

If you know of someone who could benefit from any of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

The Voters set the times of worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m.

Ladies Aid Meeting Time If you have any ideas on the best time for Ladies Aid to meet after we begin two Sunday services, please talk to Mary Laabs.

Today's Light Bible This fall in Bible Class we will begin a two year program to read through the Bible and discuss what we read. The discussions are based on the *Today's Light Bible* from Concordia Publishing House. This Bible has the readings for each day along with an introduction to the day's reading and a devotional thought to close the reading. We will also publish a discussion guide that you may choose to use. Class discussions will be very beneficial if you can make them. But if you can't, please consider committing yourself to joining us in this program and using the available resource materials. You can still discuss the week's reading with other people after worship instead of talking about the Lions' latest win. We do have a limited number of used copies of the Bible available (\$10) on a first come first served basis. Sign up sheets and a copy of the Bible are in the basement.

Warren Cranberry Fest Saturday, September 28. A bus will leave the school parking lot at 6am and return at 9pm. The cost for the trip is \$38. If you have any questions please contact Sue Stanelle at 864-2504. More information is available in the church basement. The deadline for signing up is September 1

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Four weeks of warnings for Christians begins on this Sunday that the life of faith will be marked by difficulties. These warnings are given so that the believer will be prepared to meet these challenges with the confidence of the cross. Today we see that the Word of God doesn't always unite—it also divides. The living and active Word of God does not bring peace between believers and unbelievers, but division.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Service of the Word (p. 38) Sunday

Hymns: 541, 413, 523, 467

Prayer of the Day: (Sunday) Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18

The sins of greed and idolatry can permeate the very fabric of a family and rip it apart. As the faithful fight to hold to the truth of the will of God, relationships may be forever destroyed. The wicked will answer for their sin and receive its penalty. The righteous will live by faith with souls forever protected in the Lord's free and faithful grace. With this confidence, we risk all to carry out the will of the Lord and cling to his promises.

When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. ² But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. ³ He remained

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Welcome! We thank



God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

hidden with his nurse at the temple of the LORD for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.

¹² Jehoiada brought out the king's son and put the crown on him; he presented him with a copy of the covenant and proclaimed him king. They anointed him, and the people clapped their hands and shouted, "Long live the king!"

¹³ When Athaliah heard the noise made by the guards and the people, she went to the people at the temple of the LORD. ¹⁴ She looked and there was the king, standing by the pillar, as the custom was. The officers and the trumpeters were beside the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her robes and called out, "Treason! Treason!"

¹⁵ Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: "Bring her out between the ranks and put to the sword anyone who follows her." For the priest had said, "She must not be put to death in the temple of the LORD."¹⁶ So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death.

¹⁷ Jehoiada then made a covenant between the LORD and the king and people that they would be the LORD's people. He also made a covenant between the king and the people.¹⁸ All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.

Then Jehoiada the priest posted guards at the temple of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 139a (p. 116)

Psalm Prayer: (Thursday) Eternal Father, ruler of wind and wave, comfort our hearts with the assurance that wherever we might be, your right hand holds us fast and your Spirit guides our way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

God's Word bring division because we are at war. Marked by the cross, we are now targets for extra effort on the part of evil. We have no choice; we must give battle. But we are not without hope. As we battle, the Word of the Lord is our strength to stand firm and our full armor against the weaponry of evil. Total victory is already assured in Jesus. But "when the fight is fierce, the warfare long" (CW 551) we turn to the Spirit in prayer on behalf of ourselves, and all the saints, that the mystery of the gospel would continue to be revealed.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet

fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

The fire of the Word has come to destroy evil and bring peace between God and his people. Jesus warns that his fire will bring division between believer and unbeliever, even within that most intimate of human relationships, the family. How can Jesus wish such division were already happening? He can only say that because he knows its final purpose: the salvation and purifying of believers.

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

Sermon:

2 Kings 11:1-3, 12-18

The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings The Word Doesn't Bring Peace, But Division

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 290 (38, 252) **Communion:** 215 **Bible Class:** 49

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship, communion
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, communion

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Ruth Webster to her eternal home. Ruth died on Saturday, August 10. Her funeral was on Thursday, August 15. Please remember all who mourn in prayer.

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Dan Uecker to his eternal home. Dan died on Tuesday, August 13. His funeral will be Monday at 4:00 p.m. Please remember all who mourn in prayer.

Bible Class will not meet next Sunday morning. Pastor Ott will be in South Dakota from Tuesday through Sunday.

The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings is the four week theme of worship that began today. The topics we will look at are:

*The door to heaven is narrow
The first will be last...Humble yourselves
Count the cost of discipleship*