SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 12

July 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord not only teaches us what to pray for but also how to pray. With the words of the Lord's Prayer, we are directed in confidence to the Lord. When doubts arise, we are reminded of how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children and are encouraged to believe that God will do so even more for us, because of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can be tempting to think of ourselves as the center of our prayers instead of the God who graciously invites us to pray and promises to hear and answer us. Today we are encouraged to learn from Jesus and to pray in His name to the Father, trusting that He will give us all good things and all things needful because of our Savior Jesus Christ.

HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *LSB* 793

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

- Praise Him for His grace and favor
 To His people in distress;
 Praise Him still the same as ever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Text: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 11:1-4. Colossians 2:13-14*

Pastor: O Lord, when you taught Your disciples how to pray, You taught them and us to ask, "Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us." Heavenly Father, we struggle and fail at this. We do not hallow your name by what we say and do. We do not fully trust

Your promises and Your ability to give us our daily bread. Our sins are many, and we can struggle to forgive others. Too often, we give in to temptation. We ask you to forgive our sins for the sake of Christ. Together we say,

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: St. Paul writes in our epistle, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of 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 \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ.

People: Amen.

INTROIT Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

Leader: Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. **People: With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep your statutes.**

Leader: I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies.

People: I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.

Leader: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.

People: Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O Lord, according to your justice give me life. All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" -Rick Founds

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way.

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:17–33 (Abraham asks the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah.) The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 3* (When I called on the Lord, He answered me.) Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

People: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Leader: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

People: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

EPISTLE *Colossians* 2:6–15 (Once we were dead in trespasses and sins, but God made us alive in Christ.) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him

from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Luke 11:9

Pastor: Alleluia. I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened

to you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1–13* ("Lord, teach us to pray.")

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone" –Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS) Used by permission. CCLI license

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

SERMON

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.

SENDING SERVICE

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, the Scriptures encourage God's people to pray at all times and in all places. As the youth of our congregation, along with the adult chaperones, leave tomorrow morning to go to the Higher Things Conference in Valparaiso, Indiana, let us hear the Word of the Lord, and commend them to God's hands.

St. Paul encourages the young Timothy with these words: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

The Psalms also give this comforting thought for traveling: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.... Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:1-4 and 7-10).

Let us now pray for their learning and growth, safe travels, and send them with God's blessing as they go on their way. As they go to this conference, I encourage you to pray for them while they are gone. Let us pray.

Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide these precious baptized people in this time as they set out to travel tomorrow morning. Make their ways safe, assure them of Your presence, and make their homecomings joyful, and bring us all at last to our heavenly home, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; let the youth and chaperones that are going to this conference be blessed through the learning of Your Word, and filled with Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Pastor: Sent by our Lord Jesus Christ Who is over all things, I commission and send you as representatives of this congregation to the Higher Things Conference in the name of the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace and joy; the Almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and bless and strengthen you.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

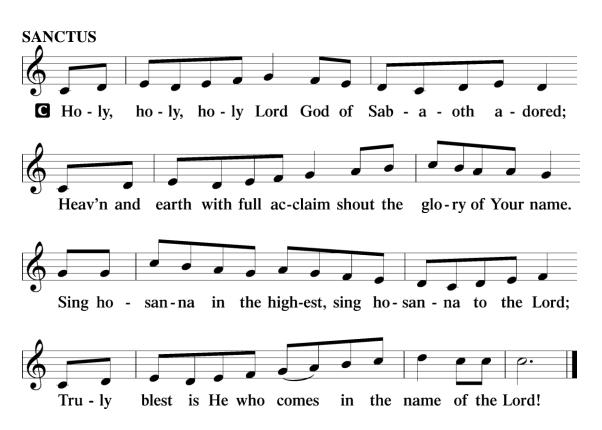
PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own

testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

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 ₱ 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 & 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:

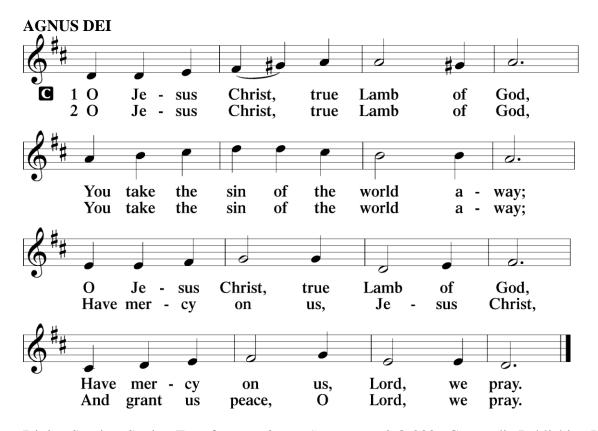
LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.



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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 "Just as I Am" -Charlotte Elliott, Travis Cottrell, Sue C. Smith, David Moffitt, William Batchelder Bradbury

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1. Just as I am without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. 2. Just as I am and waiting not

To rid my soul of one dark blot.

To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Chorus: I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.

I come desp'rate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.

And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

3. Just as I am I would be lost,

But mercy and grace my freedom bought.

And now to glory in Your cross,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Chorus twice

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. Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayers for the sake of Him who died that we might live, and who lives ever to plea for us before Your throne of grace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,

Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;

You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river

I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—

You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Luke 11:11 – "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

EMMAUS GENERATIONS: Please join us for Emmaus Generations on August 1 at 11:30am for devotion, socializing, lunch, and a speaker. We will be having nacho bar for lunch with assorted cheesecakes for dessert. Micah Black will do a presentation about the DCE role and his internship at Emmaus and Bethel over summer 2022. Please contact Magdalena Brown or the Emmaus church office for any questions.

JOHN1516S END OF SUMMER BASH: Join us on August 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Como Waterpark and Pool for an end of summer pool party. Admission for this is free, and open to every family in the congregation, regardless of the child's age. Please RSVP to Pastor Kooi by August 1 so he knows you are planning to attend.

THRIVENT MEMBERS: Do you have unused action grants for 2022? Would you be interested in supporting an event or activity at Emmaus? We have a variety of ideas for the rest of the year that could use an additional boost from Thrivent if you are interested and willing to help. Some of the possible projects are: helping with supporting youth activities/fundraisers, sending care packages to shut-ins and college students, social ministry opportunities and fellowship opportunities just to name a few. Please talk to Pastor Kooi, Pam U, Molly V or Dawn K.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Hebel" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler contrasts life's ephemeral nature with Christ's eternal hope. (Ecclesiastes 12:8)

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS: Take me out to the ball game! This year's Lutheran Night at the Twins will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd at Target Field. The Twins take on the Detroit Tigers at 6:40 pm. For more information visit https://fevo.me/lutherannight2022

OFFICE NEWS: Maria will not be keeping regular office hours August 2^{nd} – August 4^{th} . Please email or leave a message if you need to reach her during that time.

JEHOVAH LUTHERAN INVITES YOU!

National Night Out Tuesday, August 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Community engagement, meeting neighbors, free food, free live music, free fun!

Midway Summer Splash Friday, August 5 - Saturday, August 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a neighborhood, rally-style VBS based on the theme "Make Waves." We invite Emmaus families to register and Emmaus members to volunteer as they are moved. Pre-registration is not required, but registration materials and an introductory video are available here on the Jehovah website:

https://www.jehovahlutheran.org/

These events are FREE, will have FREE FOOD, and are at Jehovah Lutheran Church. We would LOVE to see you and work together with you for our Lord's kingdom.

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