

WELLSPRING  
PREGNANCY + HEALTH CENTER

# Defend Life *Barbecue*

Sunday, October 7th

11am - 2pm

Adams County Fairgrounds • Community Building

**BBQ & FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Free will donation

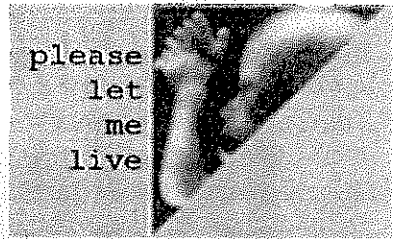
**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Enjoy a great meal and fun activities for the whole family - all while we celebrate and defend life. Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center is committed to protecting life & empowering people with the transforming love of Christ.

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## National Life Chain Sunday, October 7, 2018 -- 2-3 p.m.

**LIFE CHAIN** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that



abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

*"Apathy is the glove through which evil slips its hand."* (Bodie Thoene)

We, His children, each know in our heart that abortion is an evil against God and is the ultimate affliction against His noble creation. We know God commanded us to respond when justice is abandoned, and the LIFE CHAIN invites all of God's children to unite for one hour on a Sunday afternoon to stand in solidarity against the gravest evil in our nation's history.

- Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nations.
- You will be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!
- Bring your whole family!
- Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome and encouraged!
- Rain or shine!

**You may choose any block between 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Streets along the east side of N. Burlington Ave. to stand (or sit!). Look for the Block Captain to sign-in and pick up a sign to hold. Signs read "Pray to End Abortion" and "Adoption is the Loving Choice."**

If you have questions, please talk with Joan Primrose 402-469-6335.

# Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

23 September 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124*)



*Righteous are you, | O LORD, \**

*and right are your | just decrees.*

Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love, \*

and teach me your | statutes.

*Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless, \**

*who walk in the law | of the LORD!*

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies, \*

who seek him with their | whole heart.

*Oh that my ways may be | steadfast \**

*in keeping your | statutes!*

Then I shall not be | put to shame, \*

having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning, \**

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

*Righteous are you, | O LORD, \**

*and right are your | just decrees.*

Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love, \*

and teach me your | statutes.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 33:12, 6*)

*Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD, \**

*the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!*

*By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made, \**

*and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.*

## Old Testament:

### Proverbs 25:6-14

<sup>1</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>2</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>3</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>4</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>5</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. <sup>6</sup>A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. <sup>7</sup>Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprove to a listening ear. <sup>8</sup>Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. <sup>9</sup>Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

### Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-11

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

- The One who invites (the Father) alone has the authority to exalt and to humble, to lift up and to bring low.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

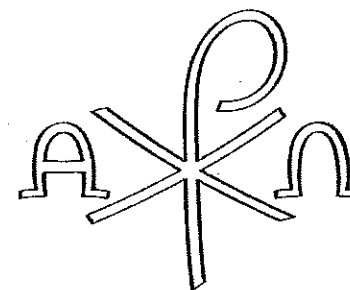
- Note here the address given to those invited to the feast: "Friend". Thus at the Last Supper Jesus said to His disciples, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:13-15)
- Be honored — this is a passive verb, for honor is bestowed upon the Christian by God.

<sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- As with the previous verse, there is an important distinction here between active and passive verbs. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled by God, and he who humbles himself will be exalted by God.
- This sort of reversal is found throughout the New Testament (Matthew 23:12; Luke 1:52; 2 Corinthians 11:7; 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10). The Gospel lesson for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, Luke 18:9-14, also contains this statement. There we learn that to humble yourself is to repent of your sins, and to be exalted is to be justified by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.



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## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

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### Collect of the Day:

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Introit:

Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6 (antiphon: Psalm 119:137, 124)

— Deal with Your servant according to Your steadfast love, and teach me Your statutes.

### Psalm:

Psalm 2 (antiphon: v. 11) — The LORD said to Me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten You."

### Old Testament Reading:

Proverbs 25:6-14 — It is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble."

### Gradual:

Psalm 33:12, 6 — Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

### Epistle:

Ephesians 4:1-6 — There is one body and one Spirit

### Verse:

Psalm 116:1 — Alleluia. I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Alleluia.

## LUKE 14:1-11 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused Luke the physician to write the words of this Gospel around AD 55-60. In the previous chapter, Jesus spoke parables and healed, including a healing on the Sabbath (13:10-17). He also spoke His lament over Jerusalem, which rejected the prophets and now Christ Himself (13:31-35). Immediately after this reading Jesus told another parable about a banquet, in which many reject the invitation to come and eat (14:12-24).

<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

- The Pharisees were known for their careful devotion to the Law, so a ruler of the Pharisees would have been one of the best of the best, sparing no attention to detail. One Law that was of great importance was the Law of the Sabbath. Because one was not permitted to do any work on that day, the Sabbath meals were often served cold, having been prepared the night before.
- The Pharisees were watching Jesus carefully, implying that the reason they invited Him to the meal was to judge Him. The word translated “watching carefully” is always used in a negative sense in the New Testament (Mark 3:2; Luke 6:7, 20:20; Acts 9:24; Galatians 4:10).

<sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.

- Dropsy, also called edema, is a swelling of the limbs due to excess water. One who suffered from dropsy was considered at that time to be especially unclean, both due to the disfigurement it caused and due to the assumption that dropsy was a result of immoral behavior.
- It is uncertain how this man came before Jesus. Certainly he would not have been permitted to enter the house of the ruler of the Pharisees. Perhaps this took place as Jesus was going to the ruler’s house, or perhaps Jesus saw him standing outside looking in.

<sup>3</sup> And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”

- Jesus knew that the Pharisees were watching Him carefully, ready for Him to stumble in some way. Therefore He cuts right to the heart of the matter, responding to the question that is on their heart. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus is asked the same question by those in the synagogue. There He answers, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” (Matthew 12:10-11)
- However, this matter had already been addressed in the previous chapter, in which a ruler of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had healed a woman who suffered from a disabling spirit on the Sabbath. The ruler said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come

on those days and be healed, and not the Sabbath day.” Jesus rebuked him, saying, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” (Luke 13:10-16).

<sup>4</sup> But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away.

- Whether the Pharisees were aware of this previous healing is uncertain, although it seems that they know the right answer to Jesus’ question. In shame, they refuse to answer.
- The man is quickly healed and sent away, indicating that the focus of this reading is not the miracle itself, but rather the response to it. Note that Jesus “took him”, which would have been all the more offensive to the Pharisees.

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”

- Jesus is not equating the life of a child with the life of an animal. Rather he is moving from what is greater to what is lesser in order to demonstrate that, even when it comes to the life of an animal, compassion overrules human tradition. Or, as Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew, “I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.” (Matthew 9:13, 12:7)

<sup>6</sup> And they could not reply to these things.

- Like before, the Pharisees could not reply to Jesus’ words or deeds, because they knew the right answer and were ashamed to admit it.

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,

- While the Pharisees were watching Jesus carefully, seeing His mercy toward the lowly, He was at the same time watching them, noticing how they chose the places of honor. This prompts Jesus to tell another parable.

<sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,

- The wedding feast is used throughout Scripture as an image of the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 22:1-15; 25:1-13; Revelation 19:9). Thus the invitation to the wedding feast is the preaching of the Gospel.
- In the kingdom of heaven, the more distinguished One is Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself by become obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross, and has been highly exalted by God, sitting down at the place of honor: the Father’s right hand. (Philippians 2:8-9)

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** has resumed! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 9/23 Steve Uhrich 9/25 Derek Zeisler 9/28 Rachel Witt, Carol Krause, Fane Ruppert

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/25 Alexander Zeisler 9/27 Hannah Dalland

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/25 Richard & Tammy LeBeau II

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex September 23–November 3, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**LWML FALL RALLY** - Sunday, Sept. 30th at 1:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Hastings. \$5 for registration, Mary Ann Niemoth will tell of her mission in Africa. Ingathering will be donations to purchase solar lights for Africa.

**BUCKET:** L.W.M.L. collecting for Gift Cards for Seminary Students now through Wednesday, Oct. 31. Diane Gundlach

**ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY** Saturday, Oct. 6th - Needed: Ten (10) people to provide 2 dozen Cookies and ten (10) people for 9 x 13" cake pan of Coffee Cake, Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thanks! Joan Primrose

**LIFE CHAIN:** Sunday Oct. 7th at 2-3:00p along Burlington Ave. and also 2nd Street in Hastings. Please line up by 1:45p

**LIFEQUOTE** "Are you afraid of commitment and 'belonging' to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •

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### ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "The Nun," What Is the Catechism and Why?, The 7th & 8th Commandments, Wisdom & Fear and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 17)

Luke 14:5 - "And he said to them, 'Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?' " The time is always right to do right. God is always calling us to faithfulness and love, which is the fulfillment of the Law. The Pharisees wanted an easier law, something less than love, which was easier to keep. Why? Because they thought they had to in order to be saved. But since we know that Jesus saves by His sacrifice, we are free to see the real Law of love and to strive to fulfill it not out of fear, but out of thanksgiving.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

September 23rd  
8:00am & 10:30am



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Harlan Wherley + Family of LeRoy Thom Expecting + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzler + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan Divine Call + Pastor Mackay & family Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Jean Thom + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress Health Issues + Carol Smith + Randy Russell Cancer + Barbara Classan + Brenda Christensen + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Retired  
 Organist: Mr. Caleb Staehr Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Sept: Laurie S., Tonda W. Oct. Shannon B., Jeanne Buck  
 Ushers: 8:00am Craig W., Malachi, Matthias, Micah M. 10:30am Walt I., Mike N.  
 Elders: 9/23 Dale G. 308-641-6658 9/30 Don N. 402-460-6430  
 Bus Drivers: 9/23 Gary O. 402-469-9797 9/30 Gary O. 402-469-9797

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	185	<u>YTD Avg Weekly Attendance</u>	150
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,764.02	<u>Jan-August Income</u>	\$ 104,302.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-August Expense</u>	\$ 132,221.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 8/31/18</u>		\$	192,260.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 23rd	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service
Tuesday, September 25th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, September 26th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
	5:30pm	Meal 6:00pm Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm High School Youth
Sunday, September 30th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranastings@gmail.com*

## Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Prov. 25:6-14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1-6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1-11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.



## DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

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Kyrie	
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Salutation & Collect	
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Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#557
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*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee & Goodies before Bible Class and Sunday School begin!*