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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

“CUT A STRAIGHT LINE, PASTOR”

There are many duties and expectations of your pastor in the church, most of which are obvious and crucial, such as preaching, officiating services, teaching Bible class, hospital and nursing home visits, radio shows, and other manifest, public tasks.

There is one duty that can be discerned, for better or worse, but the actual work is likely not evident to the flock.

There is a sign on the pastor's door that indicates “Pastor's Study.” This room is not an office or a meeting room but is referred to as a “study.” This implies the pastor carries out his duties with great study, reading, research, prayer, and devotion to constant catechesis of Scripture and The Lutheran Confessions.

“Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scriptures and the Confession?” “I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.” This was the question posed to me at my installation service and also my stated answer and promise.

Your pastor is always a student of the Word of God, for this is the Scriptural charge: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

Your pastor is to show himself approved by God by passing the trials and tests of the ministry. False teachers, false laymen, those who go against God's Word in the congregation, and others are to be met by the workman, the pastor, who always needs to be faithful because of study and devotion to the Word of God.

The work of the pastor is tested, and he is to rightly lay out the word of truth as a result of careful study. Rightly dividing the word of truth signifies “cutting a straight line.” The word of truth is a road that needs to be cut straight and narrow, without any curves or deviations from the Scriptures. This is the



original meaning of the text.

So, the pastor is to have a zeal, effort, and earnest desire to study the Bible, to commend himself to God as approved, to have been tested and refined, with the result that he is not ashamed of the Word of God and that he rightly divides the word of truth.

This takes effort and dedication, which is not evident to many, for time and study a pastor puts into reading and researching the Greek and Hebrew of the Bible, doing cross referencing, and

digging deep into the Bible, so that he presents himself to God as unashamed. The pastor is a worker of God and is accountable to God for making straight cuts, dissecting correctly the word of the truth, the law and gospel of Scripture.

It is God's truth. It is God's Word. It is God's Bible. It is God's law. It is God's gospel. It is God's truth found alone in Christ, our only Savior.

Pastor's need time for their work and they are grateful for study time in the Word and The Book of Concord, for this is God-pleasing and is a great benefit to the flock. Continuing education is vital for a pastor. All too many pastors stop learning and growing after they graduate seminary. As a result, many pastors begin to stray from Scripture and go the way of all flesh in their teaching and practice.

The road to God must be a straight and narrow road, for sinners can only come to Him through the truth, not error. Thank God the Bible lays this out for us and our pastors continue the work of cutting a straight path, using the law and gospel, word and sacraments to bring us Jesus Christ and Him crucified, for it is ultimately the cross, that geometric shape, that cuts through all in life and for eternity.

Pastor, keep cutting a straight line for us in Jesus with your diligent study and learning of the Scriptures.

Pastor Jordan



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6/01 KLAUS KEIL
 6/02 RAY SCOTT
 6/03 MONICA JORDAN
 6/04 KAYLEE SCHUKEI
 6/04 KYLE SCHUKEI
 6/20 BILL BAVING
 6/20 KYLA MIRAMONTES
 6/23 KARL WEINREICH
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 6/27 YUFEI WENSLAFF
 6/28 PAT LILLIE
 6/30 REV. ROY MASON
 7/06 ANITA JOHNSON
 7/09 RACHAEL THOMASON
 7/12 ROBERT ENGELKEN
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 7/17 MEGAN ALMAND
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 7/24 ALEXIS WERNER
 7/25 ROLAND LOFINK
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 8/19 JEANIE SAWYER
 8/21 REBECCA BERGENDAHL
 8/21 MEGAN GODSIL
 8/23 SHERRY GODSIL
 8/25 SONYA BROWN
 8/25 WALT GODSIL



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 6/07 REV. ROBERT ROBERTS
 6/09 KURT JORDAN
 6/11 PAUL DEGARMO
 6/11 MATTHEW THOMASON
 6/11 JAMES BARBOZA
 6/12 LORI JORDAN
 6/12 MARILYN BROWNFIELD
 6/15 MONICA JORDAN
 6/17 WILLIAM RUSTAN
 6/21 KAREN MCHENRY
 7/00 DR. NORM MCCANN
 7/05 ANDREW WEINREICH
 7/14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
 7/25 CLARA IVES
 7/28 SOPHIE COLLINS
 8/01 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
 8/02 ROBERT ENGELKEN
 8/08 ROLAND LOFINK
 8/09 LACEY VANDERMATE
 8/13 JUDY MORENO
 8/16 ALEXIS WERNER
 8/19 WESTON VANDERMATE
 8/21 KARL WEINREICH
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September Redeemer Review
August 20

Email submissions to:
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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APRIL 30



90 YEARS YOUNG!

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up chart is posted in the narthex.

FLOWER CHART AVAILABLE DATES:

June	19, 26
July	3, 24, 31
August	21, 28
September	4, 11, 18, 25
October	2, 9, 30
November	6, 20, 23, 27
December	4, 18, 24, 25, 31



SPONSOR ETERNAL CANDLE FOR A MONTH (\$15)

The sign-up chart is posted in the narthex.

AVAILABLE MONTHS:

August, December

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things:

<https://higherthings.org/content/reflections>

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www.lcph.org/portals/default.aspx>

PASTOR ON THE RADIO

Pastor Jordan is a regular guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" every Friday on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9 www.tunein.com



LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFYO, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

THANK YOU FROM DAVID & DIANNE WILKINSON

Thank you to everyone for the cards, happy wishes, and prayers of thanks, in celebration of our 40th wedding anniversary on May 15, 2022. God bless you and the Redeemer congregation.



David & Dianne Wilkinson with Pastor Jordan



TECHNOLOGY

Technology unknown tip...



If you have recently upgraded to a new phone for whatever reason here is a tip you might not know unless you have an IT friend. The phone store tech will most probably not tell you this.

As long as your old phone is WIFI based and had reasonable WIFI reception you can continue to use that phone just not for calling. Make sure you are in a location where you can connect to WIFI and you can access applications like music, YouTube, PrayNow, movies, books, in short any application that is WIFI not data driven.

So hang on to your old phone, keep it charged up and think about how you might use it. For example:

- Playing music while engaged in a household chore or working in garden and you don't want your main phone around dirt and dust.
- Setting the timer function as reminder for yourself or kids.
- And for those days when somebody is sick, it can be used as a diversion so that your main smartphone is not tied up.
- If you and your spouse share a phone, as long as you both do not need data capabilities at the same time, this can possibly ease time conflicts.

Consider other godly ways you can use your old phone and share those tips with others.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)

Hard to believe but summer is almost here and your children/grandchildren will be out of school. The inevitable questions will be asked:

From mom and dad; "How will we keep the kids busy this summer?"

From kids; "I'm bored! What can I do?"

One objective is always to keep your children reading so their skills don't fall away and that hopefully they can advance in their abilities. With that thought in mind watch this short clip from author Dr. Mary Manz Simon a parenting specialist with a PhD in education:

<https://vimeo.com/117962350>



The first Hear Me Read Bible is recommended for ages 4-6 and contains 25 words or less, while the second level is geared for ages 6-8.

To get a sample of these books go to CPH.org and type in the name of the book. While not new publications they are still very worthy of attention.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

SUNDAY School for children
9:00a.m. - 9:45a.m.
Children & grandchildren are
welcome.
Call or text Lori Jordan at
530-520-8187.



2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$4,286, Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$4,286.
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic,; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

Grants are funded by the Mission Trust Fund interest, 30% school rent income, and your mission gifts.

104TH YEAR—NO. 195

CHICO, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY

Trio of Junior Choralists Practice Hymns for Easter



Pictured from left: Jerry Schaffer, Susan Schabacker, Ronnie Severud

Dressed in traditional choir robes, three young members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church practice hymns of the Easter Season. They are (from left to right) Jerry Schaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schaffer of 1158 Hobart Street, Susan Schabacker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs.

Martin Schabacker Jr., and Ronnie Severud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Severud of 1649 Salem Street. Rev. Schabacker is pastor of the church. See story below. (Enterprise-Record Photo).

MERCY MINISTRY

We have welcomed a new member to the list of servants who serve homebound and others in the congregation. At the present time, the elders and four others contact members and nonmembers that have needs. The focus is to visit those who live alone and are affected the most by isolation. There are various needs by many in the older age bracket, especially when they no longer have the energy to mow the grass or perform other tasks around the home. Sometimes, the only thing necessary, is to check in with them and let them know that someone cares.

During these summer months, we encourage all to review the needs of our members and neighbors. Let them know the love of Christ is there for them.

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The mission statement of Lutheran Women's Missionary League is meant to help us focus on what we as *Lutheran Women in Mission* are motivated to do. That is to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

The district is glad to announce that grants 21 and 22 have been completed and the total for the biennium came to \$124,000.

GRANT 21: Social ministries reaching the unchurched has grown with assistance from Rueben, a K-9 comfort dog. The ministry needed money for Reuben's transportation.. Spreading the gospel will be expanded in the Yuba City area.

GRANT 22: Gospel Outreach in Malaysia-Bible Radio Project in the sum of \$5,000 was sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries and paid in full.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT FEED THE
LWML MITE BOX IN NARTHEX!

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$ 55,684.69
EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 67,351.40</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-11,803.84
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-11,803.84
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>59,361.41</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 47,586.52

APOLOGETICS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Jordan will attend a continuing education course sponsored by Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, held at Grace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, California and taught by Dr. Adam Francisco.

Scripture enjoins us to always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks us to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ Jesus. The task of apologetics focuses on understanding and articulating the evidence for the faith and the ways Christians might offer reasoned responses to skeptics and critics. This class looks at the history of and various methods employed by Christian apologists past and present and then focuses on addressing the various charges made against and challenges posed to Christian belief today.

Dr. Adam Francisco is assistant provost of mission and identity and professor of history at Concordia University Chicago. He earned his DPhil at the University of Oxford, was the Albin Salton Fellow at the University of London's Warburg Institute, and has served on the faculties of Concordia College in New York, Concordia Theological Seminary in Indiana, and Concordia University in California. His publications include *Martin Luther and Islam*, *Making the Case for Christianity*, and *The Resurrection Fact*. He and his family live in Wheaton, Illinois.

Class begins Monday, July 25 at 9:00 a.m. and ends Wednesday, July 27 at 3:30 p.m.

CRV RECYCLE

- Separate plastic bottles, with the lids removed, from aluminum cans and place in separate plastic bags.
- Opaque bottles should be separated from clear bottles.
- Place bags in the appropriate bins in the Parish Hall storage closet.
- **NO** Glass, non-CRV, or paper waste.

Proceeds go to the Charity Fund.

Thank you for your support.

May
Proceeds
\$79.88



LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

(5 June 2022)

Genesis 11:1–9
Acts 2:1–21
John 14:23–31

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES PEACE

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1), they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the 50th day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

THE HOLY TRINITY

(12 June 2022)

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31
Acts 2:14a, 22–36
John 8:48–59

THE TRIUNE GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN CHRIST JESUS

The divine Word of the Father also is the holy wisdom who "was beside him, like a master workman," who "was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always" (Prov. 8:30). This Word became flesh and suffered death in order to bestow life by the preaching of His Gospel "to the children of man" (Prov. 8:4). He honors the Father, and the Father glorifies Him by raising Him from the dead, so that all who keep His Word "will never see death" (John 8:51). Long ago, "father Abraham rejoiced" in the day of Christ, for "he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Though Christ was "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men," "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23, 24). As He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), so it is by and through the Son that God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (19 June 2022)

Isaiah 65:1–9
Galatians 3:23–4:7
Luke 8:26–39

JESUS BRINGS RELEASE FROM THE BONDS OF SIN, DEATH AND THE DEVIL

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (26 June 2022)

1 Kings 19:9b–21
Galatians 5:1, 13–25
Luke 9:51–62

CHRIST'S MESSENGERS PROCLAIM HIS KINGDOM

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "the word of the LORD came to him" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "on the mount before the LORD" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in "the sound of a low whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "go and proclaim the kingdom of God," and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "yoke of slavery," but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1).

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (3 July 2022)

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-20

THE LORD GRANTS PEACE AND LIFE TO HIS CHURCH

The Lord restores Jerusalem, His Church, because she is the mother of His children, whom He comforts “as one whom his mother comforts” (Is. 66:13). We are “satisfied from her consoling breast” with the pure milk of the Word, and we “drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance” (Is. 66:11). The messengers of Christ bestow such gifts upon His Church. For He sends them out “as lambs in the midst of wolves” (Luke 10:3), bearing in their bodies the sacrifice of His cross, by which “the kingdom of God has come near” (Luke 10:9, 11). Wherever He enters in with this Gospel, Satan is cast out and falls “like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18). Thus, we do not “boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal. 6:14). Rejoicing in this Gospel, we “bear one another’s burdens” in love, according to “the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2).

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (10 July 2022)

Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

JESUS IS OUR GOOD SAMARITAN

The Law commands that “you shall love the Lord your God” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34-35). By such mercy, He proves “to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “you go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). By “your faith in Christ Jesus” and “because of the hope laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:4-5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (17 July 2022)

Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)

Colossians 1:21-29

Luke 10:38-42

THE WORD OF CHRIST IS THE ONE THING NEEDED

“The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40-41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25-26).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (24 July 2022)

Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH IS THE VOICE OF FAITH

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “surely become a great and mighty nation” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “fast to the Head” (Col. 2:19), “rooted and built up in him and established in the faith” (Col. 2:6-7).

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DARYL SMITH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (31 July 2022)

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Colossians 3:1–11

Luke 12:13–21

FAITH IN CHRIST IS RICH TOWARD GOD

To live for earthly things “is vanity and a striving after wind,” and work that is driven by such vanity “is an unhappy business” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “covetousness, which is idolatry” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). But “Christ who is your life” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “rich toward God” in Him (Luke 12:21).

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (7 August 2022)

Genesis 15:1–6

Hebrews 11:1–16

Luke 12:22–34 (35–40)

THE LORD IS SURELY COMING TO GIVE YOU HIS KINGDOM

The Lord Himself was Abraham’s shield and great reward. For “the word of the LORD came to him” and sustained the patriarch’s faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham “believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted “descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire “to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). Therefore, “do not be anxious about your life,” but instead “seek his kingdom” (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming” (Luke 12:35, 40).

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (14 August 2022)

Jeremiah 23:16–29

Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40); 12:1–3

Luke 12:49–53 (54–56)

CHRIST’S SUFFERING AND DEATH BRING DIVISION

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is “like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces” (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes

such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able “to interpret the appearance of earth and sky” (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on “Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1–2).

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (21 August 2022)

Isaiah 66:18–23

Hebrews 12:4–24 (25–29)

Luke 13:22–30

THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS THE WAY INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22).

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (28 August 2022)

Proverbs 25:2–10

Hebrews 13:1–17

Luke 14:1–14

WE ARE HUMBLLED AND EXALTED BY THE CROSS OF CHRIST

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,” Jesus proclaims, but “he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “at the resurrection of the just,” He will say to you, “Friend, move up higher” (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “in the presence of a noble,” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “do not neglect to do good and to share what you have” (Heb. 13:16), and “do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor

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July 2022

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May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
			Justin, Martyr	9:30am Bible Class	OM Vacation 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	
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Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans The Day of Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	OM Vacation		9:30am Bible Class	8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 12:00pm Church United Pastors Meeting (River of Life Church - Oroville) 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	St. Barnabas, Apostle
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The Ecumenical Council of Niceaea, AD 325 The Holy Trinity - First Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Elisha			Pastor's Vacation 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	
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			Pastor's Vacation 8:30am Life Line Screening			
Second Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off				The Nativity of St. John the Baptist 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
Jeremiah Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Pastor's Vacation Cyril of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Irenaeus of Lyons, Pastor	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles			

August 2022

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September 2022

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Jul 31	Aug 1 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	2	3 Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrhbearers	4	5 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	6
7 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	8 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9	10 Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	11	12 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	13
14 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	16	17 Johann Gerhard, Theologian	18 Pastor's Vacation	19	20 Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter and Theologian 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX
21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	22 Pastor's Vacation 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	23	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle	25	26 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	27 Monica, Mother of Augustine
28 Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	29 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	30	31	Sep 1	2	3

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Jun 26 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	27 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	28	29	30 Jul 1 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	2	
3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	4 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	5	6 Isaiah	7	8 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	9
10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	11 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	12	13	14 Pastor's Vacation	15	16 Ruth
17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	18 Pastor's Vacation 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	19	20 Elijah Newsletter Deadline	21 Ezekiel	22 St. Mary Magdalene 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	23
24 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	26 Pastor's Continuing Education Class (Grass Valley)	27	28 Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor	29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	30 Robert Barnes, Confessor and Martyr
31 Eighth Sunday after Joseph of Arimathea 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6

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