



# Herald

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## From the Pastor

### *"Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."*

We have seen how the Name of God is hallowed and how His Kingdom comes. This takes place even without our request. These are the greatest needs of the Church and the world, so we pray in the Lord's Prayer that they may be done in us as well. The same is true for the Third Petition. **Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!**

The devil fights with all of his will and might so that the Name of God would not be hallowed and that His Kingdom would not come. We cannot comprehend the lengths to which he goes. Some of this is done openly and in the view of everyone. But mostly he works in the shadows and uses all sorts of evil to make this happen. He employs crafty shams and cunning deceptions so that the Name of God is not hallowed. He causes bitterness and envy, hatred and malice so that the Kingdom of God does not come. We should not be surprised at this. For it is the entire work of the devil to subvert the Gospel of God. **Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!**

Whenever and wherever God's Name is hallowed and His Kingdom comes that is, where the Word of God is preached, the cross comes as well. This is the cross that our Lord tells us we must pick up when following Him. We cannot pretend that suffering and trials will not be laid upon those of us who have the Word of God. For the devil rages against us with the might of his kingdom. He gathers his troops to wage war against the Church, so that all the demons of hell fight against us. And yet he does not stop there. He employs the world, which hates God, to lay siege on the Church. And he entices our Old Adam that is, our sinful flesh, to deny the Truth that God has made known to us. All of this he does so that the Gospel of God is not proclaimed to the nations and so that we might remain tied to sin and death. **Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!**

And yet the Lord cannot allow this. His Name will be hallowed and His Kingdom will come; that is His holy and precious Will. "So there is just as great a need, as in all the other petitions, that we pray without ceasing, 'Dear Father, Your Will be done, not the devil's will or our enemies' or anything that would persecute and suppress Your holy Word or hinder Your kingdom. Grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured because of Your Word and Kingdom, so that our poor flesh may not yield or fall away because of weakness or sluggishness' [Large Catechism]." **Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!**

The Will of God will be done. His Name will be hallowed and His Kingdom will come. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ sin, death, and the devil have been defeated. And they will all be brought to nothing on the Last Day. So our Lord teaches us to pray that we might not be found in the number of the defeated. We ask in this petition that the Will of God might be done is us so that His Word might bring us safely through this world of dread. We plead that as God destroys all of His enemies we might be found within the safety of His holy Church where His Name is forever hallowed and His Kingdom comes. **Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven!**

Rev. Eli

## **What We Believe—Augsburg Confession**

### **Augsburg Confession Article XXII: Both Kinds in the Sacrament**

*Note: Prior to the Reformation, the practice had developed of withholding the consecrated wine from the laity during the Lord's Supper. Only the consecrated bread was distributed to them. However, priests who celebrated Mass drank from the cup. Theories developed within the Church to help support this practice. One stated that the bread alone was enough for the laity, since Christ's body must also contain His blood. The practice of withholding the cup from the congregation was clearly contrary to Scripture and was an insult to God's royal priests—all those who trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The Early Church Fathers spoke about all of God's people receiving both "kinds," or elements, of this Holy Meal. (See also Ap XXII; SA III VI; FC Ep VII and SD VII.)*

The laity are given both kinds in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper because this practice has the Lord's command, "Drink of it, all of you" (Matthew 26:27). Christ has clearly commanded that all should drink from the cup.

And lest anyone misleadingly say that this refers only to priests, in 1 Corinthians 11:27 Paul cites an example. From this it appears that the whole congregation used both kinds. This practice has remained in the Church for a long time. It is not known when, or by whom, or by whose authority, it was changed. Cardinal Cusanus mentions the time when it was approved. Cyprian in some places testifies that the blood was given to the people. Jerome testifies to the same thing when he says, "The priests administer the Eucharist and distribute the blood of Christ to the people." Indeed, Pope Gelasius commends that the Sacrament not be divided (dist. II., *De Consecratione, cap. Comperimus*). Only a recent custom has changed this.

It is clear that any custom introduced against God's commandments is not to be allowed, as Church law bears witness (dist. III., *cap. Veritate*, and the following chapters). This custom has been received, not only against Scripture, but also against old canon law and the example of the Church. Therefore, if anyone preferred to use both kinds in the Sacrament, they should not have been compelled to do otherwise, as an offense against their conscience. Because the division of the Sacrament does not agree with the ordinance of Christ, it is our custom to omit the procession [with the host], which has been used before.

## For Further Personal Study

Wonderfully Made

By: John Kleinig

Forward from Arthur A. Just of Concordia Theological Seminary: More than ever we need a book like John Kleinig's *Wonderfully Made*. His rhapsody on the human body addresses today's confusion over our bodies and our sexuality. His positive theological vision of the body offers all Christians a chance to rediscover and rejoice in the beauty of our human bodies, created in the image of God and redeemed through the flesh of Jesus. His biblical theology of marriage as a garden of love embraces the splendor of Christian marriage as a foretaste of our final communion with Christ as our heavenly bridegroom. He extols the blessedness of the single life as those who remain unmarried embody Christ among us through true friendship. *wonderfully Made* comes from a pastor who preaches the gospel to us through a theology of the body, comforts us with absolution for our failings in the misuse of our bodies, and offers us a place to stand to address our culture with the mystery of the human body fearfully and wonderfully made by God.





## *Lutheran Worship 101*

### Part II

#### The Service of the Word

##### (Part 2)

The last article in this series on Lutheran Worship examined the first elements in Service of the Word: The Introit, the Kyrie, and the Gloria in Excelsis.

Worthy is Christ. A further note on the “Gloria in Excelsis” is needed in the discussion of the Service of the Word. In the Divine Service Settings One and Two, a substitution can be made for the Gloria. That is the hymn of praise: “Worthy is Christ” which is also known as “This is the feast”, the opening words of the refrain. This is to quote Dr. Arthur Just, “...the most significant innovation of contemporary Lutheran rites. Its wide acceptance by the ecumenical church is a testimony to its appropriateness for the Divine Service as a worthy replacement of the Gloria in Excelsis during the season of Easter and other feast days.” (Just, *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service*, p.194)

The words of this hymn of praise are found in Rev. 5:12-13; and 19:5-9. These words describe the Lamb who was slain and who is risen again. It draws upon the biblical image of the messianic feast in Isaiah 25:6 and the New Testament image of the wedding feast. It looks back upon the Passover meal and looks to the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and to the messianic banquet to be celebrated around the heavenly throne when the kingdom appears in all its fullness.

This addition to Lutheran Worship needed to be pointed out. Apologies on its omission from the last article.

The next elements of the Divine Service that will be examined are the Salutation, Collect, Old Testament Reading, Gradual, and the Epistle Reading. Here the service moves into the actual reading of God’s word. It is the very Word which we gather to hear.

The Salutation. This word is derived from the Latin verb *salutare*, which means “pay one’s respect.” The words of greeting from the pastor and the response by the congregation acknowledge the special relationship between the pastor and the people. The pastor as the shepherd of the flock has been called to speak God’s Word to the people.

The word of the greeting reminds the congregation that the pastor speaks by the authority of the Lord. “The Lord be with you”. These words can be found throughout Scripture eg. Luke 1:26-28 when Gabriel speaks to Mary. The response of the congregation, “and with thy spirit”, affirms the authority of the pastor to lead them in public worship. Note that in some settings of the Divine Service the response of the congregation has been changed to “and also with you.”

**The Collect of the Day.** The collect is a prayer aimed at gathering (collecting) the intentions and desires of the people. The pastor prays on behalf of the people the deepest concerns of his people. This should be spoken by the pastor and not in unison by the congregation.

In general, the Collect of the Day, follows a specific pattern. There are words addressing God, words of praise, the actual petition, a conclusion, and doxological words of praise. The specific content of the prayer usually reflects the Scripture readings of the day.

**Lectionaries.** Before going further, it is important to examine lectionaries. Many churches rely upon lectionaries, literally “chosen readings”, rather than picking readings at random or according to the “whims” of the pastor or committees. The lectionary determines which portions of Scripture will be read on a given Sunday.

The lectionary currently in use at Wheat Ridge Lutheran is known simply as the “Three Year Series”. This series of readings is relatively new (1980s ?) and is used widely beyond the LCMS. As its title indicates, this series incorporates readings over three years before it repeats. The first year’s gospel readings primarily are from Matthew, year two from Mark (and portions of John), and year three from Luke.

The other lectionary series that many are familiar with is known as the “One Year Series” or the “Historic Series”. This is based on the list of readings developed by the early church and would have been the list used at the time of Luther. As the title indicates, this series repeats after one year. This is the series that The Lutheran Hymnal (CPH, 1941) utilizes.

While there is nothing in Scripture that dictates the use of a lectionary, the use of Scripture is not a choice. (1 Timothy 4:13). While the use of pre-selected readings is not commanded, the use of lectionaries forces the pastor to struggle with that particular section of Scripture and its meaning for his flock. (A bit of opinion creeping in here!) The use of a common lectionary also is a common bond across denominational lines as especially the Three Year Series is used by many different churches.

Both of these lectionaries that are commonly in use today, generally follow the life of Christ and are coordinated with the Church Year. (The Church Year is a topic for another day.)

**The Old Testament Reading.** Having a reading from the Old Testament was not common. If you have a copy of The Lutheran Hymnal, examine the liturgy on p. 5 and 15. Neither provides for a reading from the Old Testament. Beginning with Lutheran Worship (CPH, 1982) the Old Testament Lesson was included in the Divine Service. Having a reading from the Old Testament is helpful because the Old Testament provides a background for

the New Testament. It should be remembered that Christ preached from the Old Testament. At that time it was the only “scripture” available. In both the “historic” and “Three Year” lectionaries, the Old Testament reading often is connected to the Gospel reading.

During the season of Easter and on other special days, readings from the book of Acts take the place of the reading from the Old Testament.

**The Gradual.** This word is derived from the Latin word, *gradus*, which means “step”. Traditionally, the gradual is read or chanted from the step of the altar. Liturgically it is a transition between the reading of the Old Testament and the Epistle. It is a chance for the people who have just heard the reading from the Old Testament to respond to that reading. The gradual is usually several verses from the book of Psalms and is connected to the other readings of the day.

(The Gradual is one of the Scripture portions which, along with the readings, the introit, and collect of the day are known as the “propers” for the day. That means they are different for each Sunday in the church year. The other portions of the Divine Service, eg. Kyrie, Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis, etc. are called the “ordinaries” meaning they ordinarily will be in each service.)

**Epistle Reading.** The word, epistle, is from the Greek word meaning “letter”. The Epistles take up a majority of the space in the New Testament. There are the Pauline Epistles written by St. Paul and “the General Epistles” written by other men including James, Peter, John, and Jude. The epistle reading is read prior to the Gospel reading.

These elements of the Divine Service build up to the reading of the Gospel Lesson of the day which is the high point in the Service of the Word. I had hoped to complete the Service of the Word with this issue, but it just got away from me! I hope this has not put you to sleep. For those still following there is a bonus: How many pastors does it take to change a light bulb? (For the answer, see Pr. Lietzau) SDG



The Church Directory is due to be completed. There are many of you who have not had your picture taken or verified your contact information. If you have a recent family picture please email it to [office@wrlutheran.org](mailto:office@wrlutheran.org) include your family members names, current mailing address, Home phone #, cell phone #, and your email address! If you do not have email capability please bring or mail the photo to the church office: Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge Co, 80033 and include the above information. For assistance or questions leave a message at the church office : 303-424-3161 and we will contact you! We want everyone to be included in this Book! If you want your picture taken in a private sitting, Call Carol Mathews 303-420-8753 or email [Larry\\_Mathews@msn.com](mailto:Larry_Mathews@msn.com) The Church Directory should be complete and ready for distribution by the End of October !





## Library News

### New Acquisitions

For Young Adult Readers: (grades 6 through 8)

Messengers Trilogy, by Lisa M. Clark.

Summary: In a future world with no religion, life is standardized by the government and curiosity is repressed, but fifteen-year-old Simon joins a movement dedicated to sharing Scriptures his Nation has banned.

October Special Emphasis: All Things Lutheran

Books and DVD's

Biographies

Reformation

History

Commentaries

Luther's Works

Lutheran Theology

C.F.W. Walther

History of the Lutheran Church in the United States

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!

## A.C.T.S. Group Up-Coming 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:  
**Oct. 15, Nov. 19, & Dec. 17**

### **Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church's Annual Chili Cook Off**

**Who:** everyone's invited

**What:** Chili Cook Off (this year adding Cornbread submissions, too!)

**Enter your chili in any or all of these 3 categories:**

- o Red chili
- o White/Green/other Chili
- o Spicy Chili

**Where:** WRELC fellowship hall

**When:** Oct. 31, 2021 (Reformation Sunday) right after Service

**Why:** why not?



**This year we want to do things just a bit differently.**

**First, we will also be accepting entries for cornbread bake off as well, so bring your best cornbread recipe submissions. Feel free to add flavors like jalapeño and cheddar or bacon or anything else you desire.**

**Additionally, funds have been received through Thrivent to purchase grocery of basic Chili ingredients. If anyone wants to use these ingredients for the basis of their chili they will be available Sunday Oct. 24th. Any ingredients not claimed will be donated to a local food bank.**

**Further, during the Chili Cook Off we will also be accepting a free will donation to replenish the Matthew 25 fund. If you are not familiar with this fund, in Matthew chapter 25 Jesus states "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." In this vein of service to our neighbors, the church collects funds and then buys gift cards to local grocery stores to hand out to individuals who come to the church for aid. We normally collect for this fund during the Lenten Soup Suppers, but we have not had those for the past 2 years. So, we are going to take the opportunity during the Chili Cook Off to replenish this fund.**





Welcome to all women of the congregation!

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10

LWML Mission of the Month

### **Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses**

#### **Spirit Warrior, Central Maine — \$95,000**

Maine is among the list of “least churchd” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program.



### **Let's Make Some Noise**

#### **LWML Sunday - Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission**

LWML Sunday - October 10

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout our community and the world. On LWML Sunday, the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Thank you for supporting the LWML through your mites and prayers. After worship the ladies of LWML will host a special coffee fellowship time in the narthex. Please join us. You are invited to wear purple. Be sure and bring back your filled Mite Box!

**The Next LWML Meeting is Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

**ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**



## FOOD DRIVE

The Action Center mission is to provide pathways to self-sufficiency for Jefferson County residents and the homeless. Since 1968, the Action Center has been committed to expanding and refining its services to meet client's ever-changing needs.

The Action Center is in need of food donations. You can help! During the month of October the LWML will sponsor a food drive for The Action Center.

Food items needed: Tuna, peanut butter, canned meats, canned soup, canned vegetables, and fruits, spaghetti sauce, pasta, dried and canned beans, rice, cereal, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, baby food, and baby formula. Other items: Detergent, diapers, toilet paper and tooth paste.

Thank you for helping. Please give what you can. Deadline for items is Sunday, October 31st.



Orphan Grain Train clothing donations have been over the top! We have made several deliveries to Gethsemane, the receiving church and they are so grateful! They are shipping out boxes very rapidly. This is an ongoing collection of clothing and shoes for all ages. Bedding and towels too. Just bring to church and place in the trunk in the Mary Martha room back of the fellowship hall. Many thanks for your donations and caring spirit.

## LWML North Central Zone Fall Rally

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

2100 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO

303-238-7676

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

The Bethesda Lutheran Home Communities auxiliary will be holding their annual craft sale in our meeting room this year on Saturday, October 23rd. Cathy Bell is their representative for this event. The Church Relations Board is sponsoring the sale. This is a great event and we all look forward to attending and supporting the Bethesda Community.

## **BETHESDA AUXILIARY CRAFT SALE**

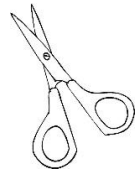
**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church**

**8600 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**(Just west of Lutheran Medical Center on 38<sup>th</sup> and Dudley Street)**



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**ITEMS ARE HANDMADE FROM DONATED MATERIALS**

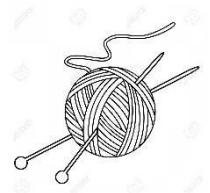
**(Kitchen, baby, quilts, Christmas, and many more)**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BETHESDA LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES.**

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**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE ENCOURAGED BUT ARE NOT MANDATORY. NO  
TEMPS WILL BE TAKEN**

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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
COME AND GET STARTED ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



To our Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran family,

This month the Memorials Committee has a couple of special gifts to announce:

- The Ted and Lydia Schreiber Memorial graciously provided funds for the new desk and furniture in the Pastor's Office. This gift will allow Pastor to study, teach and meet with guests and members in a comfortable and inviting setting for years to come.
- Keep an eye out on Reformation Day as we dedicate a new processional crucifix, provided to us by the Rev. Jim and Pauline Groerich Memorial. This beautiful addition to our weekly liturgical life together will help to keep our eyes focused on Christ and Him Crucified For Us!



We thank the families of our members who are now part of the Church Triumphant for their input and help with deciding where to spend these funds, and for the opportunity to honor their memory.

Again, the committee's guiding principle is to apply funds to those things that the congregation will be able to see and use in our liturgical and educational life together, or items that will be used in the long-term administration of the congregation. If you have any ideas for items that would be appropriate for Memorials to consider, please let us know.

At your service,  
the Memorials Committee  
Lucy Simons  
Joe Broscheit  
Judy Kugler  
Pr. Lietzau  
Steve Morsch

## *Wheat Ridge Lutheran Schedule 2021-2022*

1. October 2021
  - a. Boards prepare budget request and submit to Stewardship Board
  - b. LWML 10/10 – LWML Sunday
  - c. ACTS 10/15 Game Night
  - d. LWML 10/16 – Zone Rally
  - e. Church Relations 10/22-23 Bethesda Lutheran Home Craft Sale (setup-sale)
  - f. ACTS 10/31 – Chili Cook-off
2. November 2021
  - a. PPC Meeting - November 11, 2021
    - i. Prior to Voter's
    - ii. Set Agenda for Voter's Meeting
  - b. LWML 11/13 Meeting
  - c. ACTS 11/19 - Game Night
  - d. Regular Voter's Assembly - November 21, 2021
    - i. Approve 2022 Budget
  - e. ACTS – 11/25 – noon Thanksgiving dinner
3. December 2021
  - a. ACTS – 12/11 - Caroling
  - b. Christian Ed – 12/8 – Children's Pageant/Advent Service
  - c. ACTS 12/17 Game Night
  - d. Christmas – Saturday, December 25, 2021
4. January 2022
  - a. ACTS or LWML – 1/6 – Gentile Potluck
  - b. LWML 1/8 - meeting
  - c. PPC Meeting - January 20, 2022
  - d. ACTS 1/21 Game Night
  - e. New Years – Saturday, January 1, 2021
5. February 2022
  - a. ACTS – 2/12 – Silly Supper
  - b. ACTS 2/18 Game Night
6. March 2022
  - a. PPC Meeting - March 17, 2022
    - i. Set Agenda for April Voter's Meeting
  - b. ACTS 3/18 Game Night
7. April 2022
  - a. ACTS 4/15 Game Night
  - b. Regular Voter's Assembly - April 24, 2022
8. May 2022
  - a. PPC Meeting - May 19, 2021
    - i. Set Agenda for June Voter's Meeting
  - b. ACTS 5/20 Game Night
9. June 2022
  - a. ACTS 6/10 Game Night
  - b. Christian Ed – 6/12 through 6/16 - VBS
  - c. Regular Voter's Assembly - June 26, 2022

# Happy Birthday!

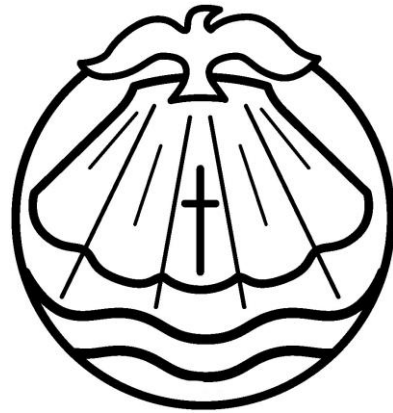
3 – Collier Thompson  
3 – Judy Wing  
4 – Audrey Robinson  
5 – Anna DeLeat  
6 – Maki DeLeat  
6 – Martha Schwartz  
7 – Judy Kugler  
9 – Anna Clifton  
10 – Lisa Cort  
13 – Emmaus Lietzau  
14 – Dave Matthews  
20 – Juliene Bolduc  
20 – Jen Monsen  
25 – Brad Bell  
30 – Elaine Dyslin  
31 – Abigail Puls

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## Baptism Birthdays

Mina Bickner  
Ralph Gaide  
Andrew Heineman  
Emmaus Lietzau  
Monte Lowrey  
Brekken Lundin  
Roger Osterberg  
Judith Wing

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# Happy Anniversary

7 – Dan & Danielle Robinson  
21 – Kevin & Sheila Fornall  
24 – Jim & Rosemary Neville