

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” -setting by John A. Behnke

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in bold.)*



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

#### Pew Edition

#### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 19 (Year A)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Reading

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that

many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



As a father shows compassion to his | children, \*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me,**  
**bles his | holy name!**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,  
**who forgives all your in- | iquity,\***  
**who heals all your dis- | eases,**  
who redeems your life | from the pit,\*  
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,  
**who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.**

The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to | Moses,\***  
**his acts to the people of | Israel.**

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

**He will not | always chide,\***  
**nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.**

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

**For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\***  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;**

as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

As a father shows compassion to his | children, \*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

## Epistle

*Romans 14:1–12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems

one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" -setting by Kevin Hildebrand

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion.*

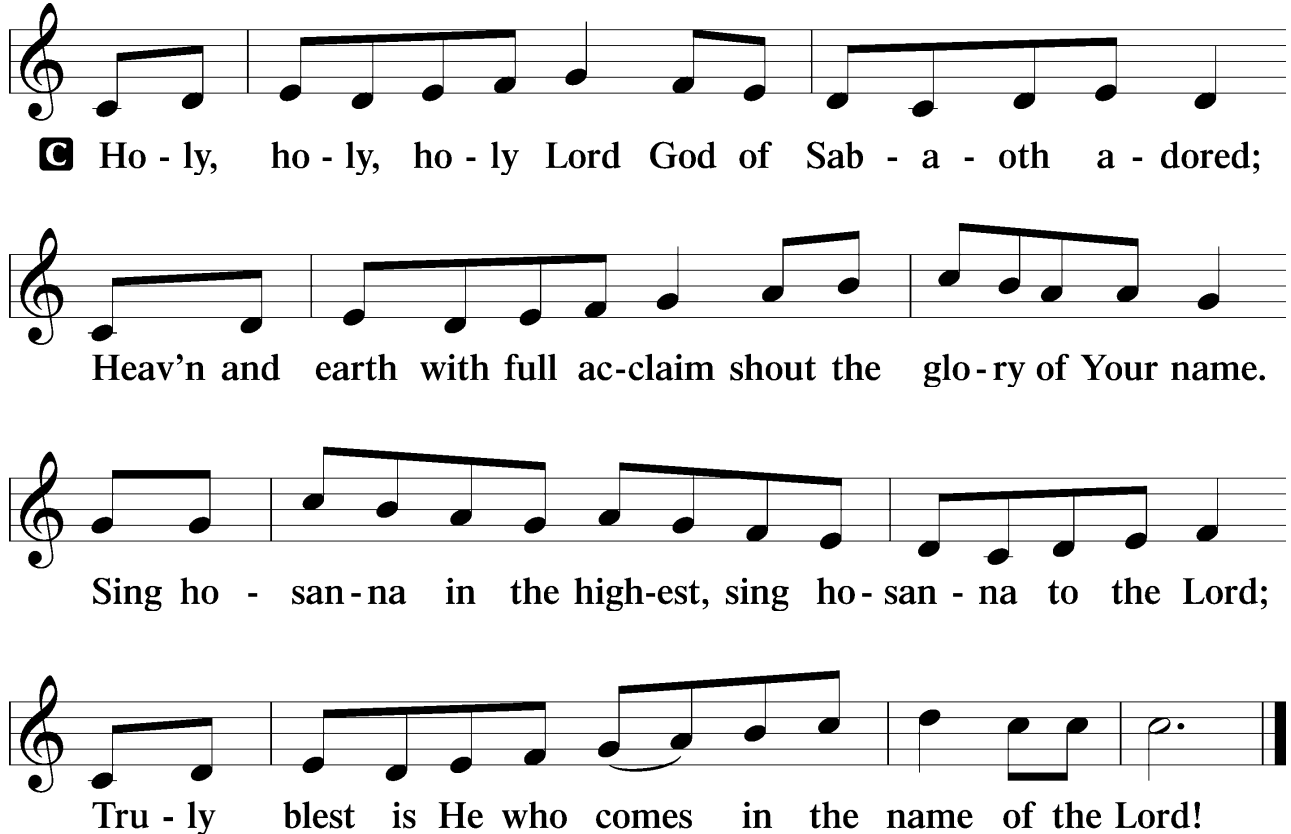
**Preface**

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... 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**

LSB 208



**C** 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

...

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer**

- C** **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.

**The Words of Our Lord**

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

*LSB 209*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*



**C** 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

*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. You may kneel, but it is not required.*

*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.*

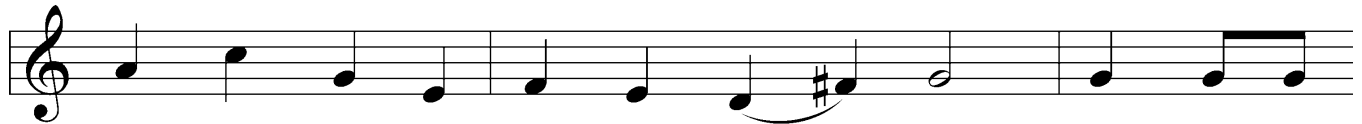
## Distribution Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" -Bach/Mark Hayes

### Distribution Hymn: "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617



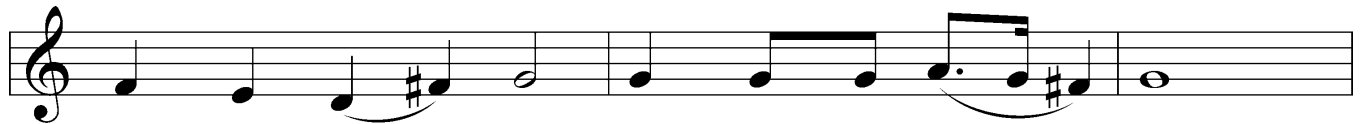
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*



**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray. ...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*LSB 212*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

*LSB 793*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
 3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Slow to chide and swift to bless; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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**Postlude** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings” -setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”* We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

**AN OFFERING UPDATE:** The First Article of the Creed in Luther’s Small Catechism states that God gives us “clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.” In accord with our Lutheran heritage and its rich liturgy, we present our offerings to the Lord, as a church, with thanksgiving and praise. We do this in response to His provisions for our daily needs and for His free gift of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. This September, Emmaus will resume passing the offering plate through the pews and present it at the altar during the Offertory. Online giving will still be continued. Whichever way is chosen to support the work of the church, we do so as the body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

**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: “High Ground” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27)

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME:** Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. This fall the choir will focus on music for the 75th Anniversary celebration and Christmas before taking a winter break. If you miss singing in a choir and are interested in trying it out, join us on Thursday evenings to

rehearse and be part of these special events. Questions? Contact Jim Glynn at [emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com) or 612-282-3660.

**TODAY ONLY!** It's your chance to bid on our Silent Auction items from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Free drawings will be held during this time (must be present to win) and goodies will be available. We have new baskets added since last week (Pampered Chef, CSP Friends basket and Thirty One). Payment by cash, check or Vanco app accepted.

**Pine cones needed.** Yes, you read that correctly. The 75th anniversary committee is looking for nice pine cones of all sizes for decorations. If you have pine trees that are dropping their cones and are willing to collect a few, we would appreciate it. Let Pam Uran, Marilyn Pierce or Dawn Kooi know if you have any questions. These are not needed until mid-October.

Thank you to all who donated items for the Silent Auction. The response from our congregation members was AMAZING. Also a special shout out to **Keys Cafe** and **Concordia University** who donated gift certificates and items for the auction.

### **Winter Coat Drive October 14**

The St. Paul Outreach Center is hosting a giveaway event on Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Jehovah Lutheran Church (1566 Thomas Avenue, St. Paul). This new ministry, a partnership of the St. Paul Circuit LCMS churches sponsored by the MN South District, had a great start on September 8 with 100 people present for the kick-off International Potluck.

We are looking for donations of winter wear (coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens) in clean, good condition. Donations can be dropped off at Jehovah every Friday 9-11 a.m. or at our own site for later delivery. We also need volunteers at Jehovah for set-up, help that day, and take down. Here's the link and a QR code to the form to sign up donations and volunteer slots:

<https://forms.gle/dHeEMMhV5bajb25Y7>

For more information please email [spoc@jehovahlutheran.org](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.org) or call David Mennicke, coordinator, at 651-636-3271. Thanks for your partnership in this exciting new sharing of the Gospel!