

# Ring Out

## A Weekly Newsletter



### St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,  
Fellowship, and Service."*

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 18



Worship Bulletin Oct. 18

### 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

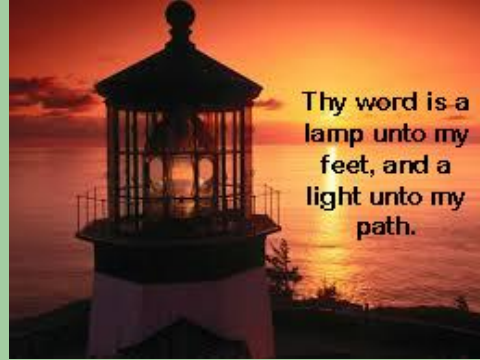
## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**First Reading** Isaiah 45:1-7

**Psalm** Psalm 96:1-13

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians

1:1-10



## Readings for October 18



Online Worship for Sunday, October 18 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

## CHURCH NEWS



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### **Saturday, October 17**

10:00 - Noon Blessing of the Animals

6:30 pm Drive-In Movie @ Calvary

### **Sunday, October 18**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:00 am Zoom Sunday School

5:00 pm In-Person Youth

### **Thursday, October 22**

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre - 2

7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 - 5

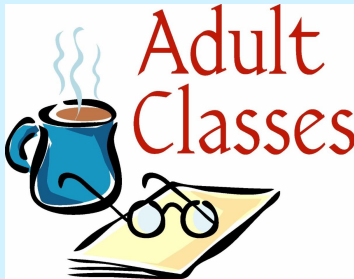
### **Sunday, October 25**

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:00 am Zoom Sunday School

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**18-Oct** Laura Baker  
**19-Oct** Stephanie Harris  
**19-Oct** Kim Williams  
**20-Oct** Katie King  
**22-Oct** Calen MacFarlane  
**22-Oct** Joyce Smith  
**23-Oct** John Eury  
**23-Oct** Nancy Faggart



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

Do you miss your Sunday School Class? Do you miss the interaction of lively discussions over scripture and it's application to today?

Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.

### [Study Guide- A Call to Action-Abram](#)

[Click to Join by Computer, Tablet or Cellphone](#)

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**October 17 10:00 am - Noon**  
**Far Fetched Farm, 835 Brafford Dr.**

Join us for a blessing of the animals at Far Fetched Farm, 835 Brafford Drive, Concord. Bring you special pets and enjoy the farm. We will be collecting pet foods, donations of money and/or gift cards for local animal rescue organizations.



All animals must be on leash, crate or restrained.

# CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

# Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism



We are living in unprecedented times—a health pandemic with economic uncertainty and unresolved racism. There is much that we cannot control, but we can control our choices of behavior. Now is the time to intentionally choose healthy patterns to offset the grief and lament related to these times as we shift to a new normal.

Healthy choices includes faith practices. The Affirmation of Baptism (see box on right) provides five faith practices to integrate into our daily life. Receive each as a gift from God.

## Resiliency

Grief upon grief. Uncertainty upon uncertainty. Use these new **resiliency resources** for your personal reflection or with a small group as you explore the role of others, hope, and meaning.

## Five Gifts of Discipleship

The Five Gifts of Discipleship are faith practices-five gifts to be unwrapped, discovered, and re-discovered. The Holy Spirit uses these gifts to teach discipleship, stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform congregations to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world. **See more.**

## A Personal Inventory: Inward, Outward Gifts of Discipleship

Faith practices are both inward and outward. We receive God's grace and are sent to the world joyfully to share the love of God made known in Christ. Take time for a **personal inventory** as you reflect on how God is calling you to put your faith into practice.

## Bible Studies

As a Book of Faith Church, we recognize the importance of hearing the word of God. Free online lectionary-based bible studies are available for classes, preaching or personal use:

- **Daily Discipleship:** Focuses on Sunday's gospel reading
- **Daily Faith Practices:** Connects the second lesson with one of the five gifts of discipleship

## Race Relations

**The Journey to Right Relationship** is a four-part conversation which begins with "We do not know what we do not know." Isn't that true? And so, we listen and enter into the lament. Why? We are all God's

children and some of our family is hurting.

## Spiritual Renewal

Communities of Jesus are intended to be life-changing. Vitality comes as our spirits become alive in Christ. There is a team (lay and clergy) in the ELCA who is passionate about stirring the ELCA through prayer, renewal events, prayer services, workshops, and Lutheran revivals. **See more.**

## Story Matters

The Story Matters Initiative helps congregations articulate their unique missional Identity using the bible as the framework for naming this identity. A congregation chooses a biblical passage or story that is representative of their missional identity, developing discipleship and mission strategies based on their selection. **See more.**

## Proclaim: Evangelism Tips

We are sent to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. E-tips is a series of articles on evangelism available for download and distribution in full-page or bulletin insert format. Use E-Tips to spark a conversation with committees, council meetings, or the whole congregation. **See more.**

# YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

*SHOWING*  
NATIONAL  
TREASURE

SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 17 6:30 – 9:30

Upon arrival at Calvary, you will be given a parking spot along with a slip of paper. The slip of paper will have a Bible Story on it. Your task is to draw your given Bible Story in your assigned parking slot. At the end, we will have a drone shot taken of all the art. Around 7:15 ish, we will start the movie. Come and enjoy our time together. Chalk will be provided.

### Please bring:

- Your own chairs and/or blanket to sit on.

- Mask are to be worn at all times.
- Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- Bug spray for your family.

Social Distancing is always practiced. There is a maximum limit of 50 people. If we have more than 50 people, the last in will be asked to sit in their car and listen through the radio.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR FIRST FAMILY DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT!**

## YOUTH REGATHERING

We were able to gather in person in March and that was the last time we were able to meet in person, up until NOW! The Synod Guidelines have change and now Youth and Children may gather together within these guidelines:

- · Outside only
  - · Wear masks
  - · Practice social distancing
  - · Have no more than 25 people total
- **October 18** In-Person All Youth 5:00—6:00.
  - **October 25** No Youth



## CHURCH RESOURCES



You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history

from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.

**The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.**

Give Now

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