

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' (John 4:7-15)

Man, is it dry! Everywhere I look, signs of our current dehydration are evident. From reports on TV about the lack of water for the month and year; from the laments I hear from our neighbors; to the bean harvest starting early; to the clouds of dust churned up by combines and trucks; as well as the dearth of moisture out on the west coast causing increased fire danger, it sure seems arid. Now I'm not sure that we'll return to the dust bowl like conditions of the 1930's. However, it is a concern not only from an economic standpoint, but more importantly as a life giving resource. Water helps to create and to sustain life, and if that is limited what happens to us?

But this whole "drought" issue also got me to wondering about our own periods of dryness. What I by this mean is, have there been or are there times in our lives when we too feel parched, like our lives are being lived in a desert? Times when our plans and dreams have gone amiss from circumstances beyond our control? That any expectation of a meaningful life seems to be sucked dry from the trials and problems of life?

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ALL WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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It certainly doesn't help that the current pandemic we're experiencing (even if not first-hand) just intensifies whatever it is we're going through. The woman at the well thought that. Having been married five times, shunned by her community, she lived day by day without much hope and was only sustained by the "generosity" of one of the men in her village. However her thirst was not physical but spiritual. She had become so beaten down by the events in her life that it may have seemed to her that she was living in a wasteland. Is it any wonder that she is intrigued by Jesus' offer of "living water"?



And we, in the aridness of our own spiritual lives, may be asking the same question that the women asked – “where do you get that living water?” The good news is that *this* water is available to each and every one of us. *This* life-sustaining source comes to us in God's Word proclaimed and studied; in worshiping with a community of believers; and in prayer and meditation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, *this* life giving water gives us hope in the hard times and allows us to flourish in the good times. *This* gift renews and upholds us day by day so that we don't have to thirst for the things that don't satisfy.

As we move into the fall and winter months, as our rivers are hopefully replenished, and as the land and vegetation takes a respite from its work, I would encourage you to continue to drink from the source of living water. That is, to read God's word daily, to hear God's word proclaimed, and to worship with other each week, and then, having been sustained and revived, take that living water to others so that they too, may be refreshed.

Pr Bob

ACOLYTE/READER/SOUND SCHEDULE

DATE	ACOLYTE	READER	SOUND
October 4	Saige	Kaine	Glenn/Kacie
October 11	Charles	Bently	Todd/Chris
October 18	Bently	Charles	John/Amy
October 25	Kharson	Nancy	Cory/Julie



A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

“Please join Christians across America in prayer on Wednesday evenings at 8p.

We are asking that God will:

- 1] Guide our nation through this crisis and restore our country
- 2] Prosper our efforts to elect God-fearing leaders on Nov 3
- 3] Answer our prayers for increased religious liberty in Amer-

ica and around the world

4]Protect innocent life from conception to natural death

5]Protect our president and all those the Lord has placed in authority over our nation and communities [Rom 13:1]

6] Heal our nation from the political and cultural chaos dividing us, restoring our unity under God.

Dear Heavenly Father, our country is in your hands. May your children be faithful in voting for biblical values and honoring you with both our lives and ballots. We trust in you, whatever the outcome, and rest in the knowledge you are a sovereign God. Amen”

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

10/4 18th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Isaiah 51:1-7

Psalm 80:7-19

NT – Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus parable of the wicked tenants

10/18 20th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9

NT – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus defines to whom what is owed

10/11 19th Sunday after Pentecost

OT – Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 23

NT – Philippians 4:4-13

Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus parable of the wedding banquet

10/25 21st Sunday after Pentecost [Reformation]

OT – Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

NT – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-46

Jesus defines the greatest commandments

Council Highlights

Council met on Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 pm/

Items brought for discussion included:

1. Mission Festival planned for October 11, with a speaker from Heart Choices. A brunch will be held following service.
2. Training on the Defibrillator will be scheduled for members
3. The cross on HWY 36 will be painted & reset
4. An insurance claim will be filed regarding the damage to the air conditioner and siding

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12th at 7:30 pm.

Please call or text prayer requests to Pastor Bob @ 1 (360) 355 2144

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Neusendorfer

Michelle Gaddis

Jo Nixon

Loren and Mary Jane Zabel

Dean and Dorothy Seems

Sharol Meyer

Roger & Laverna Yarnell

Milton Meyer

Dale Gemeahlich

Joanne Armann

Jeff Bell

Karson Sasse

Rayna Massey

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Devin Schockly

Darryl Vohs

Dennis Schmidt

Roy Dean Bell

Jean Farquarson

Jamie Rippe

Pr Dave Sarver

Virgil Henry

Don Dodds

Milford Kirchhoff

Bob and Dorothy Wire

Dashawn Eller

Amber Davis

Hayden Lehmann

Fern Stinely

Marilyn Ross

Loretta Beckmann-

Ervin Kuhlmann

BIRTHDAYS

1—Todd Kirchhoff
3—Evert Boeck
5—Milton Meyer
8—Mason Teselle
13—Lacey Teselle
14—Dixie Engelke
16—Sherri Frieling
17—Amy Timmons
26—Tim Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

6—Tom Boxum
9—Marsha Allen
13—Gilbert Kirchhoff
29—Dorothy Wire

UPCOMING EVENTS

Potluck Brunch
October 11th
Following worship



MISSION FESTIVAL SPEAKER
October 11, 2020

Ladies: If you have fresh flowers from your garden, feel free to share them with the church. We know at this time of year they are about bloomed out. Next year please keep this in mind. Also, if you want to donate flowers for a special occasion, please let the flower committee know so they know how to plan. Any help we appreciate.

Flower Committee,
Chris Kirchhoff and Karen Cole

Watch www.stjohnlutheranathol.com and Facebook for updates to the schedule of events.



THOUGHTS

Oct 1
Neh 10
Ps 88

Oct 9
Esth 6-7
Ps 96

Oct 17
Job 6-7
Ps 104

Oct 25
Job 19
Ps 112

Oct 2
Neh 11-12
Ps 89

Oct 10
Esth 8
Ps 97

Oct 18
Job 8
Ps 105

Oct 26
Job 20-21
Ps 113

Oct 3
Neh 13
Ps 90

Oct 11
Esth 9-10
Ps 98

Oct 19
Job 9-10
Ps 106

Oct 27
Job 22
Ps 114

Oct 4
Catch-up day
Ps 91

Oct 12
Catch-up day
Ps 99

Oct 20
Job 11
Ps 107

Oct 28
Job 23-24
Ps 115

Oct 5
Catch-up day
Ps 92

Oct 13
Catch-up day
Ps 100

Oct 21
Job 12-14
Ps 108

Oct 29
Job 25-26
Ps 116

Oct 6
Esth 1.1-2.18
Ps 93

Oct 14
Job 1-2
Ps 101

Oct 22
Job 15
Ps 109

Oct 30
Job 27
Ps 117

Oct 7
Esth 2.19-3.15
Ps 94

Oct 15
Job 3
Ps 102

Oct 23
Job 16-17
Ps 110

Oct 31
Job 28
Ps 118

Oct 8
Esth 4-5
Ps 95

Oct 16
Job 4-5
Ps 103

Oct 24
Job 18
Ps 111

Source: <https://media.thegospelcoalition.org/static-blogs/tgc/files/2010/12/TwoYearBibleReadingPlan.pdf>

PRAYER REQUEST FOR HEART CHOICES

Let us join together in lifting Heart Choices in prayer....

...for the staff in their ministry with parents

...for parents making decisions about their pregnancies

...for blessing the parents taking the classes to care for their pregnancies or children?

Rachel Ducote from Heart Choices will be the St John Mission Festival speaker on October 11th.

A PRAYER FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

Heavenly Father, Creator of all Life,

We thank you for the gift of Life that you have given to each of us. You have made us Your children, and filled us with Your Holy Spirit.

We turn to You now, Our Father, to ask for Your protection for our unborn brothers and sisters. We pray that mothers and fathers will place the Life of their unborn children above their own needs and wants. We pray that family and community members will offer their support for unborn children. We pray that the well-being of both mother and child will be the focus of all health care workers. And we pray that government leaders will seek ways to uphold the dignity of human life.

We place all these prayers before you .
Amen.



A PRAYER FOR NEW PARENTS

Dear God,

I lift up new parents to you right now. I pray that you help them in transitioning to this new role and equip them to take care of their little blessing. I pray that you would remove any fears or any anxiety that comes from raising kids. May your peace fill our hearts, consume us so that fears cannot grow. May you give new parents confidence in their ability to raise their little blessing and to feel confident in any decisions made for the child. I pray that your power would manifest in husbands and wives who are new to parenting and just help us all along the way. Thank you for trusting us with these beautiful blessings. May your will be done in our families.

In Jesus name AMEN!

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