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2025

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 7 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost



Dear God the Father, thank You for blessing me with another day to be Your worker. It is my greatest honor to be Your follower, and I dedicate all the work I do to You. Please continue watching over me as I go about my day. Grant me the patience and resilience I need to overcome any challenges. I pray for a good day with this blessing prayer, I humbly ask for You to bless my work, so that I am able to create wondrous things with You in mind. May I remember to always look to You when I encounter difficulties that may stump me, for when I lean on You, I know I can conquer anything. This I ask through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Newsletter Article – September 2025

Work and Keep

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15).

Genesis chapters one and two are familiar to us. We know them best as the Creation Account. Chapter one is where we hear the familiar, “let there be...and there was” directives. Chapter two gives us the account of Adam (the man) being formed from the “Adamah” (the dust) and becoming a living being when he receives the breath of life in his nostrils. Because of this, it would be quite easy to simply lump these two chapters into the category of creation accounts.

But do not be too hasty in this! While these two chapters do faithfully relate to us the account of creation, they also give us **the creation of the “office” of steward. The man, created in the image of God in Genesis 1** and formed from the dust in Genesis 2, is created for a distinct purpose. He is created to be a steward of the perfect and beautiful creation that the Lord has made! In fact, this is THE reason that man was made. He — and we — were created in the image of God to be stewards of God’s creation.

This purpose is spelled out in verse 15 of Genesis 2. The steward has one job, with two purposes. It is fitting that in the month that our nation marks Labor Day, we consider the task of steward. The first purpose of the job of steward is to work. The steward is the caretaker of the Garden. Being a steward is work! Before the fall into sin, this was not an onerous task. But it was an active thing.

Imagine being a farmer in the Garden of Eden! Work would be only harvest. No plowing. No planting. No cultivating. No weeding. The perfect garden that the Lord had made would simply produce automatically to provide for man, woman, and all living beings!

But there is a second task in verse 15. **The word “keep” is not just a synonym for work. This second task is related to defending.** This garden, holy by virtue of its being called into existence by a holy God, needed to be defended. Here is where the vocation of steward becomes priestly. The steward was to defend the perfect and holy garden from that which was unholy. Later in the Old Testament, this was the task of the priests in the tabernacle and temple. They were to defend with their lives the Holy of Holies. This too is the labor of stewardship. It is a labor that calls the steward to be willing to put the garden before life!

Stewardship was always work. It only got burdensome after the original steward, Adam, failed to defend the garden from the alien word of the serpent. But this was not a failure of harvest. It was a failure to defend the garden! As a result, all work that followed that failure became burdensome.

The steward failed but was never fired. That is why we have such an issue with stewardship to this day. We continue to live out a pre-fall vocation in a fallen world as failed stewards. That is why we in the church need to be reminded of our vocational call to be stewards. We so easily forget that this world is not ours to do with as we please. Nothing is ours. We are but stewards entrusted with managing the creation for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor.

It is a daunting task. But it is the one to which we have been called. We cannot do it on our own. Apart from the grace of God shared with us through Jesus, we would be burdened to the point of temporal and eternal death. But the Holy Spirit calls us by the **Gospel! This Gospel connects us to the fertile garden of Christ’s Work on our behalf. Now we are stewards** of that grace! The Holy Spirit works this in and through us today and every day.

This is the work of the church. It is also the work of the individual steward. The Lord has placed us in the “garden” with the same twofold purpose: work and keep! Enjoy your labor. For in the Lord, our labor is never in vain!

From Pastor Matthew's Desk. . .

IT'S TIME TO TURN A NEW PAGE

The fall season is about turning the page as school starts up and people return from summer travels. For some people, turning the page means adjusting to life after a loved one has passed.

For others, it means facing a move from a beloved home of many years to a smaller, more manageable place that is part of the aging process. For others, it's navigating what it means to be an empty nester now that the children have grown and moved away from home. At such times, we may ask ourselves: "What do I do now? This is all unfamiliar territory to me."

In times of great upheaval and transition in life, the temptation is to follow Peter's example on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13 ESV - The Transfiguration - And after six - Bible Gateway; Mark 9:1-13 ESV - And he said to them, "Truly, I say to - Bible Gateway; Luke 9:28-36 ESV - The Transfiguration - Now about eight - Bible Gateway). Peter saw Jesus in his transfigured glory there on the mountain top. He heard the Father's voice declaring Jesus to be his own beloved Son. He saw Moses and Elijah there with Jesus. And because all of this was so amazing and wonderful, Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, it is good to be here. Let us make three booths: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter wanted to hold onto that moment and not let it go. He wasn't willing to turn the page to see what was next, and sometimes neither are we. Truth be told, there's more than a little Peter in all of us. A hymn for Transfiguration Sunday in our hymnal reminds us:

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain (Lutheran Service Book #414, stanza 5).*

If that page hadn't been turned there at the Mount of Transfiguration, then Jesus would never have come down to face what was next: his steady movement toward Jerusalem and his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Scripture doesn't record whether Jesus was tempted to take Peter's advice and just hang out on the mountain top, avoiding all the pain and ugliness of what was to come. But Jesus did turn the page! He did go down the mountain and on to what was next in his earthly life and ministry – all to fulfill the Father's will and purpose for him. He came down one mountain only to climb another: down the Mount of Transfiguration and up Mount Calvary, where he would give his life on the tree of the cross for us and for our salvation.

Knowing and trusting that Jesus did all this for us means that he will be there with us every step of the way ahead. As we turn the page from one chapter to another in life, Jesus promises that he will be with us always, even to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20 ESV - teaching them to observe all that I - Bible Gateway). Even when we are feeling anxious and uncertain about that new chapter in life, we don't walk alone. The Lord Jesus himself, together with fellow believers, are our traveling companions along the road of life.

Fall is a great time to start a new chapter in our faith life. New Bible studies are starting up and there is no time like the present to come together and be blessed through Bible studies. We'll begin watching and discussing "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 5. Consider this your personal invitation to turn that page and begin a new chapter in life!



National Night Out at 30th & McKinley





THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

*Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(unless otherwise noted)*

September 7 "Dying, We Live" (Numbers 14:19-20)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert.

September 14 "It's All on God; It's All on Us"

(Deuteronomy 1:31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience.

September 21 "Someone Worth Having"

(Numbers 6:27)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus--"God saves."

September 28 "On the Way, Already Home"

(Numbers 9:18)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love.

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Each episode is a 30-minute study of God's Word with Pastor Mike Novotny. Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007. He also serves as the lead speaker for the Time of Grace television program and contributes to the written resources of Time of Grace Ministry. Time of Grace tv program airs globally via various outlets, but you can also search topics and watch the program at timeofgrace.org/tv-program. View locally:

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Main Street Living | Sunday 9 a.m.

The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally.

For more information: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com.

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast, **Worship for Shut-Ins**. Each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Weekly programs are broadcast on Total Christian Television (TCT) network -- **DIRECTV channel 377 at 10:30 am on Sundays OR** watch online in the "**Online Viewing**" portion of the website **www.worshipforshutins.org**!



Are you interested in reading the scriptures during Sunday services?

It's easy! No training needed!

Call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR talk with Pastor Matthew.



*Thank you to everyone who makes
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church a great
place to worship!*



BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Gloria Dei is excited to announce Wednesday mid-day bible study will return September 17 at 11 am and will feature *The Chosen, Part 5*. Come along on the journey of *The Chosen, Part 5*. Season 5 is **the most intense yet!** "There are a million people all in one city, the enemies, the followers, the friends, the believers, the antagonists. They're all together, **and they're all plotting either for or against Jesus.**"

The eight-episode "The Chosen: Last Supper" resumes where the previous one left off, capturing a crowd celebrating the arrival in Jerusalem of Jesus (Jonathan Roumie) at the start of the week (known as Palm Sunday) and ending before Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Chosen is an American Christian historical drama series. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the first century, the series centers on Jesus and the people who met and followed him.

You are welcome to attend, even if you have not seen Part 1 – 4. Part 5 will surely captivate you! Pastor Matthew Cephus will lead the bible studies and following discussion. Look forward to seeing you there!



You're Invited

Please join us in celebrating the 65th Wedding Anniversary of our beloved Karmon and Meridel Christopherson—a rare and beautiful milestone! To honor this special occasion, we will gather for an afternoon of joy, gratitude, and memories.

The festivities will begin with a special music program at 4 pm featuring cherished hymns and favorite songs that have marked their journey together. Following the program, dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall (at approximately 5 pm) and all are invited.

Let us come together on Saturday, September 6 as a community to reflect on a legacy of steadfast love and to wish many more years of happiness.

Please RSVP to Lisa at 320-288-6743 before September 1 if you plan to attend.

Fill Our Grocery Cart!

Our “grocery cart” is always located in the lobby awaiting your donations. Hygiene items are also welcomed! NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ONLY, please.

Did you know our local Salvation Army also provides the following programs & services? When hard times hit, people can make the Salvation Army their first call. No matter what the need – physical, emotional or spiritual — they are there to help. Call 612-789-2858 to learn more or request help.

From meeting the most basic needs to outlining the path to long-term solutions, they can help overcome the obstacles faced today and provide hope for tomorrow. Local programs and services include:

- Food shelf including Hmong and Laotian foods
- Rent and Utility assistance
- Transportation assistance for medical appointments and new jobs
- Referrals for furniture assistance
- Emergency financial assistance (as funding is available)
- Referrals for budget counseling
- Teen center
- Men, women, children and teen ministries
- Food support applications
- After-school program
- Job postings and resume assistance
- Hygiene supplies, formula, diapers
- Long distance transportation to funerals
- Summer day camp for youth (June – August)
- Seasonal services
- Community Center



Fall Garage Sale Dates Set! September 26 - 28

Gloria Dei is planning a fall garage sale. As with past sales, all proceeds will benefit Gloria Dei directly. Sale organizers can use your help! Mary Piper will be collecting gently used, sellable items for the garage **sale**. **Please bring your items to Mary's house no** later than Sunday, September 28 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). Volunteers are also needed to help with sale setup and work the sale. Speak with Mary or Shirley if you have an interest. *Many hands make light work.* 😊



What's Happening?

FREE Community Dinner at St. Timothy's

Join St. Timothy's and the local community on Tuesday, September 9, from 5 pm to 6 pm (or until the food is gone) for their drive thru community dinner. All are welcome so spread the word! St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is located at 825 51st Avenue NE, Columbia Heights.

Free Community Meal, September 11 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov 13 and Dec. 11.

St. Maron Lebanese Festival - September 13 - 14

St. Maron Catholic Church will hold its annual Lebanese Festival Saturday, September 13, 12–7 pm, and Sunday, September 14, 11 am–6 pm. 602 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer & wine and live music. Fun for all ages. www.festival.stmaron.com, 612-379-2758.

REUNION: Edison Class of 1950

75th Anniversary Luncheon at Sarna's Restaurant Classic Grill, 3939 University Avenue NE. 11:30 am, Thursday, Sept 11. Contact Russ or Jan at 651-245-5098 or 651-433-3533.

Art on the Edge 2025

Art on the Edge 2025, Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 am–6 pm, Father Hennepin Bluffs Park, Main Street, between SE 6th Ave and SE 3rd Ave. Free and open to the public. The festival will feature 40+ artists and makers, live music, food trucks, wellness activities and special community showcases.

Hennepin County Neighborhood Fix-It Hub

Learn to fix your broken stuff for free at St. Anthony Library, 2941 Pentagon Drive. Second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, 4-7 pm, last items accepted at 6:30 pm. Work with a friendly, skilled volunteer to try to fix your broken household stuff, gain confidence and learn new repair skills. This event is family friendly. No registration required. Upcoming 2025 dates: Sept 9 and 23, Oct 14 and 28, Nov 25, Dec 9 and 23. Volunteers are needed to assist with repair and sewing – come help your neighbors. Contact Nancy Lo at nancy.lo@hennepin.us or 612-348-9195. <https://www.hennepin.us/fixitclinic>

Northeast Rock the Block - September 27 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE, invites all community members to attend their family-friendly block party and fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 27, 2-5 pm. Attendees will enjoy live music, free unlimited beer tasting to those 21 and above, yard games, free ice cream treats while available and local food trucks offering food for purchase. The event will be moved into the building for inclement weather. Purchase tickets at East Side Neighborhood Services for \$50 through 9/15/25 and \$60 after; tickets day of will be \$65. Kids under 10 are free. If unable to attend, please think about donating. All proceeds benefit the programs at East Side Neighborhood Services.

Audubon Farmers Market

Every Thursday, rain or shine, from 4 – 7 PM in the lot at 2800 Johnson Street.
Season runs through September 25.

Catholic Eldercare – Age Well Resource Fair

September 4 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

River Village East, 2919 Randolph Street

20+ Senior Vendors; Music and Free Food; Food Shelf Drive; Blood Pressure Screenings; Hand Massages; Tour the New Facilities

Bring a food shelf donation for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

Call Robin at 612-277-2909 for more information

Faith EV Lutheran Church, 3430 E 51st Street, Minneapolis, will be hosting a Special Service to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the church. The service will be on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 2 pm, followed by a meal. Rev. Daen Nasdasy will be giving the message of the day. Please notify the church office at 612-729-5463 by September 14 if you plan to attend the meal. They are very excited to celebrate this milestone event!

SACA's free produce distributions

Southern Anoka Community Assistance will distribute free produce in partnership with Second Harvest Heartland on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, July – September, 8:30-11:30 am (or while supplies last). Distribution takes place in the SACA parking lot at 627 38th Ave NE. SACA Food Shelf distributes up to 10,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables at each event. These events are completely free and open to the public. No need to sign up. Distribution will take place Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27. Attendees remain in their cars and drive up to SACA's parking lot to pick up their boxes of produce.

Vital Fitness

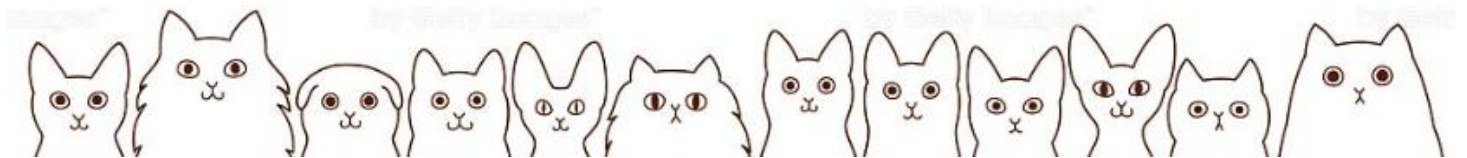
Thursdays Weekly | 10:30-11:30 AM | In-person

All abilities are encouraged to come. Movements can be done seated or standing.

A wide variety of balance, strength, and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. Masks and physical distancing will be encouraged, but not required. No cost.

Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required.

Questions? Contact 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org.





Deliver newspapers to puppies and kittens, Oh My!

The Northeaster has extra newspapers to deliver to the Animal Human Society in Golden Valley to be used for animal bedding. The Northeaster is looking for a volunteer to take them, once every three months, from their office to AHS. Send an email to Contact@Northeaster.com if you are interested.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Church Office Closed 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	2	3 7:30 pm SLAA Group Mtg	4	5 Pastor's Day Off 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	6 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 pm Christopherson 65 th Anniversary Celebration w/Reception at 5 pm 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
7 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	8 Church Office Closed 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	9	10 7:30 pm SLAA Group Mtg	11	12 Pastor's Day Off 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	13 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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21 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 10 am Worship Service w/HC <i>and</i> Baptism of Rosemary Alice Carlson 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	22 Church Office Closed 7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)	23	24 11 am Bible Study <i>The Chosen, Part 5</i> 7:30 pm SLAA Group Mtg	25	26 Pastor's Day Off 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	27 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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Special Occasions for Special People!

			
17 th Aaron Morelli 19 th Layne Betterman 23 rd Patty Lyrenmann		10 th Karmon & Meridel Christopherson 21 st Kevin & Kim Morelli	
SEPTEMBER SERVANTS			
Elder: Karmon Christopherson			
<i>Altar Care and Usher sign-up is located on the lobby bulletin board</i>			
Counters			
	7 th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer 14 th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli 21 st Tom and Patty Lyrenmann 28 th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather		
Candles		Flowers	
7 th 14 th 21 st Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom, Arlene’s Birthday (9/25) 28 th Sandy Westling – Birthdays: Tricia, Grace and Jacob		7 th 14 th 21 st Sandy Westling – Rosemary’s Baptism 28 th	
If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes. Thanks!			

“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.”

— Will Rogers





SEPTEMBER

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:

- 1.** *Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.*
- 2.** *Thank God for His creation.*
- 3.** *Thank God for daily bread.* Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
- 4.** *Thank God for family.* Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- 5.** *Thank God for shelter.* Pray for those who are without homes this day.
- 6.** *Thank God for reason.* Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

- 7.** *Thank God for Jesus.* He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- 8.** *Rejoice that Jesus is true man,* that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
- 9.** *Rejoice that Jesus is true God,* that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- 10.** *Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.*
- 11.** *Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.*

12. *Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit.* Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. *Thank God for the Holy Spirit.* Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. *Thank God for the Church.* Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. *Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity.* Rejoice that God is love.



OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16-30

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

16. *That God would lead all sinners to repentance.*

17. *Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.*

18. *Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.*

19. *Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.*

20. *Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.*

21. *Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.*

22. *Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.*

23. *Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.*

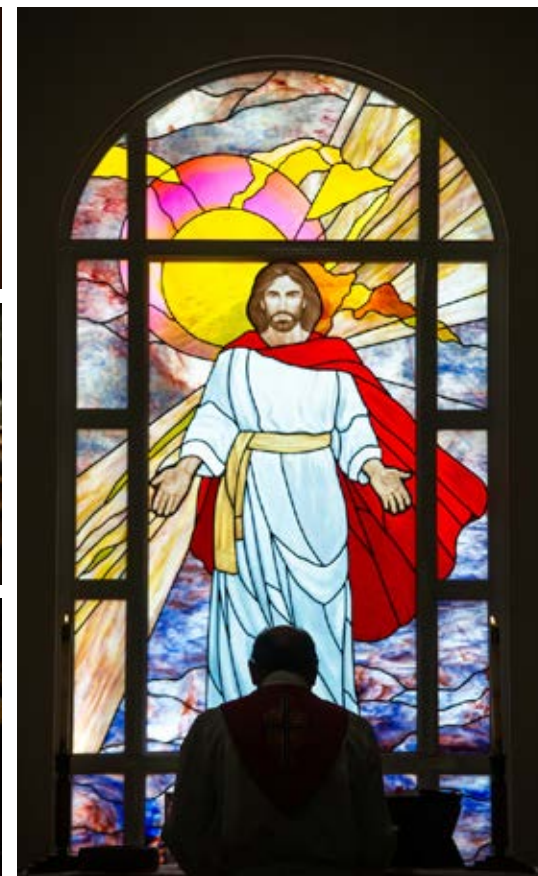
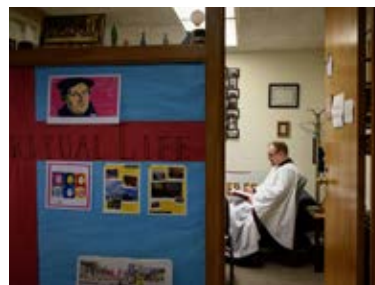
24. *Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.*

25. *Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.*

26. *Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.*

27. *Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.*

28. *Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.*



29. *Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.*

30. *Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.*

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