

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 16

August 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

One of the saddest things in life is when we lose our sense of wonder—when we can no longer behold the beauty of God’s creation and be moved by it or when we take for granted the mystery of our salvation by the blood of the Lamb. The prophet Isaiah promises the restoration of wonder and the Spirit fulfills that promise with faith that trusts in what we have not seen. Today we ask the Lord to fill us with awe as we receive the inheritance of the saints who went before and add to it the witness of our age of the joy of salvation to bequeath to those who come after.

## HYMN “Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB* 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.  
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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 *Psalm 14:1*

Pastor: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

**People: They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

*Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness for all my sin. Deliver and restore me that my heart may know peace.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

Pastor: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

**People: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Pastor: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

**People: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

**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.**

Pastor: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

## **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** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Oh praise Him

Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Oh praise Him Oh praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

2. Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

Oh praise Him

Alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit Three-in-One

Oh praise Him Oh praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

3. All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

Oh praise Him

Alleluia

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

Oh praise Him Oh praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him  
Alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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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 and merciful God, defend Your church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; 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 29:11–19* (“I will again do wonderful things with this people.”) The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.” And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** *Psalm 14; antiphon: v. 7a*

Leader: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**People: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

**People: They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.**

Leader: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

**People:** There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

Leader: You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.

**People:** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

**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: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 5:22–33* (Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** *Jeremiah 15:16a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them,

**People:** and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 7:1-23* (“This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.”)

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

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

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.” And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual

immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 blessed 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

### 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 enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

### 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: With great thanksgiving we add our voices to the faithful who have gone before and to the angels, archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, and the whole company of heaven, praising Your goodness in giving to us a Savior and Redeemer whose blood cleanses us from all our sin and whose resurrection opens to us the door to everlasting life. Hear us as we join in their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS



**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!

## **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: Remembering all that our Lord has accomplished by His blessed passion, mighty resurrection, glorious ascension, and His coming again in glory at the end of the age, grant that we may through this Holy Communion obtain the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits He has won for us by faith until we see Him face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Commanded by our Savior and trusting in His grace, we are bold to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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

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

*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, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Jesus Messiah" –Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

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1. He became sin, who knew no sin;  
that we might become, His righteousness;  
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Chorus:* Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.



2. His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn,  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. *Chorus*

*Bridge:* All our hope is in You,  
All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God,  
The Light of the world. *Chorus*

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Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread;  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation, receive from His nail-scarred hand;  
Eat of the bread of salvation, drink of the blood of the Lamb.

“Jesus, Name Above All Names” -Naida Hearn.  
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1. Jesus name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word

2. Jesus loving Shepherd  
Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world

3. Jesus Way of salvation,  
King of kings, Lord of lords,  
The way, the truth, and the life  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend

### **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, You have established us upon the firm foundation of Your Word and given to us the blessed testimony of the saints in a living tradition. Help us to keep in holy hearts what we have received and to pass on faithfully this same witness of faith through our words and our works; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Let It Be Said of Us” -Steve Fry

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1. Let it be said of us  
That the Lord was our passion  
That with gladness we bore  
Ev'ry cross we were given  
That we fought the good fight  
That we finished the course  
Knowing within us  
The pow'r of the risen Lord

*Chorus:* Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song  
By mercy made holy  
By the Spirit made strong  
Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song  
'Til the likeness of Jesus  
Be through us made known  
Let the cross be our glory  
And the Lord be our song

2. Let it be said of us  
We were marked by forgiveness  
We were known by our love  
And delighted in meekness  
We were ruled by His peace  
Heeding unity's call  
Joined as one body  
That Christ would be seen by all

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Mark 7:11* – “But you say, ‘if a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church and in society, has a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches and our communities each in the proper proportion.

**4TH ANNUAL BARNABAS BUDDY:** Today is our kickoff of the Barnabas Buddy program. If you take a child's info please let Nicole or Todd P know.

**CANDY BINGO:** Join us for our first ever Candy Bingo! This event is for everyone in the congregation, regardless of age. Join us for some fellowship, laughs, prizes, and pizza! The event will be on September 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please sign up or RSVP to Pastor or Dawn Kooi so the appropriate preparations can be made.

**FANTASY FOOTBALL RETURNS:** As the football season begins, so does another season of the EFL, the Emmaus Football League. If you would like to continue in the league, or if you would like to join, please talk with Pastor Kooi. See if you can win the greatest trophy in sports, the Emmaus Cup, this winter!

**HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR"** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "The One" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does! (Genesis 24:14)

**LWML MITES:** Where do your LWML Mites go? Equipping Young Leaders LCMS Youth Ministry | \$50,000. LWML Mission Grant #9, Equipping Young Leaders will allow LCMS Youth Ministries to develop new curriculums for four regional YouthLead events, pilot a new Servant Event for youth, and develop a survey for Generation Z. These projects are to help teens and young adults stay connected to the church and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-9](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-9).

#### **PROCLAIMING CHRIST 2024: LET US SING OF JESUS**

St. James Lutheran Church would like to invite you to join them for a conference celebrating 500 years of the first Lutheran hymnals and the Lutheran chorale. Entitled "Proclaiming Christ 2024: Let Us Sing of Jesus," the conference will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 25 with A Hymn Festival of Reformation Hymns. On Saturday, October 26 presentations will be offered from 9:00-3:00 PM on various aspects of the Lutheran chorale by Dr. Martin Dicke, Rev. Kantor Richard C. Resch, Rev. Dr. Lowell Sorenson, and Rev. Kantor Timothy Frank of David's Harp. A special choir is being convened for the hymn festival. Singers from partner churches, schools, and the community are invited to join. The conference will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 460 Annapolis St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. For more information and a Registration Form, please call (651) 457-9232, write to us at [stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com](mailto:stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com) or visit [www.saintjameslutheran.com](http://www.saintjameslutheran.com).

#### **SINGERS NEEDED FOR REFORMATION CHOIR**

Singers are invited to join the choir at St. James Lutheran Church in celebrating 500 years of the first Lutheran hymnals and the Lutheran chorale. The choir will sing at A Hymn Festival of Reformation Hymns that will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 25. The hymn festival will open the conference "Proclaiming Christ 2024: Let Us Sing of Jesus" that will be held on October 25-26 at St. James Lutheran Church, 460 Annapolis St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. Singers from partner churches, schools, and the community are invited to join. For details and a Registration Form, please call (651) 457-9232, write to us at [stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com](mailto:stjlc@saintjameslutheran.com) or visit [www.saintjameslutheran.com](http://www.saintjameslutheran.com)

## Emmaus Choir Fall Kick-off Event

**Saturday, September 7**  
**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Join us for a morning of Singing, Study, and Food to kick off the fall choir season at Emmaus Lutheran Church. We will be watching and discussing the 4-part video series, *Singing the Faith: Living the Lutheran Musical Heritage*. Between sections, we will sing vocal exercises and rehearse old and new pieces as a choir. We'll wrap up with lunch.

Who is invited?

- Current and prospective choir members, spouses, and friends
- Instrumental musicians
- Anyone interested in learning more about Lutheran musical heritage

Please RSVP by August 31 (for food planning purposes) to:

[emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus.lutheran.choir@gmail.com)



**The International Potluck returns!** All are welcome to the 2nd Annual International Potluck **on Friday, September 13 at 6:30 pm** at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue in St. Paul. This year's event will again feature a free feast of Ethiopian, Hmong, and American cuisines. This is the kickoff event for the second year of the St. Paul Outreach Center (SPOC), a collaborative ministry of 14 St. Paul area churches and three schools of the LCMS. The International Potluck will also offer door prizes, games, and displays of the many outreach ministries that SPOC and its partners are doing to serve the community. For more information, please contact [spoc@jehovahlutheran.org](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.org).

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



<https://forms.gle/74ArFVWY9zYGdz8E6>

**THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Jean G

MUSIC LEADER: Pam U

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Matt G

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Donn W

USHERS: Todd P family

COUNTERS: Peggy K, Nancy W

LECTOR: Hannah G

GREETER: Dean P

ACOLYTE: (none)