

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 21

September 26, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *LSB* 803 verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.  
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved, today the apostle James says, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us all therefore lay our sins on Jesus, looking to Him for forgiveness.

**People: Almighty God, at Your invitation, we beg for Your grace and forgiveness of our sins for the sake of the priceless sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on the cross. Forgive us for the wayward and wrongful acts we have committed and also for the good words and acts we have failed to do.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" *LSB* 803 verse 3

△ Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!  
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## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29* (The Holy Spirit even comes upon two men in the camp.) Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .” So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *James 5:7–20* (James outlines what Christians ought to do for one another.) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed

again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 9:38–50* (Jesus teaches how much God values all who have a relationship with His Son.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Father Welcomes All His Children” -Robin Mann

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*Chorus:* Father welcomes all His children  
To His family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

1. Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. *Chorus*

2. In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. *Chorus*

3. Let us daily die to sin,  
Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. *Chorus*

## **SERMON “Moses, Peter, and You” (Numbers 11)**

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

Anna and Jacob Finke, is it your intention to serve Lennon as sponsors in the Christian faith? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

*Response: Yes, with the help of God.*

Pastor: Alec Gratz, is it your intention to serve Christian as sponsor in the Christian faith? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

*Response: Yes, with the help of God.*

Pastor: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. The apostle Peter has declared, “Baptism now saves you,” and this promise of salvation is “for you and your children.” In Baptism God puts His name on us with the water and His Word so that there may be no doubt that we are surely His by all that Christ has won for us through His saving death and resurrection.

On July 14, 2021, Lennon and Christian were baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, according to Christ's institution and promise. This Baptism was administered at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis by me, the Reverend Nickolas Kooi. The Baptism was witnessed by Foster and Alyssa Graif. Do you attest that this Baptism was administered as has been reported?

*Response: I do.*

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the person whose Baptism is being recognized.*

Pastor: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

**People: Amen.**

*The pastor places a white garment on the person while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the person while saying:*

Pastor: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end. In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of

heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Lennon and Christian the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of these children entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture them that they may attain to the full stature intended for them in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Peace be with you.

**People: Amen.**

*All return to their places.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**

### **OFFERING**

#### **PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. He is the promised Second Adam, whose cross is a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN “At the Cross” –Randy and Terry Butler**  
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I know a place, a wonderful place  
Where accused and condemned find mercy and grace  
Where the wrongs we have done and the wrongs done to us  
Were nailed there with Him, there on the cross.

At the cross (echo)  
He died for our sins  
At the cross (echo)  
He gave us life again

(Repeat)

**BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord’s body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN “In Thee Is Gladness”** *LSB 818*

1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!



2        Since He is ours,  
          We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
          He sees and blesses  
          In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
          Wherefore the story  
          Tell of His glory  
          With hearts and voices;  
          All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
          We shout for gladness,  
          Triumph o'er sadness,  
          Love Him and praise Him  
          And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.”* So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut “it” off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

**OPA! EMMAUS GENERATIONS** will be in the Social Hall on Tuesday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. Join us for fellowship and a meal! We will have a devotion at about 11:45 and a special Greek meal right around noon. After lunch we will assemble hospice kits for Global Health Ministries. Supplies for kit assembly will be provided by a Thrivent Action Grant and a donation from the Bismarck, ND, Zion Lutheran LWML. Feel free to attend any portion of the event as you are able. If you are able to join us for sure, please RSVP via email or call the church office. Please contact Magdalena B or Leyla B if you have any questions.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to cut up/haul out old risers on 10/2/21: We will be moving the old risers out of the church social hall on October 2 starting at 9 a.m. We are asking for volunteers to help with this task. This will involve cutting up the larger pieces of wood (please bring a Sawzall if you have one), and hauling them to the dumpster. The smaller/nicer pieces of wood will be placed in a corner of the church parking lot for anyone to take (a free sign will be placed next to the wood). If you have any questions, please contact Chris G. Thank you!

**SLIGHTLY USED FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS** available 10/3/21: Many of the fluorescent light bulbs have been swapped out for LEDs in the social hall. As a result, we have a surplus of fluorescent light bulbs that still work. These will be available to anyone that would like them on 10/3/21 (after the church cleanup). If you have any questions, please contact Chris G. Thank you!

**BARNABAS BUDDIES:** Please help in encouraging our children and young adults during the year. We have many to choose from on the windows in the Narthex. During the year send letters, postcards, etc. to the children. They will also be praying for them. During the year the adult or family will not tell the children who they are. In May or June we will have a get together to reveal yourself to your Barnabas buddy. Any questions contact Nicole P or Pastor Nick.

**EMMAUS FELLOWSHIP FOOD TRAIN:** Arrival of a new baby, injuries/surgeries, extended illness, death of a loved one, deployment: these are life events when our congregation can provide support to one another. The Fellowship Committee will be organizing formal food trains for our members when they need a little extra help. Please consider volunteering as you're able, and accepting these gifts as we serve one another in fellowship. If you are interested in participating when a need arises or have any questions, contact Kjersti D. If you could use this kind of support, please reach out to Pastor Kooi.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

**RAIN GARDEN UPDATE:** The Rain Garden has been planted and it looks great! After we were blessed with a beautiful fall week for working outdoors, the Rain Garden has been completed. There are so many people to thank with regards to this project, I feel like I am making an award acceptance speech. As the Project Manager of the Rain Garden Project, I first want to acknowledge our contractor, Light Dark Landscaping. They did a fantastic job in creating our garden and went the extra mile in laying it out so our planters could easily get the plants in the ground. I next want to thank our planting crew. Bruce, Deb, Jon, Brian, Brent, Adam, Barrett and Jill. Alrene was also here to supervise the work! Other planting volunteers were Jean and Carrie G, Molly and Grace V, Chris and Micah G and Kathy S (a friend of Rachel and Del J). Our dirt moving volunteers consisted of Greg and Alan W, Ken N and Andy V (Greg and Ken also helped plant). Lastly I want to thank the project team. Molly V – without her many hours of coordination with the watershed district this would not have happened, Jean G, Marilyn P and Chris G. We still have some additional work on the north side of the building – the plan is to replace the existing plastic edging with the same edging as the south side of the rain garden. Thanks again to all who worked so hard on this project. Now all we need is rain to test it! ~Nancy

**RAIN GARDEN DEDICATION:** After church next Sunday, October 3, we will have a dedication for our new rain garden. Please join us!

**THE EMMAUS CHOIR** resumed rehearsals starting Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rehearsals are Thursdays, September through December from 6:30-8 pm. The choir is open to all without audition. For this fall, the choir will be providing service music on three Sundays (including Reformation and the First Sunday in Advent) and Christmas Eve. We will work together to develop excellence in musicianship and a repertoire based on the historic liturgy and rich history of Lutheran hymnody. Questions? Contact Jim G at [emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com).

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: “Approval Cannot Equal Love” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God places Christians in neighborhoods, among neighbors who don't necessarily share their beliefs. How should they relate? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about avoiding the pitfalls of isolation and approval. (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY HOMECOMING:** You're invited to come and show your Beacon Pride at Concordia Academy's homecoming on Friday, October 1. An outdoor family carnival begins at 5:30 pm, and the football game vs. Spectrum starts at 7:00 pm. Children (8th grade and younger) are admitted at no charge, as are CA alumni.