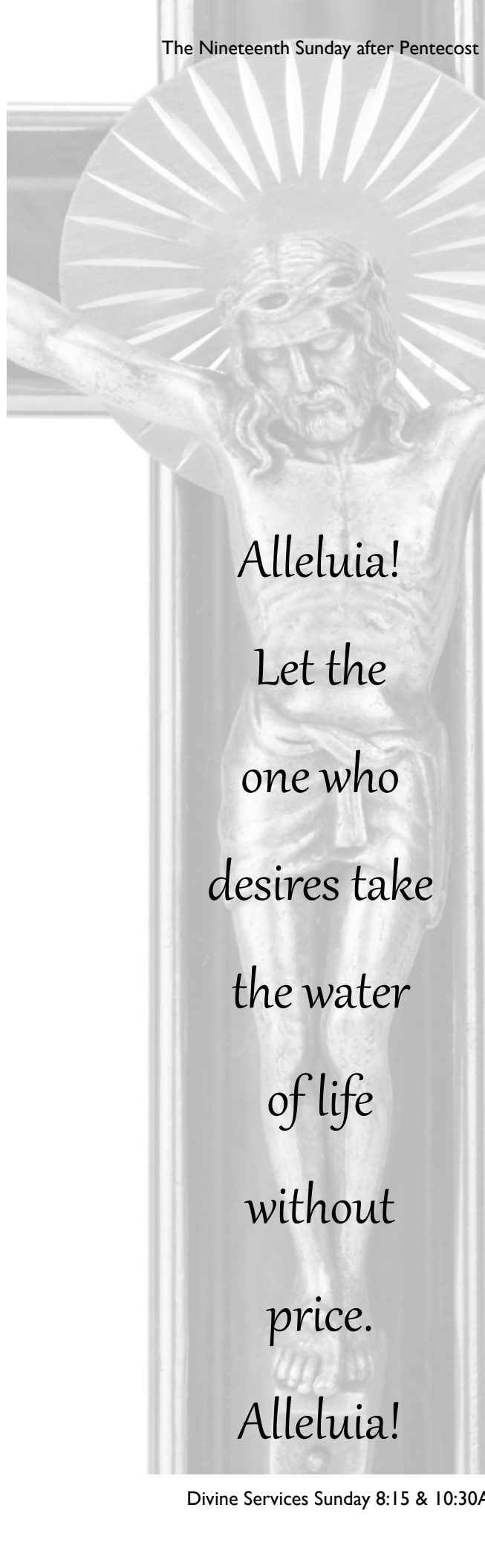


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together



Alleluia!
Let the
one who
desires take
the water
of life
without
price.
Alleluia!

Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 28, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to one of the nicest fall events in the area. This year we will have Trunk or Treat, Crafts, Games, Cake Walk, Hay Rides and more!

People are needed to help plan and participate in this great outreach event. See the Volunteer Desk to sign up.

Annual Voters' Assembly

October 29, 2017 following the Single 10:00 am Service

Each year we have the privilege of meeting to conduct church business and vote in new ministry officers. This year the following positions will be filled; Head Elder, Education Leader, Fellowship Leader, Council President, and Council Secretary. We also will ratify our operating budget. **The 2018 proposed budget is available for review on the Volunteer Desk.**

500th Year Reformation Celebration

German Dinner

Sunday, October 29, following the 10:00 am Service

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious German Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am. Following the dinner we will have the Voters' Assembly. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner. Please see the Volunteer Desk to sign up.

Pastor Appreciation Today

Sunday, October 15.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall between services for a cake reception to show our appreciation to Pastor Mike for a job well done in shepherding us through our pastoral vacancy and being such a tremendous disciple.

INTROIT*(or Psalm Prayer)***I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my soul shall exalt in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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.****COLLECT***(or Gathering Prayer)***Almighty God, You invited us to trust You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgement but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Joyful We Adore You" (GH) #1
- ✠ Opening Song "Sing, Sing, Sing"
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ✠ Response Song "Come Now is the Time"

✠ Around His Word...

- First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
- The Gradual
- Epistle Philippians 4:4-13
- ✠ Scripture Song "My God Reigns"
- The Gospel Matthew 22:1-14
- ✠ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "I Lay My Sins On Jesus" #366
- ✠ Sermon Song "Lord, I Need You"
- The Message Repondez S'il Vous Plait

And Blesses Us!

- The Prayers
- The Offering
- ✠ The Offering Song "I Love to Be In Your Presence"

- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "At the Lamb's Feast" #126
"Savior Again We Raise" #221

- The Closing Prayer
- ✠ Closing Song "Friend of God"
- The Blessing

✠ Indicates Praise Service Element

◇ Indicates Both Services Element

• Indicates First Service Element

About Holy Communion

"Though we must be reverent and must be appreciative of what Communion symbolizes, Communion also speaks of intimacy and fellowship. And so we look back. We look back to the cross. We remember what Christ accomplished for us. And we are reminded of His love for us. We are to look ahead. The Scriptures say to do this "until he comes again" (1 Corinthians 11:26). The first time Jesus came to this earth, He came as the Suffering Servant. The next time, He will come as the Conquering King. Communion is an observance to remind us that Jesus will come again. Communion is a time to look within. We are to look within and ask the Holy Spirit to show us any areas of our lives that may not be pleasing to God. Once we acknowledge these areas, we are to repent of these sins. To fail to do so and then to take part in Communion is to eat and drink damnation to yourself, as the King James Version renders it. Or, it is to eat and drink, "not honoring the body of Christ" (verse 29). So come to the Communion table in joy. Come in reverence. Come in honesty. If there is something that isn't right, this is the time to deal with it. Communion is an ideal time to make a commitment or recommitment to Jesus Christ.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Mike Ruhl

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Steve Bauer & Clif Weber

Altar: Julie Bauer

Ushers: Tom Fenstemacher, Norm Fry, Art Pendley, Bob Gilstorff, Phil Bauer, Tim Wegman **Brent McMordie**, Jim Previch, Mark Luma, Brenda Luma, Doug Morningstar

Praise Team: Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Mike Blackmar

Multi Media: Rick Baker, James Fernamberg

Greeters: Wendy Chetkovich & Doug Morningstar

Lay Readers: Dan Kazup & Tim Wegman

Fellowship: Team Matthew

Children's Message: Ken Pollack

Christ Connections: Andi Langenderfer & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Pencils in the Pews

The Connin's granddaughters made sure each pew has sharpened pencils, so that everyone can take notes on pastor's sermons. It is little things like this that make our worship time together so valuable. Thank you girls!

New Sign

Thanks to one of our talented woodworkers we now have the worship times posted on the sign along US 223. It took someone from the outside looking in, to bring this important but basic oversight to our attention. Attendance was up last week, could the new sign have something to do with it? Stay tuned.

New Baby Girl

Our window/roof contractor, Josh and his wife, Halley were blessed with a new baby girl on Monday. This is their third child; they have two boys and now, a baby girl, Evelyn Lucille. Mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations, God is so good!

The Call

We received word that the call list of potential pastors has been sent to our district representative. Very soon the call committee will be able to compile a list of pastors to call for interviews. All in God's time.

Walt Hunsinger Memorial

Sunday, October 15, 2017—1:00 pm.
Brecon Village Auditorium
200 Brecon Drive Saline, Michigan 48176

CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 15	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:40 am	Christ Connections & Confirmation Classes	
	9:45 am	Board of Christian Care Meeting	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. Oct. 16	6:00 pm	Steve & Julie Bauer's Small Group	Horton
	7:00 pm	HR & Finance Meeting	
Tue. Oct. 17	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Group	Parent's Lounge
	10:30 am	Meals on Wheels	Harold & Helen Hunt
	6:15 pm	Crosstalk	
	7:00 pm	Council	Library
Wed. Oct. 18	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	6:00 pm	Life with God Class	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. Oct. 19	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Fri. Oct. 20		Office Closed	

Birthdays

10/15	Debbie Bruton, Laura Houghton
10/19	Donna Haas
10/21	Keith Schlack, Kristen Williams

Baptism Birthdays

10/14	Mary & Dalton Brown, Morgan Wheaton
10/19	Alaina & Tyler Gravitt, Layla & Whitney Henson
10/21	Hannah Covell

Anniversaries

10/18	Daniel & Susan Douglas
10/20	Norm & Eileen Fry 50

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome! We know that visiting a new church for the first few times can be awkward. We hope you will discover there are many wonderful people here and there are opportunities for you to find good friends and feel like you are a part of something bigger. We offer Christ Centered worship and Christ Connections Sunday School, along with a fellowship hour every Sunday at 9:40 am. Feel free to leave your contact information in the red booklets in the pew so we can better serve you in your walk with Christ.

Helpful information

Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway and fellowship hall. Changing tables are in both women's restrooms.

There are quiet rooms at the back of the Sanctuary. You can still see and hear the service and your child can play with the toys in the little bags just outside the quiet room door.

TIME & TREASURE

Last Week @ LCOL

Worship	10/8	172
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	5,319.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	535.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance 9/30/17	\$	107,318.62