

The Eternal Light



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OCTOBER 2020 PASTOR'S PAGE

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:7,8

In October we remember and celebrate the great and wondrous blessings of God restored to us through the struggle of the Reformation. It is hard to even begin computing the value of the blessedness we have received in being taught, on the basis of God's own Word, the Bible, the rich love, grace, mercy, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and gracious generosity of God, the only True and Living God! It is unimaginable to multiply these blessings by the billions of people who have likewise received these same blessings through the years!

Some of us have had parents who are to be included in these leaders “who spoke the Word of God” to us. Some of us had grandparents who did the same. We have had Christian friends, many “leaders” at church who have taught us, encouraged us, loved us, had compassion on us, forgiven us, and showed us the very face of God. These we are encouraged to remember, along with all of the faithful pastors who have also spoken the Word of God to us.

Remembering – that is the beginning. Then, in joyful gratitude, we are encouraged to “consider the outcome of their way of life.” Now, they didn't become wealthy. Most of them had little or no power and influence in the world. They were of good repute, but they had no fame or great popularity, and most were not “prestigious.” They were not bossy, arrogant, or ostentatious. They were humble. They were meek. They confessed their sins. But they also relentlessly held to the grace of God, and praised Him for His love and mercy. We have witnessed them receiving what God has promised, and what the Apostle Peter reminds us is “the outcome of your faith,” which is “the salvation of your souls.” [1 Peter 1:9]

Considering this, we are also urged to “imitate their faith.” Though we should also imitate the “good” behavior that we have witnessed in our leaders, we understand that they were also sinful until the day of their death. We do not want to imitate their bad behavior, their sin; we have enough of our own to confess and repent of. However, in the face of their sin, which deeply grieved them, they continued to put their faith and trust in God's grace, forgiveness, mercy, and love. We should certainly do the same!

So October is a month in which we are privileged and blessed to remember those children of God who went before us, and through whom we were taught the Word of God and from whom we received a true and correct knowledge of God, our Heavenly Father. We remember them, thankful for their teaching and also for their example of remaining steadfast in the faith, in faith in Christ Jesus our Savior. We thank God for the Reformers who withstood great power, threat, and persecution to restore this blessed Gospel to the church. We thank God for those who faithfully held to what the Reformers restored to the church – the true Gospel clearly and forcefully revealed to us in Holy Scripture, the Bible. And we commit ourselves to doing the same – holding to the Word of God and imitating the faith of our leaders. Perhaps others in the future will “remember” us and imitate our faith.

We do so because “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!” Thanks and praise be to Him forever!

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of August/September were:

August 30	\$1,515
September 6	\$5,540
September 13	\$4,215
September 20	\$3,350

This weekly average (\$ 3,655) compares to our 2020 weekly budget needs of \$4,540.

Dear friends in the Savior, next Sunday [October 4] will be Confirmation Sunday at ESLC. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they publicly confess their faith in Christ, and commit themselves to God and His kingdom forever.

Also, LWML Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 11.

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.

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!!!

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!!!!**

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

On September 12, four ladies from Eternal Savior WinGS attended the Fall Rally hosted by the LWML ladies of Trinity Lutheran in Greeley. Two attended in person and two via the zoom link. Congratulations go to the newly elected RMD Northern Zone Secretary, Colleen Spahr and Treasurer, Polly Cowley.

Upcoming Events:

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday October 11. In the past the LWML Ladies – known as WinGS at Eternal Savior – have a participating part in the service along with coming forward to bring our Mites. They have also hosted the coffee social after service. As with many things these days, we will need to find a way to promote the mission of WinGS in a safe manner. Any and all suggestions you may have would be appreciated. Suggestions may be submitted to any of the Executive Board members; Marge Paugh, Cathy Dillon, Carol Purfurst, Cindy Stahly or Colleen Spahr by phone, email, in person or their church mailbox on or before the 4th of October. Thank you.



Monthly Mite Collection - The mite collection will be taken on **Sunday, October 11, during the celebration of LWML Sunday**. Bring your mites to add to the large mite box during the worship service. One of the national mission grants is Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala, Lutheran Church in Guatemala and Child Beyond International for a total of \$100,000. **Thank you for supporting the 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.

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 OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4 – Confirmation Day

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Jonathon Hurst
Altar	Mary Bunge
Sound System	Nick Mayer
Lawn	OPEN
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Lambrecht

Sunday, October 11 – LWML Sunday

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Wayne Thomas (r)
Altar	Mary Bunge
Sound System	Paul Reuer
Lawn	OPEN
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Oehlkers

Sunday, October 18

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elders(s)	Marc Ertle, Dave Sherrets
Altar	Mary Bunge
Sound System	Paul Reuer
Lawn	OPEN
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Day

Organist	Marge Paugh
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht (r)
Altar	Mary Bunge
Sound System	David Sherrets
Lawn	OPEN
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Spahr

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt Confirmation Day	5	6	7 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt LWML Sunday	12 7:00 PM Elders	13	14 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	15 6:30 PM Trustees	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Deacons 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	19 9:00 AM Newsletter Deadline	20	21 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	22	23 9:00 AM Church Workday	24
25 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt Reformation Day	26	27	28 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	29	30	31

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

HOLY BAPTISM — OCTOBER 1-15

Water and Word wash us into Christ's death and resurrection. "Baptism ... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). We daily remember our Baptism through repentance and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Church, the Body of Christ. As we pray, we rejoice in God's gift of Baptism and continue to rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life granted to us in Word and Sacrament.

Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:

- 1.** Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.
- 2.** Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word works through the water to join us to Christ's death and resurrection.
- 3.** Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word combines with the water to deliver forgiveness and eternal life.

4. Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gives faith and sustains us in the faith.

5. Thank God for the gift of Baptism for adults, that those who are instructed in the faith and who were not baptized as children may receive the gift of forgiveness and life in the waters of Baptism.

6. for parents, that they might faithfully raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them His Word and bringing them to the Sacrament.

7. for sponsors, that they might faithfully work with parents to teach the faith to the baptized.

8. for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.

9. for all the baptized, that they might daily cling to their Baptism and hope in Christ alone.

10. for all the baptized, that the Spirit would keep the Church strong in persecution.

11. for all the baptized, that they witness to all about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

12. for all who are not baptized, that the Spirit would draw them to Christ in faith.

13. Thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.

14. Thank God for calling you to be His adopted child and heir of eternal life.

15. That Christ would return quickly, that the Church might dwell with Him in righteousness, holiness and blessedness.



THE LORD'S SUPPER — OCTOBER 16-31

Bread and wine, body and blood feed us with the food that endures to eternal life. Christ gives His body and blood to His body the Church. Those who have faith in the words, “given and shed for you” receive what those words promise, the forgiveness of sins.

Remember God's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray:

16. *Thank God for the Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.*

17. *Rejoice that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given.*

18. *That God would grant us faith in His Word, that we worthily receive the Sacrament and live in repentance.*

19. *Thank God for daily bread, even the bread of life that we receive in the Sacrament.*

20. *for preparation before receiving the Sacrament, that all might receive it trusting in the Words of Christ.*

21. *Thank God for the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry.*

22. *for the unity of the Church, that schisms might cease, and all might be united in the true faith.*

23. *that we, who are many, may see ourselves as the one Body of Christ.*

24. *for the Church, that she remains faithful to the truth of God's Word.*

25. *for the LCMS, that we might believe, teach and confess all things according to God's will.*

26. *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

27. *for those who do not belong to the Church, that God would call all to faith.*

28. *for the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Altar, that God would grant faith unto eternal life.*



29. *that after receiving Communion, all would amend their sinful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

30. *that God would keep all Christians from being led*

astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.

31. *for the endurance of faith until Christ returns.*

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