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**THE EVERLASTING PROMISE OF GOD**

In last month’s newsletter article I had so much to write regarding God’s requirement of all His stewards – you and me – to remain faithful managers to all that belongs to Him. I haven’t stopped thinking about all that was written. In fact, I have more to write. Therefore this month’s October article is a continuation of September’s article (*if you did not read it, you can request a copy of it from our church office or visit our website and read it under the “NEWS” tab*).

Faithful stewards can count on their ever-faithful God’s faithful supply. Do you remember what God reveals to us in His Word, “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19). What a magnificent promise, right?

**THE SOURCE OF THE PROMISE IS GOD BY WHOM WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST JESUS.**

The Apostle Paul writes, “My God,” “in Christ Jesus.” Here again Paul reveals his intimate, personal relationship with his Lord and Savior. “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9).

Joyfully giving to the Lord’s work is not for those who do not know Him through the cross. Paul writes, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death ... We know that our old self was crucified with Him” (Rom. 6:3, 6a). And again here, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). After placing his finger in Jesus’ nail prints and his hand in Jesus’ side, Thomas responded saying, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

If you know Him as “my God,” and if you know that by faith you are “in Christ Jesus,” then the privilege and joy of faithful giving and the promise of God’s faithfulness applies to you. If you do not know Christ, you can’t faithfully give to Him. Frankly, you wouldn’t know what to give nor would you want to give to Him. Do you give to strangers? Of course not! When He gives you His free gift of faith, when He plants the seed of faith in you, then He enables you with the desire to give to Him in response to all that He gives you.

When you faithfully give, it is to none other than the God who spoke the universe into existence

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who promises to supply your daily needs; it is to none other than the God who sacrificially offered His own body on the cross for the payment of all sin; it is to none other than the God who comes to us in Word and Sacrament sanctifying us, that is, setting us apart and making us holy – His holy, redeemed people.

Even though, as Paul himself experienced, you may suffer some tight financial times, your needs (not luxuries – this isn't prosperity theology!) will be met by God, and you will have far more than that, namely, the great joy of communion with the Creator and the Savior and the Spirit.

He promises to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. What a staggering promise! God, who is Master of the entire universe, says that He will meet our needs if we give faithfully, and it is a blessed thing to know this in your experience as you watch Him do it before your very eyes.

**THE CERTAINTY OF THE PROMISE DEPENDS ON GOD HIMSELF.**

Consider the thought of receiving a blank check. They are no good if the person who signs them is broke or a crook. But if the check is signed by "my God," the God who knows you personally, the God who is also our Father, the God who has never in human history failed His children, the God who demonstrated His great love for us by giving His only Son on the cross, then the check is good! "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). In giving faithfully, the promise is certain – our God and Father will meet all our needs. You can trust in His promises!

I would like to wrap things up here by stating that there is probably no more accurate gauge of your spiritual life than your giving to the Lord's work. Do

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you give grudgingly and under pressure? Then you're most likely not focused on the abundant grace of our Lord in your life. Are you hit and miss about your giving to the Lord's work, doing it once in a while, but not systematically? Then you're probably not faithful in other disciplines of the Christian life, such as devotions, attending Divine Service regularly, receiving the Sacrament frequently, praying, or reading the Bible. Are you stingy and tight with your giving? Then your love for the Lord is probably cold and fruitless. Do you religiously give ten percent and take pride in it? Then you're probably legalistic in your spiritual life, judging yourself and perhaps others by the performance of certain duties rather than from a heart of love for God and neighbor.

The reason your giving is a pretty good gauge of your spiritual life is that your heart is bound up with your treasure. Jesus taught this: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). If you want your heart to be with the Lord, put your money in the Lord's work. If you want your heart to be in this evil world, put your money in the things of this world. It's a simple principle to state, but not so simple to implement, because it requires faith – yes, true saving faith.

To give faithfully and generously to the Lord's work requires that you believe that there really is a place in heaven being prepared for you. Since, by the grace and mercy of God, you plan to spend eternity there, consider putting your money over to the other side, where your treasure is waiting your arrival. Jesus called it "laying up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:20). To be sure, the "treasure" is the free eternal rewards won for you that cannot be taken away. For any eternal reward our heavenly Father gives is an expression of His grace.

Giving generously also requires faith because you need to trust that when you give your money to the Lord's work, God is going to make up for it by providing for your immediate needs. You see, that's the issue at the heart of this matter of faithful giving: Faith and trust in God. Will you trust the living God who gave His Son for you by giving generously and systematically, out of a heart of gratitude, love, and worship? Remember, your God promises to meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,  
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## The Seven Rules of the Cross

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### **The Doctrine of the Cross**

Yes, my soul, the doctrine of the cross is one of the greatest mysteries to which human reason cannot become accustomed. As is the case with other mysteries, it is revealed alone in God's Word, and man must learn it therein. Thus it happens, dear soul, that the cross comes upon us so severely and we are alarmed by it, as though God has forsaken us or has become our worst enemy.

This is portrayed very well in the two disciples who went from Jerusalem toward Emmaus in sorrow and grief (Luke 24:13ff). The Lord appeared to them in another form, and their eyes were held that they did not know Him.

Behold, my soul, that is the form of the cross in which the Lord often disguises and hides Himself, that He appears as a stranger to His dear children. Nevertheless, His delight is with His believers and He rejoices with them in the habitable part of His earth (Prov. 8:30-31). Yes, at times He deals so harshly with them that they often think that God has forgotten all love and goodness (Isa. 64:12). But in His own time He again permits Himself to be recognized, so that their hearts may be filled with joy.

Therefore, dear soul, learn to prepare yourself rightly for this mystery, and note well the following seven rules of the cross, for then your tribulation will not be half as severe to you.

### **The First Rule of the Cross: The Cross is Planned**

All believers are ordained of God to be cross-bearers of Christ. For St. Paul says thus: *For whom God did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren* (Rom. 8:29).

Do you hear, my soul, that you were ordained to a cross and suffering, not only in the womb, but even before the world was formed, in order that you might be conformed and similar to your Lord Jesus? Yes, my soul, you are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. Do you not wish, then, to suffer with Him? He is the Lord, and you are His disciple. He is the Bridegroom, and you are His bride. He is the Head, and you His member. Why would you want to have things better than He? Look on Him as the Lord of the cross, and notice how all dear saints have followed Him in tribulation. The Lord leads on with the greatest cross of all, and the believers follow after. And every one can bear his yoke in joyful hope, for here they are similar to the Lord Jesus in tribulation; therefore they shall also be conformed to Him in eternal glory (Rom. 8:17; 1 Cor. 15:49).

*Ah Lord, my God, Who hast ordained and prepared me, Thy child, to be a cross-bearer. Give me an understanding heart that I may recognize such wonderful counsel, accept the cross with joy, follow after my Savior, and be conformed to Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. Amen.*

### **The Second Rule of the Cross: It is the Lord's Will**

It is the Lord Christ's will that His believers should bear His cross after Him. For He

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says thus: *Take My yoke upon you* (Matt. 11:29). And again: *If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me* (Luke 9:23). Yes, my soul, this command does not apply to the unbelievers, but to His saints and believers. For the cross of the Lord is such a precious jewel that the Lord will not entrust it to unbelievers. Yes, it is such a decoration that He will not grant it to any ungodly. Behold Simon of Cyrene! What an honor it was for him to bear His cross after the Lord! What glory will be his on the Last Day!

*Ah, my Lord Jesus, Who hast commanded me to bear Thy cross! Give me also an obedient heart, that I may joyfully take Thy yoke upon me and willingly follow Thee in all suffering. Amen.*

### **The Third Rule of the Cross: It is a Schoolhouse**

The Lord Christ has three schools of the cross.

First, a **chastening school**, when He afflicts His own on account of their sins (1 Cor. 11:30-32; Micah 7:9).

Secondly, a **testing school**, when He exercises their faith, hope and prayer (Ps. 119:71; Isa. 28:26; 26:16).

Thirdly, a **martyr school**, when He permits them to be persecuted and killed for His Name's sake (Ps. 43:22; Rom. 8:36).

Hear, my soul, you are also a disciple and student of your Lord. Therefore you can be sure that He will lead you daily in one of these schools.

If He chastises you on account of your sins, as with dear David, then thank Him for His chastening and say: *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes* (Ps. 119:71).

If He puts you to the test and leads you in a wonderful way, as with dear Joseph and Job, then remember that He is exercising your faith, arousing your hope and urging you to prayer.

If He does you the honor that you should suffer persecution or death for His Name's sake, then rejoice in your heart that you are counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name (Acts 5:41).

*Lord Jesus Christ, Who wast not ashamed to hang on the cross with mockery and pain! Grant that I may also not be ashamed to stand beneath the cross with the Virgin Mary. If it is Thy will to lead me in a wonderful way, then help me wonderfully to follow Thee, and be prepared even to lay down my life for Thy sake, if this be pleasing to Thee. Amen.*

### **The Fourth Rule of the Cross: A Sign of Love**

The cross of the believers is a sign, not of the wrath, but of the love of God. For the Lord says: *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten* (Rev. 3:19). And again: *The world shall rejoice, and ye shall be sorrowful* (John 16:20). Likewise: *The time is come that judgment must begin at the House of God* (1 Pet. 4:17). And again: *I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by My Name* (Jer. 25:29).

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Do you hear that, my soul? Yes, dear soul: Whoever loves his child makes use of the rod. For where is a father who does not chastise his son? But if you are without chastisement, of which all children of God have tasted, then you are a bastard and not a son (Heb. 12:6-8). Behold your Lord Jesus, the only Son of God. How severe His Father was to Him! How He bruised Him on account of sins that were not His own! (Isa. 53:5).

*Help me, Lord Jesus, that I may not be frightened before Thy chastening rod, but rather kiss it as a devout child and evermore thank Thee for Thy chastening. Amen.*

### **The Fifth Rule of the Cross: The Greater the Distress the Closer God**

*The greater the distress, the closer God is. For the Lord says: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him (Ps. 91:15). O my soul, how hard it is for flesh and blood to believe this! When tribulation comes, we always think that God has forgotten us, that God has given us up to the devil and all misfortune. No, my soul although Satan is your worst enemy and is bent on your misfortune by day and by night, he cannot hurt a single hair on your head without the Lord's will (Matt. 10:30).*

*Yes, dear soul, how can God forget us? How can He lie who is Himself Truth? And although He may hide Himself for a brief moment, He will again gather thee with great mercies (Isa. 49:15; 54:7-10). Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous (Ps. 112:4). If God be for me, who can be against me? (Rom. 8:31). What can I lose if I still have my God?*

*Lord Jesus! Whom have I in Heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. Yes, my flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever (Ps. 73:25-26). Amen.*

### **The Sixth Rule of the Cross: It is for Good**

*The cross of the children of God always serves for their good and never for their harm.*

*For St. Paul says: We know that all things work together for good to them that love God (Rom. 8:28). And again: Faithful are the wounds of a friend (Prov. 27:6). Yes, my soul, the cross works for our good in different ways.*

*It teaches us to recognize sin. As it is written: I will correct thee in measure and will not leave thee altogether unpunished (Jer. 30:11). It also drives us to the Word. For it is written: It shall be a vexation only to understand the report (Word) (Isa. 28:19).*

*It awakens our faith. As it is written: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead (2 Cor. 1:9).*

*It also teaches us to pray rightly. For it is written: Lord, in trouble have they visited Thee, they poured out a prayer when Thy chastening was upon them (Isa. 26:16).*

*It teaches us to shun sin. As it is written: Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you (John 5:14).*

*It makes us weary of this life and awakens in us a longing for the Eternal Life. As it is written: Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come (Heb. 13:14).*

*Yes, my soul, all must work together for good to the believers in such a way, that St. Au-*

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*gustine writes: "Even sin itself serves for their good." For through Christ we have received more than we had lost through sin.*

*Lord Jesus Christ! Inscribe this loving comfort in my heart and preserve me, that I may not despair in time of tribulation, but expect only the best things from Thee even unto death. For Thou art wonderful in counsel and excellent in working (Isa. 28:29). Amen.*

### **The Seventh Rule of the Cross: It is Never Too Severe**

Patience, prayer, and hope permit no cross to become too severe. For the prophet Jeremiah says: *It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord* (Lam. 3:26). And David says: *Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me* (Ps. 50:15). And Sirach says: "Look at the generations of old, and see; did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded?" (Ecclesiasticus 2:10).

Yes, my soul, if a person must bear a burden or load and only takes hold of it properly, then it will not seem half as heavy to him, especially when he has help and relief. Thus patience, prayer and hope are like hands or arms, in order that the believing heart may grasp its tribulation and can proceed well with it.

For patience does everything gladly, with the result that it is not so severe. But prayer forces itself upon God, and surely receives either deliverance or relief. And hope maketh not ashamed (Rom. 5:5), but knows of a certainty that God is faithful and will permit no one to be tempted either too much or too severely (1 Cor. 10:13). Impatience, however, angers God and makes everything hard.

Take the example of your Lord Jesus and learn all of these things from Him (1 Pet. 2:21). Look also at dear Job and learn to say also in your troubles: Though the Lord slay me, yet will I trust in Him (Job 13:15).

*Lord Jesus Christ! Grant me at all times a patient heart, that can indeed wait and pray, in order that I may not become impatient in my heart, but be comforted and with full confidence cast all my cares upon Thee and in every moment hope for the best from Thee. Amen.*

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Choir rehearsal will begin Wednesday, October 2nd from 6pm-7pm at the church. Come one, come all. If you love to sing - please join us and give it a try! No experience necessary. Any questions, please call Collins Sita at 941-830-6020.



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**This offer expires on Sunday, October 27, 2019.**

Questions? Contact me at 603-209-0733 or [rob.tilton1016@gmail.com](mailto:rob.tilton1016@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,  
Rob Tilton  
LCEF Congregational Advocate



Youth group had a great time at Sky Zone. Next they are going to beautify the Redeemer sign on Miniola.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Treasurer's August 31, 2019

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/UNDER</u>
INCOME	11,291	14,548	(3,257)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>16,378</u>	<u>18,224</u>	(1,357)
<b>+/-</b>	(5,087)	(3,676)	
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>			
INCOME	117,515	116,373	1,142
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>135,392</u>	<u>145,759</u>	(10,367)
<b>+/-</b>	(17,877)	(29,386)	



Respectfully submitted,  
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## PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is Saturday, October 19th at 8:00 am.**





In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words:

“We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

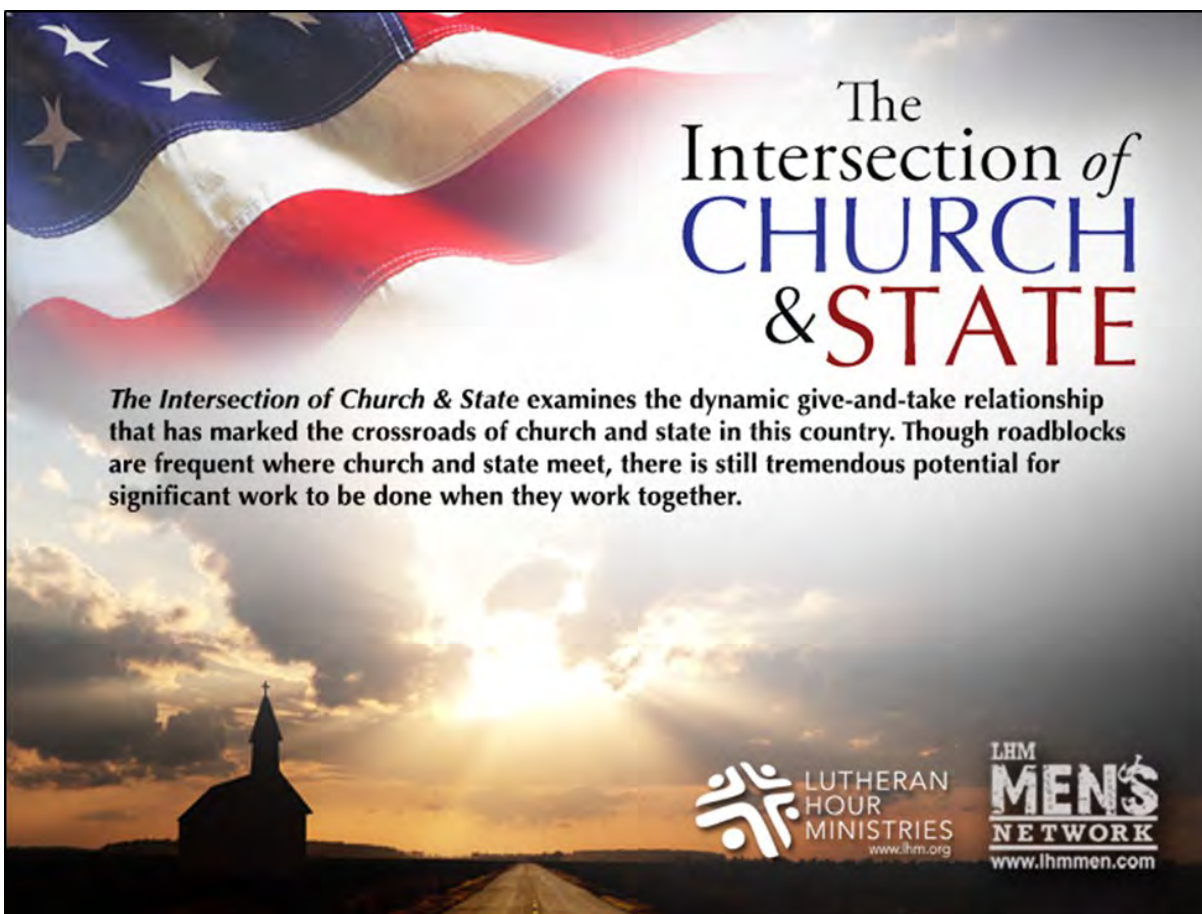
We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us after the morning service for Bible Study, “The Intersection of Church & State.” This is a 4-part video series and a discussion study guide is available at the visitor’s desk. All members are encouraged to join us for the next several Sundays at about 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to explore this insightful study.



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### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE

**CLASS:** Come join us on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Narthex for an exciting Table Talk discussion. Ask Pastor just about any question. We will search the Scriptures. We will have open dialog in the study of the Holy Scripture. Again, your questions and our discussion may range from current events to ancient church history. This is your time to “ask the pastor.”



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**Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!**





## ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

Date	Elder & Reader	Communion Asst
<b>Sun, Oct 6th</b>	Bob Varone	n/a
<b>Sun, Oct 13th</b>	Collins Sita	Rob Tilton
<b>Sun, Oct 20th</b>	Mike Nagel	Steve Horvath
<b>Sun, Oct 27th</b>	Paul Brown	Collins Sita

## Acolyte

Gospel Bearer & Crucifier

Date	Crucifier	Gospel Bearer	Acolyte
<b>Oct 6th</b>	Mykalina Sabol	Alyssa Hancock	Bella Fisher
<b>Oct 13th</b>	Mackenzie McDowall	Jayden Bishop	Therin McDowall
<b>Oct 20th</b>	Toby Hancock	Ariana Miller	Brianna Neef
<b>Oct 27th</b>	John Miller	Kyleigh Evanicki	Braeden Dolphin

## ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



Date	Set-Up	Clean-Up
<b>Sun, Oct 6th</b>	None	None
<b>Sun, Oct 13th</b>	Mindy Duncan	Janet Lemesis
<b>Sun, Oct 20th</b>	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
<b>Sun, Oct 27th</b>	Catalina Bakas/ Diane Giroux	Carolyn Francis/ Mindy Duncan



The altar guild would like to give a special thanks to Mindy Duncan for using her gifts to help out with the communion ware. Mindy took the time to embroider the cloths that cover the communion ware. This may seem like a minor detail in the life of the church: however, when you are setting up and cleaning up communion it is an amazing help and blessing, truly a gift to the altar guild servers. Please take a look, and while you do, consider helping out on our guild! Thank you Mindy so very much!



## REDEEMER SCHOOL

It's Fall! One of my favorite times of the year. I love everything about fall. I love the decorations, the smells, and the fact that you can get apple and pumpkin anything. This time of year brings back many great memories. I remember raking leaves with my grandma and jumping in the piles for hours. We would walk around her property every day and I can still hear the leaves crunching under our feet. I remember how my grandma and I would sing hymns together as we walked, and how special that time was. Every year my family would go to the apple orchard to pick apples. We would bring them home and make apple slices and caramel apples. I bring this love for fall into my classroom every year. I want my students to grow up and remember the times that we have had together. I want them to remember the wonderful projects that they made, the smells of apples and pumpkins, the fun we had using fall things in math and science. I love having a kitchen in my classroom! It makes fall baking possible. When students leave our school they will know how to cook and bake and hopefully they will remember the smells of Fall.

Redeemer Lutheran School would like to welcome Ms. Sarah to our class. Ms. Sarah will be working fulltime helping our busy class. She has fit right in and the students love her already! She has moved here from Michigan and has a teaching degree. She is an asset to our classroom. Welcome Ms. Sarah!

We had a field trip to Cracker Country this month. Cracker Country is a museum that has historical educators who demonstrate what life would have been like in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The grounds had 13 buildings built between 1885-1912. They were all relocated and restored to represent home life in rural Florida communities. Our students made candles and butter, learned about the railroad and postal system, they washed laundry and ironed it, and learned about toys of the time period. We even made a classroom jump rope. We were able to visit a one room school house (they kind of understand what this is like already). Boys and girls had to enter through different doors, sit on different sides of the room and do different lessons. Boys learned about outside things while girls learned about inside things. They had to write their answers on a slate. It felt like we were visiting Little House on the Prairie. Our students have a better appreciation of modern conveniences. The whole field trip was fun, educational, and exciting.

Kindergarten and 1st grade have been learning about their community. We are learning about all the different kinds of people it takes to make a community work. Our students learned that we can help by praying for people, by following rules, and by making right and safe decisions. We had Officer Jessica visit our classroom to tell our students what police officers do. She even showed us her car and our students loved turning on her sirens. Later this week we will be visiting the fire station to learn about fire safety and what fire fighters do. In late October, we will be visiting a farm to learn how farmers help our community. Learning about community helpers always is fun for the kids.

On a fun note, September 19 was national Talk like a Pirate Day. I turned all of our lessons for the day into a pirate theme. We did pirate creative writing, read some pirate books, used pirates for math, did a pirate science lesson, and then had a pirate party. We dressed up like pirates and had a great time. Funny how classwork seems so much more fun when you have a costume on.

Exciting things are always happening in our classroom. If you have something to share with us or would like to volunteer in some way please let me know. Thank you for all you do

*Submitted by Nicole Hopkins*

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Happy Fall Y'all!

**Bible Lessons**

Chapel is on Mondays  
at 4 pm

9/30 Abraham's Son

Isaac Is Born

Genesis 21:1-7

10/07 Joseph's Father  
and Brothers

Genesis 37:1-11

10/14 Moses' Birth

Exodus 2:1-10

10/21 Crossing the Red  
Sea

Exodus 14

10/28 The Twelve Spies'  
Report

Numbers 13:1-14:38



Thank You God, for  
keeping Your promises. I  
know You will bless me. I  
know You know what is  
best for me. Amen.

*Submitted by Wendy Haruath*

**Birthdays**

10/7 Abigail

10/8 Therin

10/8 Colton

10/10 Ayva

10/11 Jaxon

10/13 Gabrielle

10/14 Cailynn

10/16 Kolton

10/18 Ms. Brandi

10/19 Jaclyn

10/22 Jonathan T

10/23 Erin

10/28 Karter

10/28 Ms. Madison



**Picture Day**

Teddy Bear will be coming  
and using a fall  
background on 10/18 &  
Lifetouch will be coming  
and using a Christmas  
background on 11/7

**Special Days in October**

10/6-10/12 Fire Safety  
Week

10/14 Columbus Day

10/16 Bosses Day

10/19 Trunk or Treat - Join  
us from 4-6 pm for a fun  
night of trick or treating at  
Redeemer

10/31 Halloween - Join us  
for a Parade at 10:00 am



**Fall Festival**



On November 16<sup>th</sup> we will  
hold Redeemer's 4th  
Annual Chili Cook-Off  
with Basket Raffle. Get  
your recipes out for your  
famous chili and enter  
into the cook-off!  
More to follow.

**The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 18th.  
Please have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com  
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!**

# FALL

Directions: The words are hidden vertically and horizontally.

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### Word Box:

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| October   | leaves | acorn    |
| autumn    | tree   | raking   |
| scarecrow | red    | school   |
| harvest   | yellow | apple    |
| pumpkin   | brown  | corn     |
| squirrel  | orange | carnival |

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Divine Service: 9:15 AM  
Bible Class: 10:30 AM  
Sunday School: 10:30 AM

*The Redeemer Lutheran Church, School & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:*

- ♦*Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ♦*Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ♦*Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ♦*Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).*