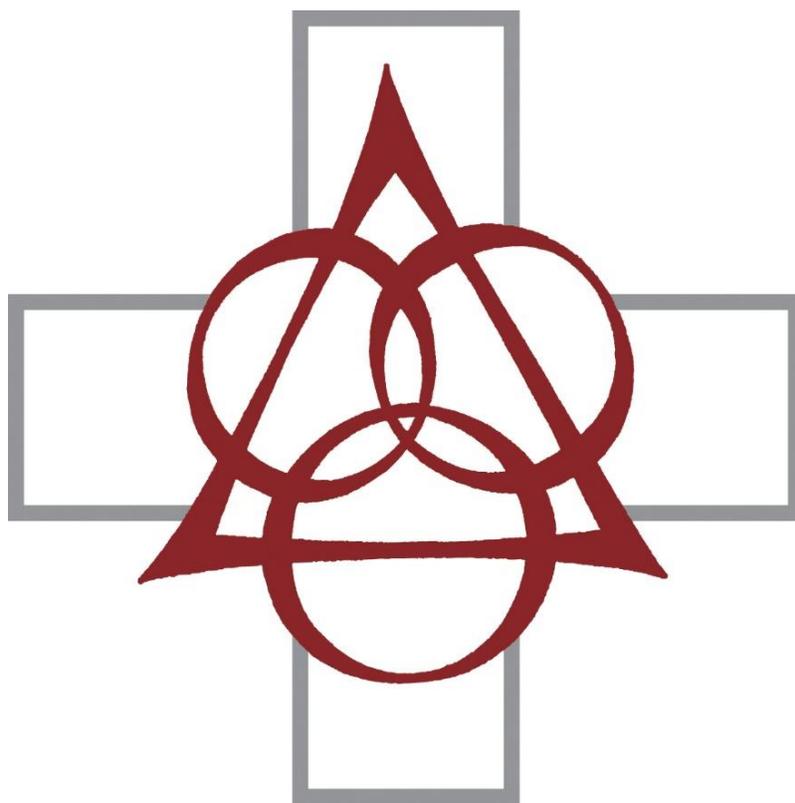


Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 1, 2021



Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas

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We realize that it is difficult for some people to stand, or kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING ONE

PRELUDE

Stand

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

LSB 803

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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INTROIT

Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4-5



Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

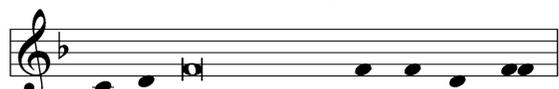
For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

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

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

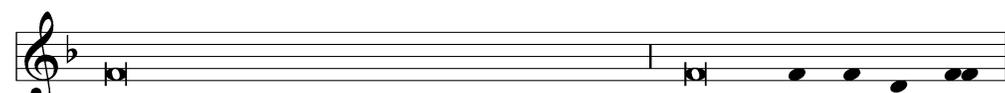
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



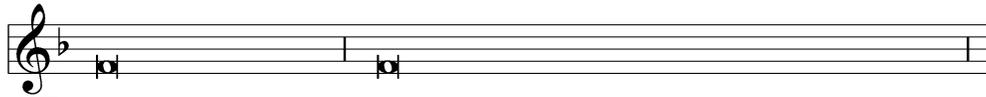
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



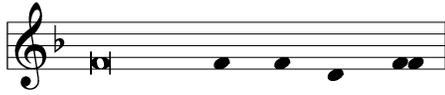
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



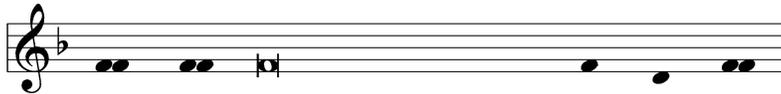
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 22:26-34

"With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. ³²"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 8:1

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your | glory*

above the | heavens.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: What is the World to Me

LSB 730

SERMON Luke 16:1-9

Rev. Harrison Goodman

Stand

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Sit

OFFERTORY HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 536 One Thing's Needful

LSB 629 What is This Bread

LSB 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

POSTLUDE

Visitors: please pick up a visitor's packet at the guest register.

Please join us for Bible study in the gym following the 8:30am service. Coffee and donuts are available.

COMMUNION: Holy Communion will be celebrated today. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Rite of Friendship card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. All other guests are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor before communing. Both the common and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, the Pastor will provide it to you, while the Elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assists the Pastor.

ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE: For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and is in the three individual cups in the center of each tray. It is available in each service at each table. Likewise, gluten-free wafers made from rice flour are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

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MT. CALVARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Responding to God's love, we...

STRENGTHEN and **SERVE** each other and go forth from the Mount to
SHARE the changeless message of Jesus Christ with the world.

OUR MOTTO

From the Mount to the world with God's love.

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 1, 2021

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today	8:30am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:45am	Bible Class/Sunday school
	11:00am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	12:00-2:00pm	Youth Group
Monday	6:00pm	Mom's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Tuesday	10:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Class
Wednesday	10:00am	Quilting
Next Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:45am	Bible Class/Sunday school
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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

8:30am – 80 11:00am – 58

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Jeri and Sal Lara in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary on August 2nd; and by Evelyn and James Lee in honor of their daughter-in-law, Emily Lee.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Worship is a special time in our week. During this hour, God comes to us in His Word and His Sacraments and we respond in prayer and praise! Here are a few practical tips for minimizing distractions and maximizing participation:

- Every day we are bombarded with messages. But God wants to give you the most *important* message you will receive all week! Turn off or put away your phones and electronic devices so that you can participate fully in what God is doing during this special time dedicated to Him. We also ask **no pictures/videos** be taken during worship.
- While it is sometimes necessary to quiet an infant or toddler with a small snack or a bottle, **we ask that no other foods or beverages** be brought into the worship space (sanctuary).
- Even pre-school and elementary-age children can participate in worship! (See "Children & Worship" for details)
- The ministerial staff is always available to you should you have spiritual care needs. Please contact the front office to arrange for pastoral care.
- Hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see the Elder on Duty.

SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR | 9:45-10:45am

For Adults

- **Adult Bible Class** / lecture style /

For Students & Children

- **Nursery/Kinder (age 3 and up)** meet in the gym classroom.
- **Grades 1-12**, meet upstairs in the ministry building. Confirmation will resume in September.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

We love children and are happy they are here with us. Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so, too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. If you have questions about how to incorporate your child into the worship life of the congregation in an age-appropriate way, please see one of the pastors.

A fully equipped and staffed nursery is also available (ask an usher for directions). It is open for children up to age three. Parents can also use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. We do ask that sick children not be left in the nursery for the well-being of the other children.

Books, spiral notebooks, and colored pencils are available in the basket in the narthex for use during worship. Parents, please help your child(ren) put all items back in the basket in the lobby so that they are ready to be used again next week. Children's bulletins are also available from the usher.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Bible Study | *Tues* | 10:00-11:30am

We have begun our study on *Tactics*. Coffee and refreshments served! All are welcome! Study materials are provided. {Room 212}! Led by Pastor Meissler.

Men's Bible Study | *1st & 3rd Saturdays* | 8:00-9:30am

This group is led by Lamar Gillian {Parish Hall}.

Women's Bible Study | *3rd Mon* | 7:30-8:30pm

Talk to Shirley Wille for more information {Meets at members' homes}.

Mom's Bible Study | *1st & 3rd Mon* | 6:00-7:30pm

This is a great way for moms of all ages to get to know one another and study God's Word. {Youth Room}. We are taking a break during June and July and will meet August 2nd. We will be starting "Chosen: A Study of Esther". Please see Susan if you are interested in joining this group.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING ISSUES – We sincerely apologize as we continue to experience issues with the erratic live streaming of our worship services. Until we get the problems resolved it is best and less frustrating to view the services after they have been archived on our website.

WORSHIP SERVICES continue to be live streamed and archived on our website. Sunday services are 8:30am & 11:00am. Bible class/Sunday school for all ages is at 9:45am.

PRAYERS – Carol Wilson at home following hip replacement surgery, Steve Melancon at home from the hospital, Arthur Treutle at home from the hospital, Erin O'Brien facing upcoming surgery, Elaine Ward, June Rehmann at home undergoing cancer treatment, Cheri Hartfiel under hospice care; our shut-ins: Mildred Hastings, James and Nancy Haupt, Bob Keahey, Rose Koehn, Joe Ann Lenn.

IN ORDER THAT WE HAVE a record of your worshipping with us, we would ask all present to please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate found at the entrance of the sanctuary.

IF YOU ARE in need of a large print bulletin, please let Susan know so she can make sure there is one available for you. Thank you.

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE 2021 BIBLE SALE is here! Orders will be placed no later on July 30th. If you are interested in purchasing a bible, there is a display table in the gym where you may peruse a poster containing all of the various Bibles that are available.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT our youth by providing a meal during youth group. You can either cook a meal, buy a meal, or donate for the purchase of a meal for the kids. The sign-up sheet will be outside the Parish Hall. Please call Michelle if you have any questions at 210-314-9430.

MOUNT CALVARY HOMESCHOOL CO-OP IS BACK! We will be accepting registration for kiddos PK-4th grade with an information meeting on August 16th at 10:00 in the gym. If you or anyone you know is interested, please grab a flyer in the narthex or the gym. Contact Lisa Goodman at 210-238-3590 or lgoodman01@gmail.com if you have any questions!

AUGUST BOOK OF THE MONTH IS *Religion on Trial* by Craig A. Parton. This book provides Christians with solid arguments for the validity of the Christian faith and, at the same time, challenges skeptics, agnostics, and atheists to rethink their beliefs by offering solid evidence for the legitimacy of the Gospels and the events contained within. Religion on Trial answers incredibly important questions people ask to challenge the existence of God, such as "Does the existence of evil trump all evidence for the existence of God?" Those who claim to be "too smart" for religion will find this book to be a this well-researched and intelligent presentation of the evidence for Christianity. Kindle: \$15.19, paperback \$15.99. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex and the gym.

THE ISSUES ETC. MAKING THE CASE CONFERENCE – Save the date!

Saturday, September 18, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. – Viewing gathering and fellowship!

Once again, we are pleased to offer the opportunity to view the Issues Etc. 2021 "Making the Case" Conference here in our gym. This conference is an opportunity for you to see presentations by: Mark and Mollie Hemingway, Dr. Robert George, Jack Phillips, Dr. Larry Rast, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller and Pastor Will Weedon. Meals, snacks, and beverages will be provided. *Free-will offering for this event.* More information and a sign-up sheet will be forthcoming in August.

SUMMER BOOK FAIR!!! Bring books! Take books! All Summer long. Book Fair is located in the room behind the coffee area.

MARY-MARTHA GUILD is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits. The following items are needed and must be new and in original packaging:

- Light-weight bath towels (20"x40" to 27"x52")
- Adult size toothbrushes (multipacks are acceptable)
- Sturdy regular size combs
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath size bars of soap

Monetary donations are also accepted. Place monetary gifts in the offering plate – please mark your envelope "LWR Kits". Checks should be made payable to Mary-Martha Guild and specified LWR Kits. Because these kits go all around the world, items with religious symbols, patriotic symbols, or military symbols (including camouflage) will not be accepted. Marked containers will be placed in the gym and outside the Parish Hall.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – August 8th - "Seeing The Savior Sore" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. "Archives August". Jesus got upset when religious people got in the way of those He wanted to reach. (Ephesians 4:26) Times/Stations: 6:00am on WOAI 1200 AM; 9:00am on KAWZ 88.7 FM; or 8:00am on KWED 1580 AM (Seguin).

DAILY DEVOTIONS on the Higher Things website at <https://higherthings.org/reflections/download-daily-reflections/>

MARK BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Mark. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.