SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 21

September 25, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

In the traditional "learning trio" of reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first two of the listed disciplines deal with words. Spoken and written communication are vital throughout life. But learning numbers and how to work with them, understand them, and use them well is also important. The books of the Bible include many numbers, each of which has special significance. The fourth book of the Old Testament is called Numbers because it contains the results of two censuses of the Hebrew people taken after the exodus from Egypt, one beginning in the first chapter and the second beginning in chapter 26. The Lord God demanded that each of His people was accounted for and known. His care for each of us continues, as is reflected in His Word through the prophet Isaiah, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1b). God sees each of us as "number one" in His loving view!

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
 Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.
- Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.
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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm* 90:1, 12; 86:11–12; 119:159–160

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Pastor: Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

People: The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures

forever.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

People: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on "Confession" in the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther instructs us with these words: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven. Let us then humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: 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.

Pastor: God has heard your confession and forgives all your sin. 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.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm* 119:73–75, 77; antiphon: v. 76

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

People: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.

Pastor: Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice,

because I have hoped in Your word.

People: I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous,

and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Pastor: Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;

for Your law is my delight.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love comfort me according to Your promise to Your servant.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 *Amos* 6:1–7 (God's people are warned by the prophet.) "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR "How Can I Keep from Singing" -Buckwalter

PSALM Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! **People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

Leader: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Leader: When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

People: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

Leader: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

People: Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE *1 Timothy* 6:6–19 (The love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.) Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke* 16:31

Pastor: Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should

rise from the dead. **People: Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 16:19–31* (The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

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.

Pastor: Aaron and Jenny Hoska, is it your intention to serve Zoey as sponsors in the Christian faith? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Sponsors: 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.

Pastor: On March 9, 2022, Zoey was 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 St. John's Maplewood by me, the Reverend Nickolas Kooi. The Baptism was witnessed by Dawn Kooi, Mia Kooi, and Aaron and Jenny Hoska. Do you attest that this Baptism was administered as has been reported? Witnesses: *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 a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our 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 Zoey the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child 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. Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Children of the Heavenly Father" *LSB* 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
 Safely in His bosom gather;
 Nestling bird nor star in heaven
 Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy. Text: Public domain

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.

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.

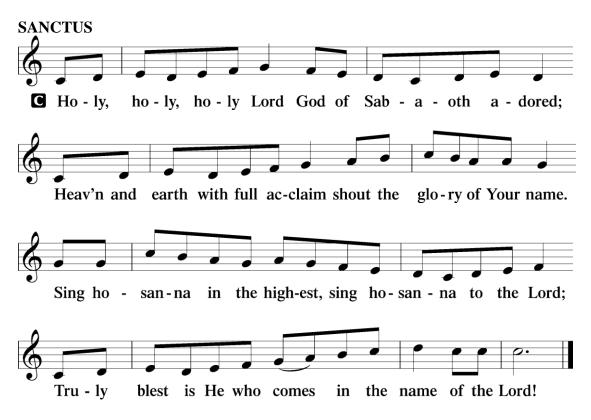
PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion on us and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You graciously invite us to call upon You with all boldness and confidence. Gathered at Your Table, grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood, fully trusting in Your promises that are fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Unite us with thankful hearts in praise of Your glory and grant us a foretaste of the feast to come. **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:

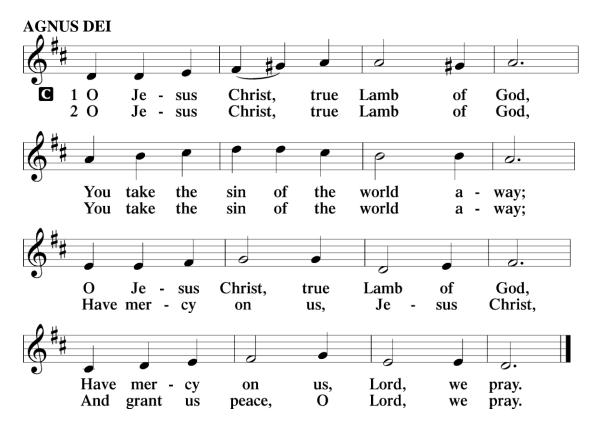
LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

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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)

"Lamb of God" *LSB* 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- Your Gift of love they crucified,
 They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
 The humble King they named a fraud,
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain
- I was so lost, I should have died,
 But You have brought me to Your side
 To be led by Your staff and rod,
 And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain
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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: Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same to make our good confession, fighting the good fight of the faith. Finally, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

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 "Christ Be My Leader" *LSB* 861

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
 Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.

 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain

 Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Amos 6:1a – "Woe to those who are at ease in Zion." The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

2023 IS THE YEAR! In 2023 Emmaus will celebrate 75 years of ministry. In anticipation of this happy event, we are forming a celebration committee of 5-7 people. If you are interested in being on this committee, please talk to Pam U.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "You've Got It in You" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Faith in Christ is something that's in you, but you didn't put it there. (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

THE COMMUNITY IS CORDIALLY INVITED to attend the 19th annual polka service and Bavarian dinner at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington Street NE, Columbia Heights, on Saturday, October 29. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner following immediately afterwards in the church's fellowship hall. Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers from Lester Prairie, MN are featured musicians for the event. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 and are available by calling the church office at 763-788-9427.

YOU ARE INVITED to the 35th Annual Lutheran Free Conference on October 29 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2719 3rd St N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 3:30. The theme is "The State of Education in the USA: What Can Christians Do?" The speakers will be Dr. Ryan MacPherson, Professor, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN; Rev. Dr. Christian Preus, Pastor, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Casper, WY; and Dr. Gregory Schulz, Professor, Concordia University, Mequon, WI. Registration is \$30, which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though the fee is not due until you attend, for meal and refreshment planning, please RSVP to Redeemer on or before Monday, October 24: 320-252-8171 or office@redeemerstcloud.org.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR: The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 12, and registration is open for crafters and vendors. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details!

LWML Fall Rally

All are welcome to attend the Fall Rally "A Tapestry of Cultures"
Hosted by the St Paul Metro Zone LWML
Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Women in Mission

Saturday, October 8, 2022 Bethel Lutheran Church 670 W. Wheelock Parkway, St Paul 9-9:30 registration and coffee \$5 9:30-11:30 program

Speaker: Dr Samuel Deressa, Concordia University, St Paul "Multicultural Ministry in the American Context"

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