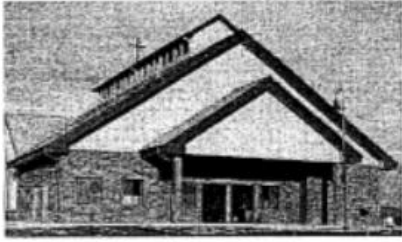


The Eternal Light



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SEPTEMBER 2020 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:31-34

Some of these questions will arise in regard to the upcoming school year, even in these unusual times. Our children learn to be anxious about “all these things” at an early age. We all want to “fit in,” to look our best. Perhaps we also suffer a bit of this anxiety, especially when it comes to paying the bills each month. And it is not just the common things we are concerned about – food, clothing, utilities, the mortgage, car payments, and other things. We are anxious about achieving our long range goals – college funds for our children, retirement, investments, travel, and all the things we are focused on achieving during the course of a lifetime.

It is possible, of course, to have a different focus, other priorities – and Jesus suggests one: “the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” He even adds a promise and guarantee – “and all these things will be added to you.” And often He does graciously add many things over and above what is required for mere survival. But the real blessing of having a different focus and priority is the easing of our temporal anxieties and worries, and our eternal concerns about death and the life to come. Jesus promises that the kingdom of God and His righteousness are free gifts to us, guaranteed in His suffering and death for our sins. In addition, we are able to receive the blessing of participating in something of eternal worth and value – supporting the spread of God’s Word and encouraging others in their faith in Jesus Christ. This also yields eternal blessings.

Most of us are rigorously trained in the common sense of striving for earthly treasures – this is all part of “the American Dream.” What Jesus’ encourages is both counter-cultural and counter-intuitive to our selfish, sinful nature. So it is quite challenging for us to even consider His instruction, and difficult to make the transition. It is quite revolutionary and even freeing – and I am sure quite gratifying toward the end of life, though we have to wait to experience and know this. But the wisdom of God and His Word always calls forth, requires, and forms faith, even though we find putting full faith and trust in God to be a difficult thing.

As opportunities for success in achieving the goals and dreams of a materialistic and decadent culture fade and dwindle, perhaps it will be easier for us to turn to the priority that

Jesus encourages. Past generations have done so – and have been greatly blessed even with far less wealth and possessions. They have had great joy and satisfaction knowing that their treasures have been stored up in heaven when the time comes for them to be leaving all things behind in this world, for it is certain that we can carry nothing out of this world when we die. This is the blessedness and freedom that Jesus calls us to.

As we continue to struggle with the challenges and losses caused by this pandemic, and as we enter another school year and try to get back to our more usual routines, let us consider these words of Jesus – and carefully evaluate our priorities and focus for life. He does not want us to be anxious or fearful, but rather full of faith and trust in Him!

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of July/August were:

July 26	\$3,600
August 2	\$4,610
August 9	\$1,783
August 16	\$8,405
August 23	\$2,391

This weekly average (\$ 4,159) compares to our 2020 weekly budget needs of \$4,540.

REMINDERS

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. You can also find Pastor Rhode's daily devotion and archived sermons. Please check it out at www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org.

Sunday School and **Midweek Thursday services** have been temporarily suspended. **Adult Bible Class** is now **online** each Sunday at 10:30 AM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link. **We hope to resume Sunday School in a mixed format on September 13.**

Mid-week Bible Study also meets **online** on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

Children's bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for a copy.

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email Pastor pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org or secretary secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reredos Committee

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

At present we have no definite plans for what we will do with the reredos. We need ideas, we need a plan. So we have a wonderful opportunity for those who might be interested to help determine just what we want to do here.

A few people have already expressed an interest in serving on this committee. We still need more on this committee. If interested, please speak to Robin Warnken or Pastor Rhode.

We are still in need of "Clorox" wipes at church. If you can donate a container please help us out! Thanks, in advance! We also need volunteers to help us wipe down surfaces at church after worship services!

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, Redeemer Lutheran in Denver, ULC, and other charities as well. At our meeting on April 19th, the Board of Deacons approved sending \$500 to Lutheran Family Services, \$200 in funds to Emergency Family Assistance Assoc., plus \$200 in monthly supplies, \$100 in Target gift cards for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Denver, plus and additional gift of \$500. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

WinGS – LWML NEWS

Women In God's Service (WinGS) is a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). If you are a member of an LCMS church, you are a member of LWML. All WinGS events are open to each and every woman of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church. Your individual participation, ideas, and interaction are a blessing to everyone in attendance.

ENGAGING

ENCOURAGING

EQUIPPING

ENJOYING

Each and every woman member of ESLC is a Woman in God's Service

WinGS: Upcoming Events:

The first of our upcoming events is the **Fall Rally** scheduled for **Saturday, September 12th**, at Trinity Lutheran in Greeley. For any of you who are considering participating, please let Marge know if you would prefer to attend in person or by way of a virtual format. The ladies will not be hosting a luncheon this time due to Covid-19 and the meeting time will also be shortened. Of course all plans will be subject to guidelines regarding the virus come September.

The following positions still need Candidate names for the Ballot:

- Zone Secretary/Treasurer
- Zone Nominating Committee

If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate and willing to serve, please let Marge know. Thank you.



Monthly Mite Collection - Our next Mite collection will be **Sunday, September 13th**. One of the LWML Rocky Mountain District mission grants is **Mercy Meals of Colorado Springs** for a total of \$5000. Volunteers gather at Immanuel Lutheran Church to assemble bags that are shipped internationally by Orphan Grain Train. The Gospel is shared with those receiving these meals. For more information on the district mission grants visit www.lwmlrmd.org/missions/ **Thank you for your continued support of these mission grants with your Mites and prayers.**

Women's Bible Study – due to COVID-19 Women's Bible Study is cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Spahr.

A message from Trustees: We are in dire need for people to sign up for lawn mowing. In addition, we are setting up on the servant schedule trimming the outlying property. This is somewhat physical labor, so some of the younger folks are encouraged to help out with this! If you need instruction, please contact pastor! Thanks, in advance.

King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program! To register for the program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Click on the “create an account” button or the “sign in” on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the “save” link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on “enroll” and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. **Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card!**
Thanks!!!!

SERVANT SCHEDULE

As things are still uncertain due to COVID-19, please be advised that ESLC Weekly Servant Schedule may not be up to date. Please check with Pastor if you have questions. We are not currently using the sound system. If you are unconfident serving in your role – please just let us know.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Walt Oehlkers, Bob Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Stacy Jundt
Sound System	Ed Warnken
Lawn	Max Fanning
Property trimming	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	Jasper

Sunday, September 13

Organist	Marge Paugh
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Usher(s)	Walt Oehlkers, Keith Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Marc Ertle (r)
Altar	Stacy Jundt
Sound System	Bob Vieyra
Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Oehlkers

Sunday, September 20

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Mark Bunge, Roger Landowski
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elders(s)	Jonathan Hurst, Keith Cowley
Altar	Stacy Jundt
Sound System	Bob Vieyra
Lawn	Tom Stahly
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Griffin

Sunday, September 27

Organist	Marge Paugh
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Usher(s)	Mark Bunge, Roger Landowski
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Keith Cowley (r)
Altar	Stacy Jundt
Sound System	Nick Mayer
Lawn	Max Fanning
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 1:30-3:30 PM Communion by Appt	7 Labor day Office closed!	8	9 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	10	11	12
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For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray:

1. Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.
2. Thank God for His creation.
3. Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
4. Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
5. Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.
6. Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

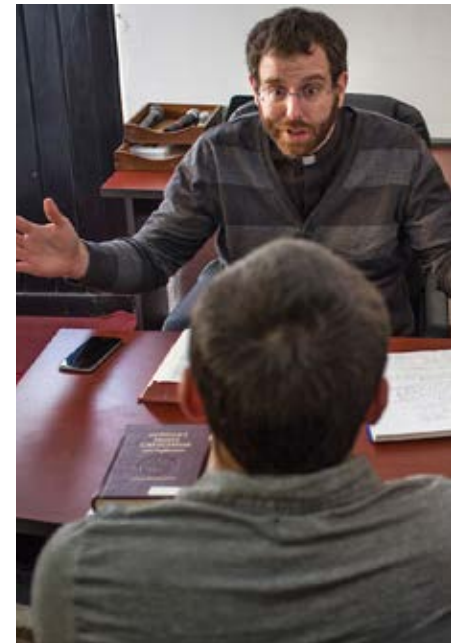
7. Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
8. Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
9. Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
10. Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.
11. Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

12. Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.



OFFICE OF THE KEYS/CONFESSION — SEPTEMBER 16-30

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

16. *That God would lead all sinners to repentance.*

17. *Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.*

18. *Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.*

19. *Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.*

20. *Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.*

21. *Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.*

22. *Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.*

23. *Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.*

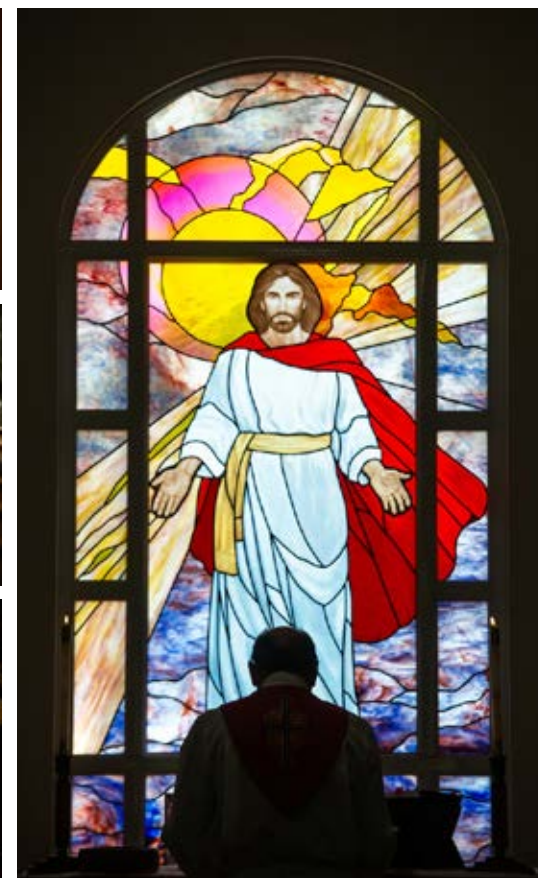
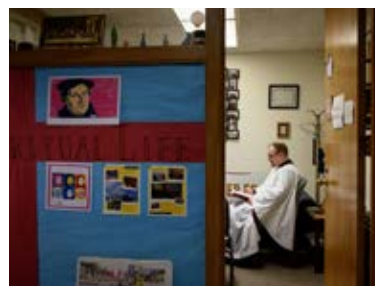
24. *Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.*

25. *Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.*

26. *Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.*

27. *Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.*

28. *Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.*



29. *Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.*

30. *Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.*

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