instituted in ancient times. But the abuses connected with the ordinary rites have been a common source of complaint. They have been corrected to some extent since they could not be approved with a good conscience.



THANKS for using the Loyalty Card: King Soopers has sent us \$360.32 from their Loyalty Card Program for the period April 1st to June 30th, 2021. Altogether 31 Households participated.



Starting August 18th
Weekly Adult Choir rehearsals will be
Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Youth and Mini Choir



Calling all Kids ages 5 to 18!
Starting September 12th
Weekly rehearsals will be
After Worship Service on Sundays
(approx. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)



Organizational meeting for all Handbell Ringers
And those who would like to learn!
Sunday, August 29th after Worship Service.

Thank you, Redeemer Lutheran Church for your generous gift
of a beautiful set of Handbells!



Lutheran Worship 101

Part I

Entrance

In this section we will examine the musical prelude, the Invocation and the confession and absolution. These three parts of the liturgy are preparatory in nature and help God's people get ready to receive the gifts of God's Word and the Sacrament.

1. The musical prelude. The music before the service, helps to set the tone for the service. It is an opportunity for those gathering to prepare for service. The actual prelude is that musical piece immediately before the start of the service. Often it is directly connected to the theme of the service and may be based on one of the hymns that will be sung in the service. Pre-service music may be instrumental or vocal.
2. The invocation. This is the very beginning of the service. The Pastor clearly speaks these words: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The word, "*invocation*", comes from the Latin word meaning, to "call upon." We learn about God's Name in the Second Commandment and that the proper use of God's Name is to "*call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*" And we know that when God's Name is called upon, He promises to be there: "*Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.*" Matt. 18:20.
3. Confession and Absolution. What is the role of Confession and Absolution within the worship service? To understand this it would be helpful to review the Fifth Chief Part of Luther's Small Catechism. *What is Confession? Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.* (It might be helpful for you to review the entire section in the Small Catechism.) Confession and Absolution are central to the life of a Christian and so it is an integral part of our preparation for worship. In the Old Testament worship, the priests, before they entered the Holy Place, made an offering to cleanse themselves so they could approach the Holy God. In the confession, we confess our sins on the grounds

of the offering made for us by Jesus Christ and for His sake and we place ourselves on the mercy and grace of God.

The pastor speaks words of absolution upon the congregation. In essence, this is the pastor speaking the Gospel to everyone in the congregation and this Gospel proclamation is at the core of the Pastoral Office. He speaks these words in the place of Jesus. It is as though the pastor is Jesus' mouthpiece. The pastor concludes the announcement of grace with the words, "*in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" emphasizing that in these words the pastor speaks on behalf of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Next time we will delve further into the Divine Service. *SDG*

A.C.T.S. Group Up-Coming Events

ACTS is an acronym that stands for Adults, Children, Teens, and Seniors. ACTS originated as the young adult ministry board several years ago. When we tried to revitalize the young adult ministry board, we quickly realized there were not many people in the congregation that fit into that age group. So, we decided to expand to try to include people of all age groups and, thus, ACTS was born.

ACTS hosts many fellowship events throughout the year including Family Game night once a month; Beer, Brats, and Bride in September; the Chili Cook off in October; and a Thanksgiving Dinner here at church. In addition to the fellowship events, every two years we also put together a Lutheran Lay Conference, educating the laity on various theological topics of the Lutheran faith.

See below for dates of upcoming ACTS events.

- ❖ **Family Game Night:** Mark your calendars!! We are going to go back to the **Third Friday of every Month** at **6pm** here at church for Family Game Night. Bring a snack to share and a game to play (Board game, card game, or anything of the sort). Enjoy Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Mark your Calendars for the following Friday nights:

Sept. 17
Oct. 15
Nov. 19
Dec. 17



- ❖ **Lutheran Lay Conference:** We will again be hosting a Lutheran Lay Conference. This year's title is **Hindsight Isn't Always 20/20: A look at the state of the Church in the year 2020.** In March of 2020, the world changed. Every aspect of the life was affected: work, education, leisure, and even the Church. Mandated by the government, most congregations shut their doors. Was this the right thing to do? ... As our lives are beginning to return to normalcy, what lessons has the Church learned? Why do we gather together like we do? Why is the incarnational aspect of the Church so important? What does the Church have to say about/against enthusiasm, mysticism, the authority of the government over the Body of Christ?

This conference will be held Saturday, **Sept. 11, 2021, from 9am-3pm.** We will start with a short Matins service, then transition into the first session. It will be a 2-hour session with a 10 min break

after an hour. Then Lunch will be provided at noon. After lunch, we will head into the second session. It is also a 2-hour session with a 10 min break after an hour. Light refreshments will be provided at each break.

Pastor Harrison Goodman will be our guest speaker and presenting along with our own Pastor Lietzau. You may recognize Pastor Goodman's name from the Podcast he and Pastor Lietzau host called the "Uncultured Saints." It is sure to be a deep theological discussion presented in a captivating manner. Please RSVP to the Church office—303-424-3161 or email office at office@wrlutheran.org, so that we can have a head count for food purposes.

- ❖ **Beer, Brats, and Bride:** It would be inconceivable not to bring the whole family and watch the movie "The Princess Bride." We will storm the castle (gather here at church) on **Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 2pm.** The ACTS group will provide Brats and (root)beer and show the movie "The Princess Bride" for all to enjoy.

This fun event was started by a group of Lutherans 21 years ago. They gathered on the third Saturday in September to enjoy Beer (a traditional Lutheran beverage) and Brats (a traditionally German, and therefore, Lutheran food) and watched "The Princess Bride"—a movie that can easily be quoted in everyday conversation. This tradition quickly grew and now hundreds of Lutherans across the country gather together to enjoy Beer, Brats, and Bride on the Third Saturday in September at 4pm Eastern (2pm Mountain).

Do not be a fool and fall victim to one of the classic blunders by missing out on this fun family event.



"The Princess Bride" synopsis of the movie: A kindly grandfather sits down with his ill grandson and reads him a story. The story is one that has been passed down from father to son for generations. As the grandfather reads the story, the action comes alive. The story is a classic tale of love and adventure as the beautiful Buttercup, engaged to the odious Prince Humperdinck, is kidnapped and held against her will in order to start a war. It is up to Westley (her childhood beau, now returned as the Dread Pirate Roberts) to save her. On the way he meets a thief and his hired helpers, an accomplished swordsman and a huge, super strong giant, all of whom become Westley's companions in his quest. —*submission to IMDB.*

- ❖ **Annual WRLC Chili Cook Off:**

Who: Everyone is welcome!!

What: Chili Cook Off! Submit your best Chili recipe into one of three categories:

- Red,
- White/Green/Other
- Spicy



Or submit a chili into every category. Winners in each category receive a prize and bragging rights for the year! Classic sides like corn bread and cinnamon rolls will be provided.

Where: Here at church in the fellowship hall

When: **Sunday, October 31, 2021**, (Reformation Sunday) right after service

Why: because nothing says “happy reformation” like a good ol’ fashion chili cook off!!

❖ **Thanksgiving Day Dinner:**

For anyone who does not have family to spend Thanksgiving with, or for those who don’t want to spend Thanksgiving with their family, or you find yourself simply not wanting to cook all that food, please join us here at church for Thanksgiving dinner. The ACTS group will provide turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy. We simply ask that you bring your favorite Thanksgiving side. We will meet here at the church at **noon on**



Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25th.

❖ **Caroling:**

Date and Time TBD. Come and spread Christmas cheer loud for all to hear. We will gather together here at Saturday in December. We will then travel to shut ins homes to bring a little joy to others through music. We gather back at church for light refreshments and hot cocoa.



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This and That from your Executive Director: Our Workday/Festival was a huge success. I thank all who put in so much effort to organize and participate in the event. The cooperation and enthusiasm between the boards and the LWML was outstanding. I also thank all those members of our congregation who participated in the workday and smoke off dinner. It was exciting to see all of us together in one room again.

We returned to one service on August 1st. We will continue to stream the service for all our members who cannot attend in person. Please take time to introduce yourselves to other members you may not have had the opportunity to meet until now. Our family is certainly growing.

Your Parish Planning Council has a standing schedule to meet the third Thursday of every odd month. Holidays or other considerations may require an occasional adjustment to that date. We encourage all of you to attend and observe the proceedings. Let us know if there are any issues you think we need to address.

Larry Mathews
Executive Director



We have all heard the saying , “ONE MAN’S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE”. Here is your chance to share your “treasures “ for a good cause. Bring your saleable items, handcrafts, décor and baked goods to the church by Tuesday, August 10th. **Come on Thursday-Friday and Saturday to hunt for TREASURES at the Wheat Ridge Lutheran RUMAGE SALE (Yard Sale) in the church parking lot!.**

We need lots of TREASURES as well as lots of volunteers to sort, price and set up on Tuesday and Wednesday, and to staff the sale on Thursday-Friday and Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will go for improvements to the Wheat Ridge Lutheran back yard and playground.

To volunteer or for questions about Big Treasures, call or Email Carol Mathews at 303-420-8753 or Larry_Mathews@msn.com.



Multi Family Sale
Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church
8600 West 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge

August 12-14

**LWML Fundraiser for Playground
Equipment Update**

Save the Date!

Donate your Stuff !



District Mission of the Month

God Cares About You – “Children’s Weekend Food Bag Ministry” - \$8000

In one of the most crime-ridden and poorest neighborhoods in Albuquerque, NM, several Lutheran churches have begun the God Cares About You Mission, which serves to provide children and their parents with clothes, school supplies, food, meals, a back to work program, Bible studies, worship services and counseling. The Mission is a safe space in a violent neighborhood for parents and children to gather. Ten (10) to thirty (30) children come from the neighborhood each week for Sunday School and VBS time together with Jesus. A new “Children’s Weekend Food Bag Ministry” would provide meals to these children who do not have reliable food sources for the weekend. This grant would help start this new ministry of the God Cares About You Mission.

LWML Mission of the Month

Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life, LCMS Life Ministry — \$92,000

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5). The sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of “Life” curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools. With this grant, LCMS Life Ministry will build a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children, and elementary-aged children and their families.

Mite Sunday is August 15 – Bring your filled mite box!

The Rocky Mountain District retains 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at our local level, the remainder goes to our National LWML, which funds over \$1 million in mission grants. Each of you, giving your mites and praying for our Mission Grants, brings the goals closer and brings the hope of Jesus to others.

The next LWML meeting is Saturday, September 4 at 9:00 am. We will also have a social gathering on Saturday, October 9. Watch the newsletter for more details.

All women of the congregation are invited!



CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

The LWML is collecting donations for Orphan Grain Train. Needed items are: clothing: ages baby to adult, gently used shoes, blankets, sheets, and towels. The donation box is located in the Mary & Martha room (next to the fellowship hall and kitchen.)



Library News

The library is pleased to announce that the rolling cart will be in the narthex on Sundays with new acquisitions, Pastor Eli's recommendations, Librarian favorites, and seasonal suggestions for you to peruse.

New Acquisitions

From well-respected historian, Eric Metaxas

- **BONHOEFFER, PASTOR, MARTYR, PROPHET, SPY**—by Eric Metaxas. As Hitler and the Nazis invaded a continent and tried to exterminate the Jews, a few dissidents and saboteurs worked against them from the inside. One of these was Dietrich Bonhoeffer—a pastor and an author. A theologian and a spy woven together in a story of “incredible moral courage in the face of monstrous evil.”
- **7 MEN AND THE SECRET OF THEIR GREATNESS**, by Eric Metaxas.

Included are the inspirational stories of: George Washington, William

Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, Pope John Paul II, and Charles W. Colson

- **7 WOMEN AND THE SECRET OF THEIR GREATNESS**, by Eric Metaxas. Included are the inspiring stories of: Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hanna More, St. Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa

Coming soon:

- **GRACE UPON GRACE**, Spirituality for Today by John W. Kleinig (recommended by Pastor Eli)
- **BLESSED BE HIS NAME**, Revealing the Sacred Names of God, by Rev, Dr. Kevin Golden

From Kenneth E. Bailey:

- **JESUS THROUGH MIDDLE EASTERN EYES**, Cultural Studies in the Gospels

Our library is on a self-checkout system: take the checkout card from the book, put your name and return date on it, put the card in the holder next to the **BOOK RETURN BOX**. ENJOY!

Remember the Adult Summer Reading Program goes through the middle of August. See Patty Wulf for more information.

Upcoming Events: Please take a look at the tentative schedule of events and special activities in our congregation. It will also be posted on the bulletin board. We encourage everyone to take these opportunity to participate in our fellowship opportunities and church affairs.

Wheat Ridge Lutheran Schedule 2021-2022

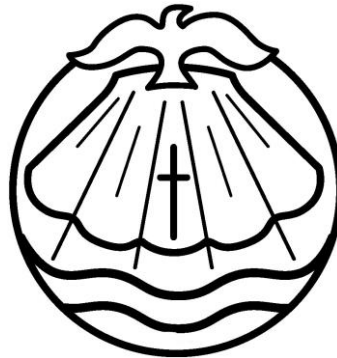
1. August 2021
 - a. LWML 8/12-14/21 – Rummage Sale
 - b. ACTS – 8/13 – Family Game Night
2. September 2021
 - a. LWML Meeting 9/4/21
 - b. ACTS – 9/11 – Lutheran Lay Conference
 - c. Christian Ed – 9/12 – School Rally Day
 - d. PPC Meeting - September 16, 2021
 - e. ACTS – 9/18 – Beer, Brats, and Bride
 - f. LWML – September 19, 2021 – LWML RMD Fall Retreat
3. October 2021
 - a. Boards prepare budget request and submit to Stewardship Board
 - b. LWML – 10/10/21 – LWML Sunday
 - c. ACTS – 10/31 – Chili Cook-off
4. November 2021
 - a. PPC Meeting - November 11, 2021
 - i. Prior to Voter’s
 - ii. Set Agenda for Voter’s Meeting
 - b. Regular Voter’s Assembly - November 21, 2021
 - i. Approve 2022 Budget
 - c. ACTS – 11/25 – noon Thanksgiving dinner
5. December 2021
 - a. ACTS – 12/11 - Caroling
 - b. Christian Ed – 12/8 – Children’s Pageant/Advent Service
 - c. Christmas – Saturday, December 25, 2021
6. January 2022
 - a. ACTS or LWML – 1/6 – Gentile Potluck
 - b. PPC Meeting - January 20, 2022
 - c. New Years – Saturday, January 1, 2021
7. February 2022
 - a. ACTS – 2/12 – Silly Supper
8. March 2022
 - a. PPC Meeting - March 17, 2022
 - i. Set Agenda for April Voter’s Meeting
9. April 2022
 - a. Regular Voter’s Assembly - April 24, 2022
10. May 2022
 - a. PPC Meeting - May 19, 2021
 - i. Set Agenda for June Voter’s Meeting
11. June 2022
 - a. Christian Ed – 6/12 through 6/16 - VBS
 - b. Regular Voter’s Assembly - June 26, 2022

Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Ron Benson
- 1 – Ollie Koeltzow
- 3 – Cheryl Winsor
- 10 – Luke Duchow
- 11 – Larry Mathews
- 14 – George Simons
- 18 – Joyce Wonnacott
- 24 – Dan Maag
- 26 – Richard Bell
- 30 – Linda Barros

Baptism Birthdays

- Mayu Bickner
- Elle Heineman
- Ollie Koeltzow
- Henry Simons
- Britni Teresi
- Joyce Wonnacott



Happy Anniversary

- 4 – Ed & Judy Wing
- 7 – Charles & Sherry DuValle
- 20 – Brad & Nancy Bell
- 30 – Dan & Sandy Clark
- 30 – Carla Papantonakis