

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

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—1 Timothy 4:7-8

St. Paul writes in his second letter to Timothy: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” The last use of Holy Scripture he mentions, training in righteousness, is what he refers to in his first letter to Timothy, when he writes, “Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

Every athlete knows that he can't simply waltz onto the field and expect to play well. He must first be trained. He has to prepare in order to perform at his best. And this goes with any skill we might use in life: Practice makes perfect. If there is no training, then there's no improvement. Even more than that, one's skills diminish and become worse, for they never simply plateau and stay the same. In other words, if you don't use it, you lose it.

So it is with the Christian life. We need to be trained in order to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. We can't just waltz onto the field and expect a good result, but we have to be prepared. We need to practice. That's partially what the Word of God does for us. It gets us ready for the game, which isn't a game at all really, for it's real life. The Word of God strengthens us to take on the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, who aren't friendly opponents and will do whatever it takes to win, to win us over and lead us away from Christ.

This training begins first and foremost every Sunday in the Divine Service. We come to the Lord's house to hear and receive the Word of God, which has the power of God unto salvation. By this Word, we are led to repent of our sins and be forgiven, and we are also trained and instructed on how to live holy lives according to that Word. This training must continue each day at home through time we dedicate towards the reading of God's Word and prayer. It also continues with our congregation in Bible Study.

If you are not yet attending a Bible Study here at Grace, it's time you started. You need to be in the Word of God. You need to study it and meditate upon it. Without this Word, you aren't ready to handle the enemies that surround you in this fallen world. The more of the Word you hear and receive, the better you are equipped to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). You can't walk out onto the field unprepared but must be armed with the Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17).

Check out the page in this newsletter entitled “Christian Training” to learn more about the opportunities here at Grace to be trained in righteousness, that you may be complete, equipped for every good work.

In Christ,

Pastor Haller



In anticipation of our congregation's 75th anniversary in November 2024, we will have a hymn chosen for the month that will be used during the Divine Service. The hymns of the church give God's people the words to sing his praises and to confess what he has done for them in the saving death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

***O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild* LSB 546**

The original author of this hymn is unknown to us, although Valentin Thilo's name is often attached to it. However, we know that the tune's setting comes from the Lutheran composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

The text of the hymn conveys the theology of the incarnation in a nutshell. The Word of God became flesh (John 1:14) in order to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), being born of the Virgin Mary (Galatians 4:4). His death on the cross has ransomed us (Mark 10:45) and saved us from God's wrath (Romans 5:9), and so we are reconciled with God (Romans 5:10). Therefore, we rejoice (Romans 5:11) and strive to remain faithful and strong (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Our sweet and mild Jesus has reconciled us to God. That gives us plenty of reason to sing and rejoice.

1 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
 For sinners You became a child.
 You came from heaven down to earth
 In human flesh through human birth.
 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

2 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
 With God we now are reconciled.
 You have for all the ransom paid,
 Your Father's righteous anger stayed.
 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

3 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
 Joy fills the world which sin defiled.
 Whate'er we have belongs to You;
 O keep us faithful, strong, and true.
 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

Martin Luther on Singing

“Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth” (Psalm 96:1). God has cheered our hearts and minds through his dear Son, whom he gave for us to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil. He who believes this earnestly cannot keep quiet about it. But he must gladly and willingly sing and speak about it so that others also may come and heart it. And whoever does not want to sing and speak of it shows that he does not believe and that he does not belong under the new and joyful testament, but under the old, lazy, and tedious testament.

STEWARDSHIP

September Coffee Money
Worship Anew

Education Sunday (September 10th)
Luther Classical College

The Stewardship Board's quarterly mission for July through September will be to Bethesda, also known as AbleLight, which is in need of financial help especially at their group home in Frankenmuth, where they provide residential housing for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Please consider supporting them this quarter. Specific envelopes can be found on the back table of the narthex.



CHURCH BARBECUE

at the Haller's
4818 Slack Rd. in Fairgrove
Sunday, September 24th, at 1 pm



*** Sign up and reserve your spot on the fellowship hall bulletin board. ***

Evangelism News

- The Clothing Giveaway was a huge success with over 200 attendees! Thanks to everyone in the congregation who donated items, helped set up/take down, and worked the giveaway.
- A flyer with a church invitation will be shared during the Bean Festival Parade on Labor Day with snack bags of candy attached to them.
- Non-persihable goods continue to be collected for the Fairgrove community. There is a large box under the coat rack in the fellowship hall.
- Save the date of Friday, January 26, 2024, for our next community (and congregational event): Grace's Game Galore (Triple G!), which will be an opportunity for fellowship to invite people to our church and play many games. Games will be available for all ages (and hopefully will include a euchre tournament). Hot chocolate and popcorn will be available (free will donation) and the fun will start at 7 pm.

Ladies Aid News

- Ladies Aid meets again on Thursday, September 7th at 10 am. All women of the congregation are welcome to join!





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September Divine Services *(services with Holy Communion)*

Sunday, September 3, 2023
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Luke 10:23-37

Sunday, September 10, 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, September 17, 2023
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, September 24, 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Luke 7:11-17

SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

Jean Adams
8678 W. Deckerville Rd.
Reese, MI 48757

John & Ruth Ann Kajjala
6004 Gilford Rd.
Fairgrove, MI 48733

Marge Montgomery
8039 Massoll St.
Reese, MI 48757

Lorna Bills
Brookdale Bay City
734 North Pine Rd.
Bay City, MI 48708

NEXT VOTERS MEETING:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 @ 11 AM

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Private Confession and Absolution is available by appointment. You can call Pastor Haller at the church office or on his cell phone: (248) 794-3703.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Christi Diener
- 3 Hannah Haller
- 4 Gordon Bigham
Hunter Reid
- 7 Deegan Walstead
- 9 Joanne Reinbold
- 12 Markel Lokinski
- 15 Earl Voss
- 17 Jean Trisch
- 20 Brian Steinley

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Don & Carolyn Carpenter

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

THE MEN'S STUDY

only men

beginning September 16th

3rd Saturday of the month

7:30 to 9 am

prayer + breakfast + the Lutheran Confessions

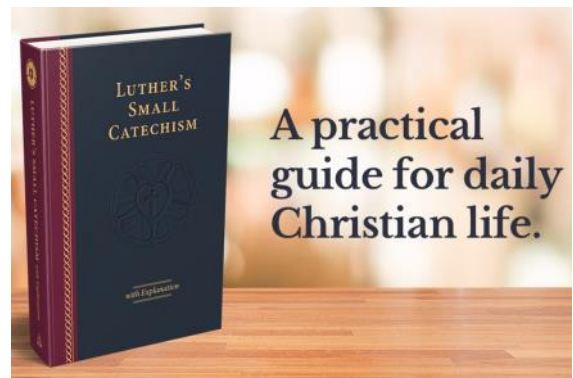


CATECHESIS

The word catechesis, or Christian instruction, is integral to the life of every Christian, both young and old. It mainly takes place in the Divine Service every Lord's Day but must also happen each day in the home. The catechism (instruction book) is the best summary of the teachings of the Bible, handed down to us by our Lutheran fathers. Every head of the household has the responsibility to teach this catechism to their family. The pastor also assists them with this teaching.

Junior High Catechesis (5th through 8th grade)
begins Wednesday, August 23rd, at 7 pm.

High School Catechesis (9th through 12th grade)
begins Sunday, September 10th, at 6 pm.

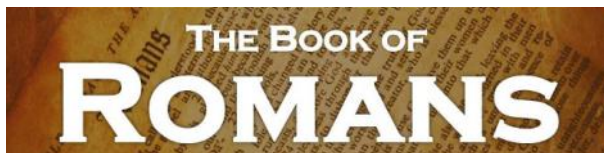


WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE

beginning September 13th

9:30 am Matins

10 am Bible Study



SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY

beginning September 10th

	Sunday School	Adult Bible Study
11 am to 11:40 am	Lesson (preschool—4th grade)	Acts (also 5th—8th grade)
11:40 am to 12 pm	Music (preschool—8th grade)	Explanation of the Common Service

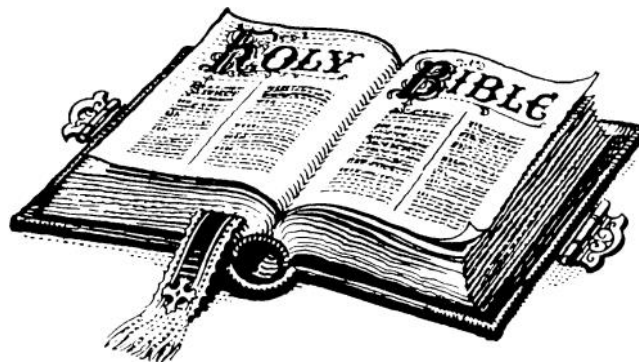
**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
WILL BE SINGING FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY (October 29th)**

THE DAILY READINGS

“God’s Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God’s Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints.”

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

Friday, September 1st	Psalm 47	1 Kings 18:1-19	Eph. 1:1-23
Saturday, September 2nd	Psalm 138	1 Kings 18:20-40	Eph. 2:1-22
Sunday, September 3rd	Psalm 119:57-64	1 Kings 19:1-21	Eph. 3:1-21
Monday, September 4th	Psalm 90:13-17	2 Kings 2:1-18	Eph. 4:1-24
Tuesday, September 5th	Psalm 56:8-13	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7	Eph. 4:25-5:14
Wednesday, September 6th	Psalm 127	2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37	Eph. 5:15-33
Thursday, November 7th	Psalm 131	2 Kings 4:38-5:8	Eph. 6:1-24
Friday, September 8th	Psalm 71:12-16	2 Kings 5:9-27	Philipp. 1:1-20
Saturday, September 9th	Psalm 61	2 Kings 6:1-23	Phil. 1:21-2:11
Sunday, September 10th	Psalm 58:1-8	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29	Phil. 2:12-30
Monday, September 11th	Psalm 44:1-8	2 Chronicles 29:1-24	Phil. 3:1-21
Tuesday, September 12th	Psalm 94:12-15	2 Chronicles 31:1-21	Phil. 4:1-23
Wednesday, September 13th	Psalm 27:7-13	2 Chronicles 32:1-22	Col. 1:1-23
Thursday, September 14th	Psalm 38:6-16	2 Chronicles 33:1-25	Col. 1:24-2:7
Friday, September 15th	Psalm 1	2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33	Col. 2:8-23
Saturday, September 16th	Psalm 108:1-6	2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25	Col. 3:1-25
Sunday, September 17th	Psalm 130	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Col. 4:1-18
Monday, September 18th	Psalm 118:5-14	Nehemiah 1:1-2:10	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Tuesday, September 19th	Psalm 136:1-9	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6	1 Tim. 2:1-15
Wednesday, September 20th	Psalm 46	Nehemiah 4:7-23	1 Tim. 3:1-16
Thursday, September 21st	Psalm 55:12-19	Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-16	1 Tim. 4:1-16
Friday, September 22nd	Psalm 119:97-104	Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18	1 Tim. 5:1-16
Saturday, September 23rd	Psalm 51:5-13	Neh. 9:1-21	1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
Sunday, September 24th	Psalm 123	Neh. 9:22-38	1 Tim. 6:3-21
Monday, September 25th	Psalm 12	Malachi 1:1-14	Matthew 3:1-17
Tuesday, September 26th	Psalm 16	Malachi 2:1-3:5	Matthew 4:1-11
Wednesday, September 27th	Psalm 91:9-16	Malachi 3:6-4:6	Matt. 4:12-25
Thursday, September 28th	Psalm 145:17-21	Deuteronomy: 1:1-18	Matt. 5:1-20
Friday, September 29th	Psalm 19:7-14	Deut. 1:19-36	Matt. 5:21-48
Saturday, September 30th	Psalm 63	Deut. 1:37-2:15	Matt. 6:1-15



SEPTEMBER 2023

Church Office: (989) 693-6322 Pastor Haller's cell phone: (248) 794-3703

Executive Director: Aaron Reinbold (989) 233-5105

Elders of the Month: Daniel Reinbold (989) 670-9048 & Thomas Reid (989) 225-8315

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	7 pm Elders	9:30 am Matins 7 pm Catechesis	10 am Ladies Aid	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	7 pm Parish Planning	9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Catechesis	9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Catechesis	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:15 am Divine Service 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Study	9 am Quilting Bee	9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Catechesis	9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Catechesis	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	

Serving Our Lord in the Month of September

Elders for September

Daniel Reinbold & Thomas Reid

Ladies Aid for September

Hannah Haller & Joanne Reinbold

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Refreshments: Sarah Hall, Hannah Haller, Renee Hecht

Propers Choir: Alberta Reinbold, Daniel Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Alberta Reinbold

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Refreshments: Joanne Hills, Beth Hoppe, Pamela Ill

Propers Choir: Joanne Hills, Mary Masker, Susan Pfund

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Julia Hargash & Isabella Reinbold

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Hannah Haller

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Refreshments: Susan Pfund, Sarah Reid, Tracey Reinbold

Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Brandt LaPouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Chelsea Worden

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Laura Starkey

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Refreshments: Joanne Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold, Diane Spencer

Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Erwin Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Susan Pfund

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Pamela Ill & Alberta Reinbold

**If your name is not on the refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.

**If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.