

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 16

August 27, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Throughout the Bible, we find God sculpting rocks, constructing with rocks, and protecting others by means of rocks. Ever the master architect, the Lord uses rocks to accomplish His purposes. More than that, the Lord Himself is our rock, the One in whom we have lasting and eternal security. “Built on the Rock the Church shall stand,” we sing (*LSB* 645:1). How do we stand? The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Look to the rock from which you were hewn” (Isaiah 51:1). When we see our God as the rock from whom we come and by whom our lives are built, we find that He alone is our lasting foundation, our mighty fortress, and the reason why we gather to worship today.

HYMN “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” *LSB* 912

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav’n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav’n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.
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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB* 728; 761; 575/576

Pastor: That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. Our confession comes from various hymns the church sings.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Pastor: "How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!"

People: Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that we all have sinned and fall short of Your glory. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have lived shaky lives that falter when we do not stand firm in You.

Pastor: "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!"

People: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. You are the rock of ages in whom we find protection and deliverance.

Pastor: "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!"

People: Holy Spirit, enable us to trust the promises of Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins found in Christ Jesus, our solid rock. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I am blessed to proclaim the certainty of God's saving grace to all of you! In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, our mighty rock and fortress, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18*

Lector: But we will bless the LORD

People: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Lector: As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill. I will tell of the decree:

People: The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You."

Lector: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Lector: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

Lector: But we will bless the LORD

People: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "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.
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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your living Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask 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 *Isaiah 51:1–6* (“Look to the rock from which you were hewn.”) “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a* (“Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.”)

Lector: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

People: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Lector: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

People: before the gods I sing Your praise;

Lector: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

People: for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

Lector: On the day I called, You answered me;

People: my strength of soul You increased.

Lector: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,

People: for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

Lector: and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

People: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Lector: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,

People: but the haughty He knows from afar.

Lector: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;

People: You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

Lector: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

People: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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.

Lector: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;

People: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33–12:8* (Do not be conformed; be transformed.) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Ephesians 2:19b–20*

Pastor: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

People: built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20* (“On this rock I will build My church.”)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB* 644

1 The Church’s one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
 Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.
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SERMON “Questions, Answers, and Promises” Matthew 16:13–20

HOLY BAPTISM

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

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples 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 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." The holy apostles of the Lord have written: "The promise is for you and for your children," and: "Baptism now saves you."

We also learn from the Word of God that we are all conceived and born sinful and so are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Receive the sign of the holy cross upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children: "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CONG: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Dear parents and sponsors: It is your task as parents and sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized. After this child has been baptized, you are at all times to remember her in your prayers, put her in mind of her Baptism, and faithfully bring her to the services of God's house. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, that living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Parents and Sponsors: Yes.

Pastor: God enable you all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do. In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer he gave us.

CONG: 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.

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Because this child cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with her parents and sponsors, faithfully speak on her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

CONG: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

CONG: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

CONG: Yes, I believe 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

CONG: Yes, 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.

Pastor: Who brings this child to be baptized?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: How is this child named?

Parents: Ivy...

Pastor: Ivy... I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, the 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. Peace be with you.

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

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 Ivy the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an 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.

CONG: Amen.

Pastor: Through Baptism, God has added Ivy to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

CONG: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

Pastor: And you, Ivy, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forward and even forevermore. Peace be with you.

CONG: 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, delivering Lord, for You have rescued Your people through the sending of Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for establishing Your Church upon the solid foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the true and lasting cornerstone. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our rock and our Redeemer, placing our hope in Him who comes to us in the sacred Meal we stand ready to receive.

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.”

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—
Our faith in - crease. Have mer - cy on us all,
Strength - en us when we fall, An - swer our
fer - vent call And grant us peace.

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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.

Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, and Pastor will give you the common cup. When he serves it to you, you are welcome to grab the chalice from the bottom while he holds it from the top. He will rotate and wipe the chalice between people.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "In Christ Alone" –Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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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!

“Seek Ye First” *LSB* 712

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

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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: Let us pray. We look to You, most gracious Savior, as the rock from which we have been hewn. We thank You for Your saving blood and cleansing righteousness, which we have received in Your most sacred

Meal. Reign in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may stand securely on the solid promises of Your mighty Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 “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.

3 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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Matthew 16:27* – “*For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.*” Saint Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matthew 19:27–30. Bottom line: your good works can’t buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord’s kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY: Following the service, the Leyk family will be using the Social Hall. There will be no Bible study today.

LWML: The St. Paul Metro zone will be the hosts for the Capitol Conference Fall Rally on Saturday, October 14 at Gathering Place Lutheran Ministries 3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills. 9:00 am registration, 9:30 - 11:30 program followed by lunch, “A Taste of SE Asia.” The presenter will be Pastor Yia Lor—“Mission Impossible: The Upside-Down Mission to the Lost in the Mountains of Southeast Asia.” Registration \$10. Collections will be taken for offering, and Gifts from the Heart: items for homeless shelters/homeless. Join us for food, fellowship, singing, Bible study, convention recap and LWML news.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Entryway” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8)

OFFICE NEWS: Office hours will be very limited the last week of August (Aug. 28-31). Please email or leave a voicemail if you need to reach Maria during that week. The office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

THE SILENT AUCTION is coming up on September 17th and we need your help to make it a success! You can help by:

- Finding an item or two that interests you and bidding. Remember upcoming birthdays, weddings, Christmas gifts, or maybe a Barnabas buddy gift?
- Spreading the word! If you are on Facebook, share the posts about the auction.
- Mention the auction to neighbors, coworkers, friends and family. Maybe someone in your life will be interested and want to come.
- Not going to be here on the 17th? Contact a friend, give them a budget for the item(s) you are interested in and have them bid for you.

If you have any questions please contact Marilyn Pierce, Dawn Kooi or Pam U. Or, leave a message with Pastor or Maria Kult and they will contact one of us. Thanks for your support as we make this last fundraiser for the 75th anniversary celebration a success.

International Potluck!

The St. Paul circuit church community is invited to enjoy and bring a dish to a free, international potluck on **Friday, September 8 at 6:30 PM** as the kickoff to the fall programming for the new St. Paul Outreach Center (located in Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Ave). This dinner is a welcome event for immigrants to the Concordia and Midway communities, co-sponsored by The St. Paul Outreach Center (St. Paul Circuit LCMS Churches) and CSP Ministry.

Please fill out the form at this link indicating what food item you can bring to share:

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Or use this QR Code to get to the link:



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