

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

<u>WELCOME TO PEACE!</u> If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

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Opening Voluntary

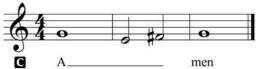


*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Baptism (10:30) LSB page 268

*Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

- **P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- C All you who wait for the LORD!
- **P** But I trust in you, O LORD;
- I say, "You are my God."
- **P** My times are in your hand;
- **C** Rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- **P** Make your face shine on your servant;
- Save me in your steadfast love!
- **P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- All you who wait for the LORD!

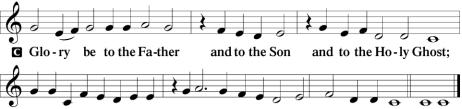
*Confession

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

*Absolution

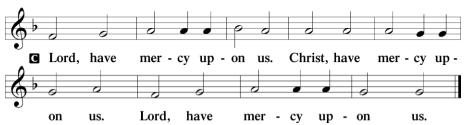




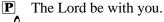


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

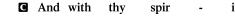
*Kyrie

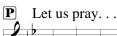


*Salutation and Collect of the Day











Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

 \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God. Epistle James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

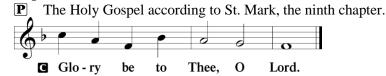
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia

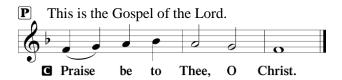


*Holy Gospel Mark 9:14–29



¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And

they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

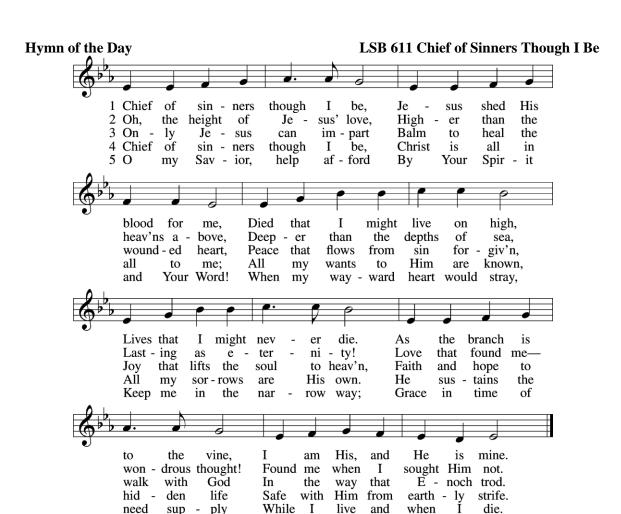


*Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon

"A Word that Sustains the Weary"

(Isaiah 50:4-10)

Sermon Notes:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.



*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

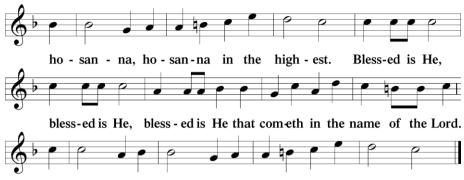


*Proper Preface

We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.



Now that the daylight fills the sky, We lift our hearts to God on high, That He, in all we do or say, Would keep us free from harm today;

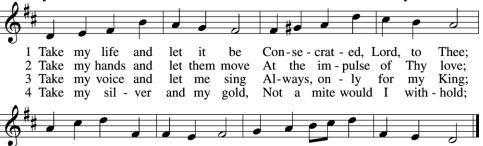
Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife; From anger's din would shield our life; From evil sights would turn our eyes, And close our ears to vanities.

So we, when this new day is gone And night in turn is drawing on, With conscience by the world unstained Shall praise His name for vict'ry gained.

"All praise to You, creator Lord! All praise to You, eternal Word! All praise to You, O Spirit wise!" We sing as daylight fills the skies.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 726 Evening and Morning



- 1 Eve ning and morn ing, Sun set and dawn ing, Wealth, peace, and 2 Fa ther, O hear me, Par don and spare me; Calm all my
- 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil-lows
- 4 To God in heav en All praise be giv en! Come, let us



glad-ness, Com-fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



be Thine! Times with-out num - ber, glo - ry A - wake or in more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my e'er in-creas - ing shows its face. Joys And peace nev - er He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre-serves us, do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me; ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea-sure liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Thy All I com - mit fa ther - ly hand. to When in sions God me a His man grants place. And to His throne like sweet in cense a - rise.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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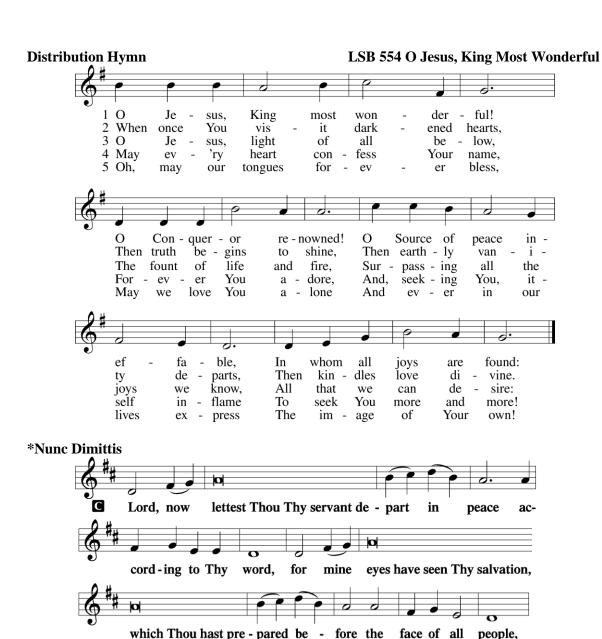
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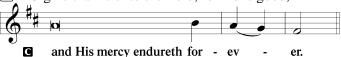
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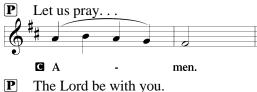
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*Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,







*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

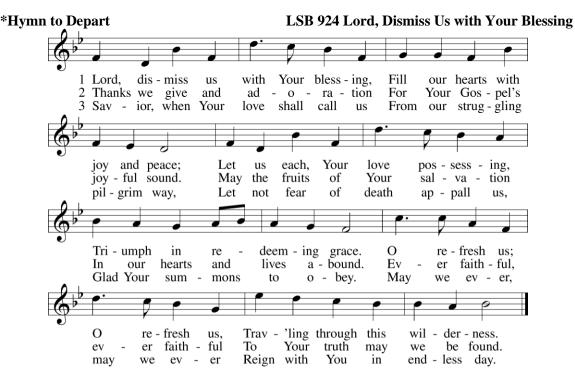
*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.





*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Sem. Ryan Milbrath

Organist: 8:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 5:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman Choir: The Chancel Choir; Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: J. McCreary/D. Gerfen/L. Palma

Elders: 5:00: Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Art Hoeferlin, Mark Dowell;

9:20: Jeff Akers, Aaron Baese; 10:30: John Hooss, Rob Uthoff

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig; 8:00: Dan Prange,

Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke, Ralph Wolters; 9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, Malvin Mubonani, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague,

Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Nicolette Hensen, Raegan Orf; 10:30: Austin Rutledge, Lucas Rutledge

Greeters: <u>8:00</u>: Mary Eaton; <u>9:20 & 10:30</u>: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

Altar Committee: Saturday: Al and Linda Wentzel; Sunday: Tammy Goodman, Bonna Mayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR SANCTUARY next weekend. Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, president of the Missouri District will be preaching as we recognize this anniversary at all services. A free luncheon and short program in the gym will follow the 10:30 a.m. service. RSVP's will be required for the luncheon and can be done on Peace's website or by scanning the QR code on the Commons Counter. **Please RSVP by TODAY, September 15.**

<u>ALASKA MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION</u> will be this morning during the Bible Class Hour. Please join us as we hear about the wonderful work they did in Hooper Bay, Alaska this past summer.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR THE CONGREGATION: We are pleased to inform you that a recent air quality test was conducted in our Sanctuary. The results indicate that the levels of airborne mold are within the normal range and are considered safe for all occupants. Further, the indoor air samples are significantly lower than the outside sample and no unique mold was identified in the Church. Plans are being prepared to remediate the surface mold on the glulam beams, and we will keep you informed as progress is made. Should you wish to view a copy of the air quality test, please contact the office to arrange a time. We thank you for your support and ask that you reach out to your Elder with further questions.

— Dan Hummert, President of the Congregation

<u>THE LADIES CLUB BOOK SALE</u> is coming soon! <u>Due to an overwhelming response, the last day to donate books is tomorrow, Monday, September 16</u>. The book sale is September 27 – 29. See the poster in the Commons for more information. Share flyers with your friends and neighbors!

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets this Thursday morning, September 19, at 7:00 a.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR A FAMILY PASTOR will be accepted from the congregation now through September 29. Please take a form from the Commons Counter, or from the Church Office. Place completed forms in the collection box outside the Church Office.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY IS HIRING Openings are available at St. Trinity Cemetery at Lemay Ferry and Reavis Barracks for a full-time groundskeeper, and a part-time groundskeeper. Job descriptions are posted on the Commons bulletin board. For more information, contact Glenn Brinkmann or Marilyn Schuessler.

<u>LADIES CLUB</u>, ever had to escape someone by hiding in a fish barrel? How would you have liked to have been a part of the Protestant Reformation? Could you be married to the man who wrote the 95 Theses? Barbara Kay from Columbia, Illinois will bring Katharina von Bora, a.k.a. Katie Luther to life at Ladies Club, this Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Come join us for her story and Q&A afterwards!

<u>CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH 8TH GRADERS</u> We would love to have you visit Lutheran South. Please call to schedule a family meeting and a tour. Your 8th grader can stay for a shadow visit, sit in some classes, and join us for lunch. Applications for the 2025 – 2026 school year are now open! For questions or to schedule your visit, please contact the Admissions office at (314)833-1088. Apply today at www.lslancers.org/admissions/become-a-lancer!

PRE-K DISCOVERY DAY, a Kindergarten recruitment event for Green Park, will be held Friday, September 27, 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Green Park Lutheran School, 4248 Green Park Road. All preschoolers up to age 5, with an adult, are invited to come for a FREE morning of fun, featuring a STEM presentation, a children's ventriloquist, a petting zoo, and more! Reserve a spot for your child or preschool by contacting Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheranschool.org.

<u>ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS</u> in your 20s and 30s, Quarterlife, a group that meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, invites you to join them! Each week, Quarterlife meets to participate in a Bible study, social event, game night, or simply general fellowship with conversation, snacks, and drinks. The group is not exclusive to members of Village, but open to all St. Louis congregations. For more details, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Commons.

<u>"VOTE NO ON 3" YARD SIGNS</u> are available. If you would like a yard sign voicing your opposition of Amendment 3, the abortion amendment on the November ballot, call Christy Hessel, (314)805-9127 or email her at chessel52@protonmail.com.

<u>NEW SIGN-UP SYSTEM FOR PEACE!</u> We have a new online system for signing up for events, volunteering, and RSVPs. Using Sign Up Genius, we now have easy access for our members to see the details of upcoming events and have a convenient way to sign up to volunteer. To see the new system, click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner on the Peace website. It will take you to our Portal Page which details the events and sign ups we have available at that time. If you have any questions about our new system, contact the Church Office. Thank you!

THE 57TH ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE SUPPER will be held Sunday, October 20, with Dine-In from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Carry-out from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join us for this annual tradition and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal of sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, and applesauce. Desserts will be sold by LWML Ladies Guild, and our Peace Quilters group will be offering many new items for sale or to order. We hope to see you there!

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP AT THE SAUSAGE SUPPER on October 20 by going to our new Portal Page on the Peace website (the "Opportunities" button at the top of the page). If you need help signing up, see John Hooss at the Commons Counter this morning.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASS</u> begins Sunday, September 29, in Sanctuary Hall at noon. Classes continue until November 3. Lunch will be served each week. To sign up for the class, click on the button on Peace's website homepage, or click on the "Opportunities" button at the top of the website. If you have any questions, contact the Church Office.

<u>IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCAMS</u> Once again, someone has used Pastor Furgeson's name in a phishing scam. If you receive a text message and/or email from someone claiming to be "Pastor Furgeson" (or "Pastor Brown"), <u>DO NOT RESPOND</u>. Neither Pastor Furgeson nor Pastor Brown will ever reach out via text to anyone, asking for "a favor". If you are not sure after receiving a text (or email), even from a fellow church member, please reach out to the church office for clarification before taking any action. Thank you.

<u>JOB OPPORTUNITY: PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD</u> Hours would be 8:30 a.m. – noon, Monday through Friday. If interested, contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

<u>LWML LADIES GUILD</u> meets this Thursday, September 19, 10:45 a.m. in Sanctuary Hall. All ladies of Peace, 18 and older, are welcome to attend. We will be sharing the results from the June LWML Missouri District Convention.

<u>LWML LADIES GUILD FALL RALLY</u> is being hosted by Peace on Saturday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. The speaker is Sue Hasselbring, Ministry Catalyst. Refreshments will be provided.

WANT TO DANCE WITH THE LUTHERAN SOUTH LANCERETTES in a halftime performance under the Friday night lights? All girls in Kindergarten – 8th grade are welcome to join the team on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Campers will learn a routine that will be performed at halftime of the Friday, September 27 home football game at 7:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 and includes a t-shirt. Sign up at Lslancers.org/events.

BIBLES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS will be given out Sunday, September 29, during the 10:30 service. A parent meeting for the 3-year-olds will be held during the 9:15 a.m. Bible Class hour. The 3rd graders and their parents will have an "All About the Bible" class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

<u>THE LIFE TEAM AND SOCIAL MINISTRY</u> are working in conjunction to collect items for the South County Pregnancy Help Center. See the list on the Commons Counter for most needed items and place donated items in the box in the Commons. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

28TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Thursday, December 5 – 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 6 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 7 – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 8 – 2:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Church members may reserve tickets on the weekends of October 19 and 20 and October 26 and 27. Tickets will be available to the public beginning Friday, November 1.