# **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**



# August 31, Year of Our → Lord 2025

## The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1–10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### **WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:**

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church–among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:**

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion

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#### Hymn of Invocation: 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **and** You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

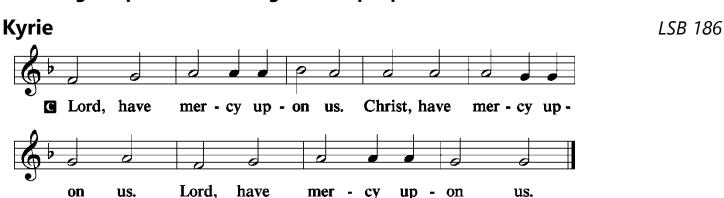
# → Service of the Word →

#### Introit

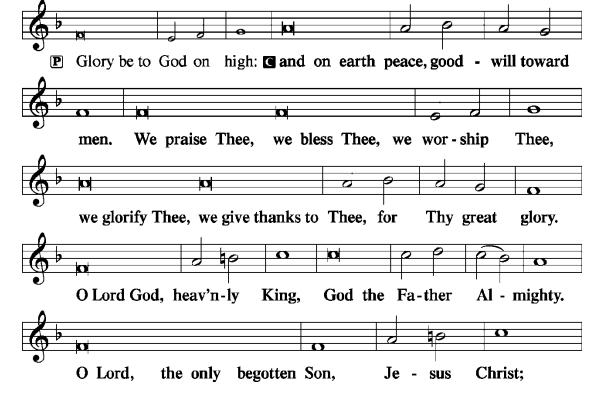
Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

- P God is in his holy habitation; [he] settles the solitary in a home.
- The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
- P God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

- But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!
- P O God, when you went out before your people, in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
- Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.
- **G** 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.
- P God is in his holy habitation; [he] settles the solitary in a home.
- The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.









#### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**



Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 4:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a

- P In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

**Epistle** 

#### Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁵and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ¹so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁵not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

#### **C**Thanks be to God.

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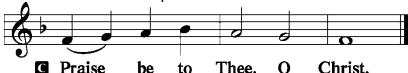
Holy Gospel Luke 18:9–14

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



<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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



#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Hymn of the Day: 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God

#### Sermon

Stand



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#### **Prayer of the Church**

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That our God would raise up men in the spirit of St. Paul, who are humble and strong to labor abundantly for the sake of preaching the grace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For God to fortify His Church by the preaching of the risen Christ, and so inspire His people to labor for His glory and the good of our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For the families of the Church to share the love of God our Father and to provide for their own, in His name and with His blessing, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For rulers who are set against all oppression and plead the cause of the widow, the fatherless and all those outcast, that we may live together in peace and holy joy, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who commune this day, that they may receive the forgiveness of their sins in this blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the baptized, that as Cain's mark protected him despite his sin, we, too, might rejoice that Holy Baptism marks and protects us from spiritual harm despite our sin, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Grace Mathias.
- Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Grace from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep her in the certainty of her salvation that she has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Grace in our prayers this week and let her know that we love her in Jesus Christ.
- Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# → Service of the Sacrament →

Preface LSB 194



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### Lord's Prayer

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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.

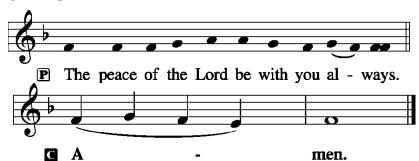
#### The Words of Our Lord

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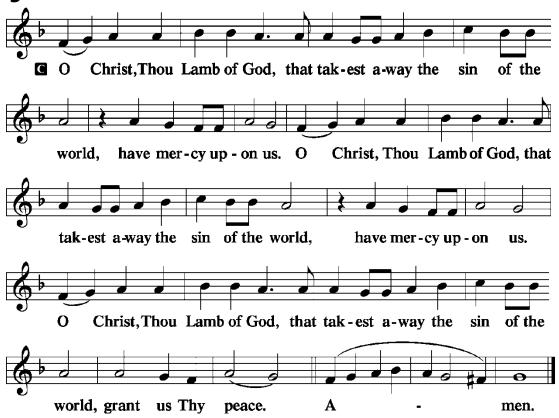
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 H 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 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



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#### Distribution

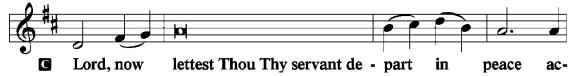
Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle. When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify which cup you would like to receive from. Please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the basket near the font.

**Distribution Hymn: 628 Your Table I Approach** 

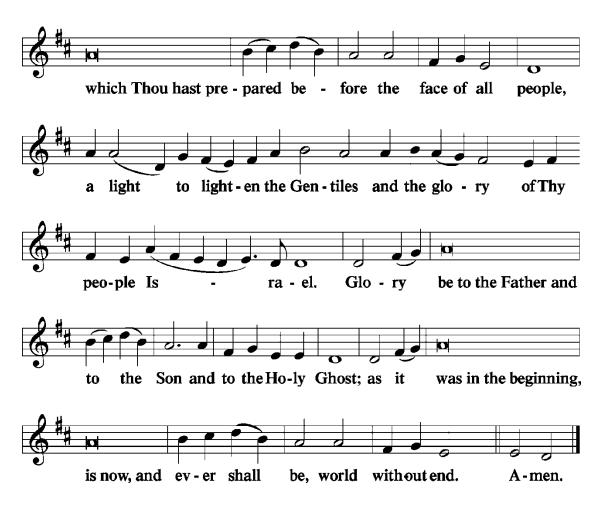
Distribution Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

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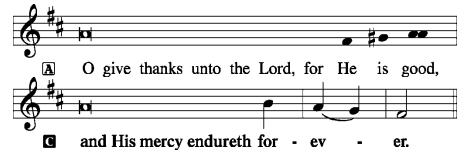








Thanksgiving LSB 200

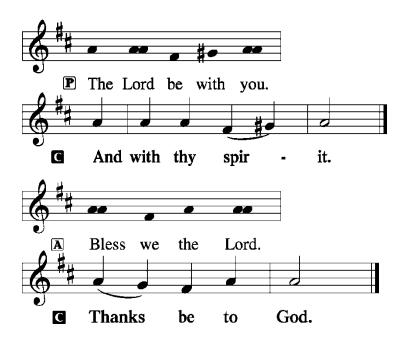


### P Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

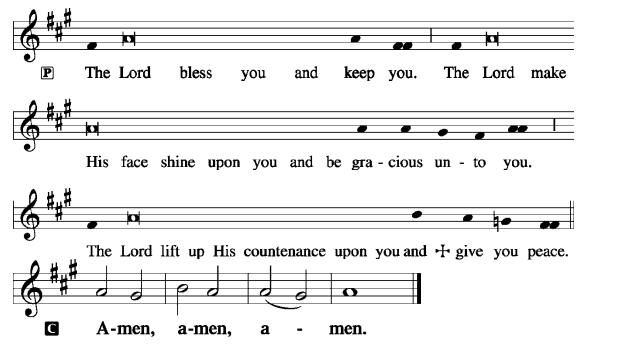


Salutation LSB 201



#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

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# Hymn to Depart: 764 When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH Gwinner First Responders

The First Responders are a group of men and women from our community who give their time and service when called upon. They have jobs and families; but when 911 calls, they drop everything in order to help those in need. These folks are a valuable resource in our community. The First Responders are always in need of updated equipment and supplies. Thank you for your continued support!

# **Prayer Family**

Grace Mathias 12507 83 St SE Stirum, ND 58069

#### **Cleaners**

Aug 31-Sept. 6: Jim & Marge Asche, Jason & Hollie Asche, Lisa Schwab

# **FB Live for the Month of August**

31st: Krista

# **Ushers for the Month of August**

31st: Grover

# **Pastor's Study Hours:**

Tuesday: 8:30-noon 1-3:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9am 10-noon 1-3:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm

Friday: 8:30-noon

# This Week in the Congregation of Zion

**Today** 8:45 am Catechesis

10:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

**11:15 am** Coffee Hour

**Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am** Circuit Winkel- Matins

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Bible Study

Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 11am- 1 pm Holy Cross, Lidgerwood LWML luncheonh

**Sun.7<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am** Catechesis

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion

11:15 am Coffee Hour

# **Attendance & Giving at Zion**

# Sunday, Aug. 24:

Worship Attendance: 40

Catechesis: 6

|                     | Received  |          | Received for |           | Monthly      |              |           |              | Over/Under |            |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Category            | Last Week |          | August       |           | Goal         | YTD Received |           | YTD Needed   | Goal       |            |
| <b>General Fund</b> | \$        | 7,965.00 | \$           | 10,295.00 | \$ 13,124.83 | \$           | 90,285.99 | \$ 96,921.85 | \$         | (6,635.86) |
| Misc. Income        | \$        | 0.25     | \$           | 0.50      |              | \$           | 7.75      |              |            |            |
| Building Fund       | \$        | 400.00   | \$           | 400.00    |              | \$           | 4,540.00  |              |            |            |
| Cemetery Fund       |           |          |              |           |              | \$           | 1,000.00  |              |            |            |
| Memorial Fund       |           |          |              |           |              |              |           |              |            |            |
| Vehicle Fund        |           |          |              |           |              |              |           |              |            |            |
| ND Missions         | \$        | 425.00   | \$           | 705.00    | \$ 2,166.67  | \$           | 11,721.00 | \$ 16,000.00 | \$         | (4,279.00) |
| Mission of Month    | \$        | 466.38   | \$           | 656.38    |              | \$           | 6,230.16  |              |            |            |
| Parking Lot         |           |          |              |           |              | \$           | 2,284.00  |              |            |            |

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00 ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

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- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

# **Prayer and Petitions**



Aug. 31, 2025

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

#### **Remembering Our Shut-Ins**

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon Iris Meyer and Corrine Haussler, at Forman Villas

#### **Remembering Those Who Serve**

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

#### **Mother with child**

Emma Brockman Anna (Greenmyer) Wang



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August 31: Happy Labor Day. I give thanks to God for all who toil and labor for the good of their neighbor. Our vocations give shape to our love. A mechanic loves his neighbor by fixing and maintaining his neighbor's vehicles. A teacher loves her neighbor by teaching her students that they will grow in knowledge and wisdom. A farmer loves his neighbor by growing his crops so that his neighbor will have food for his table. A mother loves her neighbor by nurturing and providing for her children. I thank God for all Godly vocations and the people who occupy them. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

The **LWML of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Lidgerwood, ND** is hosting a soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00.

Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat Please join us September 26 – September 28, 2025 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for the Third Annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together, family style, to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship. Our speaker, Rev. Sean Daenzer, is director of LCMS Worship and the chaplain at the Synod's International Center. He previously served for seven years as pastor of a dual parish in rural North Dakota. His topic is Liturgical Worship: A faithful vehicle for delivering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. Friday and ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 which includes all food and lodging. Registration is capped at the

first 50 who mail in their registration form and \$50.00 non-refundable deposit. Complete retreat information will be sent out to registrants in advance of the retreat. We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity. For information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686, mobile.

The fall LWML retreat **is Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14**, at various locations in Garrison, ND. Church services will be at Peace Lutheran in Garrison. The theme is "Come Get Hooked on Jesus." Registration information is posted in the narthex.

The Calov Conference is for pastors and laity, and will be held this year on **Monday and Tuesday**, **Sept. 29-30**, at Zion Lutheran in Ellendale. Go to <a href="http://www.calovconference.org">http://www.calovconference.org</a> to register, see the speaker list, and read the purpose of the conference.