



+Christian Symbol+

HARP

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 ("And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps").

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LORD, SOMETIMES
I FEEL LIKE YOU AND I
ARE WRESTLING.
REMINDE ME THAT MY
QUESTIONS ARE OKAY,
AND BLESS ME
AS YOU DID JACOB
(GENESIS 32:22-31).

AMEN

LITTLE GUIDEPOSTS ON THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE

The following items serve as "little guideposts on the footpath to peace," according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):

- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor's except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.



SUMMER PROGRAM August 16 and 17 | 6:00 - 8:30pm

Wednesday, August 16

Introduction to the Creation story. Barbecue and outdoor games. Cornhole, water balloons and super-sized Jenga.

Thursday, August 17

Catered dinner and more of the Creation story. We will be hosting animals from the Tenafly Nature Center. Come, hear and see their Remarkable Raptor presentation.

Come enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family. All seven days of Creation wrapped up into two nights! Dinner will be provided both evenings...the congregation is asked to bring desserts.



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NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN



Over the course of the next couple months, you may notice slight changes in the words we speak in worship. Words are important, and many people are always involved in choosing and updating the words we use in worship for a variety of reasons. One update I wanted to highlight in my newsletter article this month is the Apostle's Creed.

The version of the Apostle's Creed we have been using in worship was crafted by the ICET (International Consultation on English Texts) in 1975 and is printed in our old hymnal, Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), which was published in 1978. This version differs from the Apostle's Creed from our previous hymnal, The Service Book and Hymnal (SBH) published in 1958 – and some of you may remember changing from that version of the Apostle's Creed and other worship texts when changing to the LBW back in the 70's.

In 1983, the ELLC (English Language Liturgical Consultation) was convened to update the Apostle's Creed and many other worship texts for the sake of accuracy, improved translation from the original texts, and to cause less confusion. The updated versions of these texts were published in 1988 and are included in our current hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) published in 2006. We will start to use this updated version in worship during the month of August:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Most of the updates are grammatical for clarity, to make it easier to say aloud, to stay truer to the original Latin, and are all contained in the second petition of the creed (about Jesus). This version may be new to some of us, but is the version used in many churches today and across different Christian denominations.

The words that we speak are important, and we are constantly looking to use words that are inviting, welcoming, and accurate. As we work to get some of our language up to date and shift language to welcome those outside our walls, it may be a little uncomfortable. When I preached about hospitality in the beginning of July, I read this quote from Bishop Jim Hazelwood of the New England Synod, "We are called to do uncomfortable things and we are called to be an uncomfortable people. Being uncomfortable is often as opportunity for growth; it's often an opportunity for living into the fullness of our calling to be disciples of Jesus." I find it fitting for today too as we consider the words we use in worship, and throughout our lives as the people of God.

God's blessings, Pastor Jonathan



Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Kevin Behnke, Donald Bickert, Dolores Brickman, Maggie Brower, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Carol Livingstone, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Mark Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

Those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

BIRTHDAYS

Paityn Pinto	August 2
Ean Ralston	August 7
Raja Bandila	August 11
Margarete Denicola	August 15
Sara Behnke	August 16
Gina Lally	August 28

GOD IS WATCHING



In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, "Take only one. God is watching you!" At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: "Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges."

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!



AUGUST

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild | Counter Schedule

AUG 6	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Lore Braun
AUG 13	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Marge Tomaselli
AUG 20	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
AUG 27	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pat Berinato
Usher	Lori Mercer
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
Counter	Marge Tomaselli

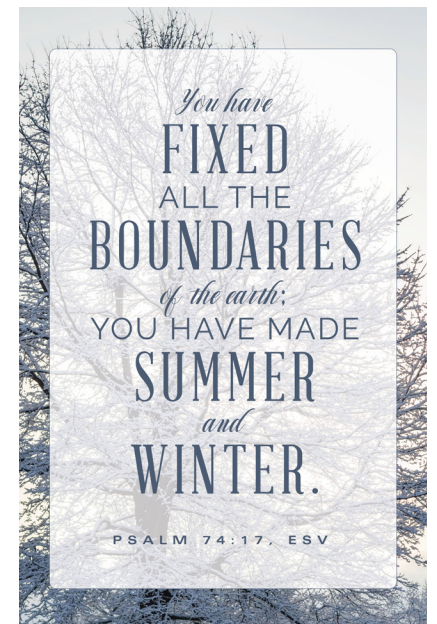
BIBLE QUIZ

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: B (See See Revelation 2-3.)



AUGUST 2023

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1	2	3	4 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
6 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:30am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	12
13 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	14	15	16 Summer Family Program (FH) 6:00 - 8:30pm	17 Summer Family Program (FH) 6:00 - 8:30pm	18 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	19 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
20 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Thrivent Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26
27 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	28	29	30	31		

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