

# *The Eternal Light*



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## **August 2020 Pastor's Page – ESLC**

In these difficult times of separation, and the inability for all of us to gather together for worship, it is even more important that we remain aware of the love of Jesus and His shepherd's care for us!

**“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.” John 10:27,28**

Pastor Ken Klaus of the Lutheran hour once wrote a devotion that told of an experience of a friend of his in Jordan. He was hiking and came across a large group of sheep, several flocks intermixed at a watering hole. As he watched, each shepherd called his sheep and from the jumbled flock, a group of sheep would separate and follow that shepherd. Jesus tells us in this verse that His sheep behave the same way. They hear His voice and they follow Him. Interesting! So what does the voice of our Shepherd say to us, and how are we to follow Him?

1. Jesus tells us to repent honestly of our sins, and to believe that He has taken away our sins, that we are forgiven! [Mark 1:14,15; Jn. 1:29]
2. Jesus tells us to abide in His Word, to study, read, and hear His Word preached and proclaimed. [John 8:31; John 14:21-24]
3. Jesus tells us to receive the forgiveness of our sins in the meal of His body and blood. [Matt. 26:26-29]
4. Jesus assures us that when His servants, those He has sent to proclaim His Word, forgive us our sins, they are forgiven in heaven also. [John 20:21-23]
5. Jesus teaches us, through His Word, to walk in righteous paths – to avoid sin, idolatry, malice, pride, envy, gossip, anger, and a host of other evil and destructive behaviors. He teaches us to grow in humility, gentleness, kindness, goodness, love, self-sacrifice, joy, and peace. [Gal. 5:19-24]
6. Jesus tells us not to forsake our assembling together in worship. [Heb. 10:24,25]
7. Jesus tells us to work hard together, making disciples of all nations. [Matt. 28:18-20]

So, this is the voice of our Shepherd calling to us. Do we hear His voice and follow Him? Well, some wander so far off that they no longer even hear His voice. Beware, dear friends, and do not allow this to happen to you – you may be lost to the flock! Others hear His voice, but refuse to follow Him, choosing instead to do their own thing, to follow their own heart, to determine their own path and fate in life. Take care that you not indulge this rebellious spirit – the Savior moves in paths of righteousness, and choosing another path may separate you from the flock and you may become lost. Only sinful human pride would lead one to think that we can find the way on our own!

In many respects we are all jumbled together with sheep of other flocks as we go through life in this world. Many shepherds call out to us, including the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. Are you able to hear His voice over the bleating of the other sheep and the calling of other shepherds? Are you willing to follow Him and heed His voice?

How blessed we are, dear friends, if we are His sheep! “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.” May the Lord so bless each of us!

**VI. Practical Stewardship Tips  
[the last five]**

**6. Give out of love and thanks to God**

**2 Cor. 8:4,8 “They urgently pleaded . . . for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints . . . I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.”**

**7. Give sacrificially out of love**

**2 Cor. 8:2,3 “Their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity . . . they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.”**

**8. First, give your whole self to God**

**2 Cor. 8:5 “They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God’s will.”**

**9. Strive for excellence also in giving, as part of your life of sanctification**

**2 Cor. 8:7 “But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”**

**10. Pray that God will increase your joyful stewardship**

**2 Cor. 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”**

**It is hard to describe the humble satisfaction and gratitude that accompanies partnering with the Lord in the dispatch of our early goods – time, treasures, and talents – for the sake of His kingdom and for the good and blessedness of others. God is able to make all grace abound to us! Let us pray that He grant this joy to all of us individually, and corporately as we work together as a congregation of His dear people of faith!**

**OFFERING REPORT**

Offerings for the months of June/July were:

June 28	\$ 3,708
July 5	\$ 4,580
July 12	\$ 2,093
July 19	\$ 4,485

This weekly average (\$ 3,717) 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](http://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](mailto:pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org) or secretary [secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org](mailto: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.

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 are up for election:

- Zone President
- 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 by August 10. Thank you.



**Monthly Mite Collection** - The next collection will be **Sunday, August 9**. One of our national LWML mission grants is to provide \$8,000 for Digital Media Development to Lutherans for Life. To learn more about the national mission grants go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and click on the Missions tab. **Thank you for your continued support of 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.

**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 AUGUST

#### **Sunday, August 2**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Jon Hurst
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Tom Stahly
Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Property trimming	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	OPEN

#### **Sunday, August 9**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, John Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle (r), Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Tom Stahly
Lawn	Rod Sinner, Paula Sinner
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Lambrecht

#### **Sunday, August 16**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, John Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elders(s)	Dave Sherrets, Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Kirk Anderson
Lawn	Tom Stahly
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Paugh

#### **August 23**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Paul Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Marc Ertle
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Kevin Cowley
Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	Purfurst

#### **Sunday, August 30**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Paul Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elders(s)	Jon Hurst, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
Sound System	Ed Warnken
Lawn	Rod Sinner, Paula Sinner
Property trimming	OPEN
Flowers	OPEN

# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council 1:30-3:30 PM Communion by Appt	<b>3</b> 7:00 Elders	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	8
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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

## CHURCH WORKERS — AUGUST 1-15

Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

*Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:*

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.*
- 2.** *for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.*
- 3.** *for the Synod's deaconesses. Pray that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.*

**4.** *that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.*

**5.** *for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.*

**6.** *for directors of family life ministry. Ask that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.*

**7.** *for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior*

for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

**8.** *for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.*

**9.** *for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.*

**10.** *for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.*

**11.** *for those involved in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis.*

**12.** *for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.*

**13.** *for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal.*

**14.** *with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support full-time church workers in a variety of ways.*

**15.** *with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.*

## THE CHURCH — AUGUST 16-31

“The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments” (Augsburg Confession VII).

*Remember God’s work through the Church as you pray:*

**16.** *with thanksgiving to God for raising up voices in every age and generation as He continues to call people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**17.** *that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.*

**18.** *with thanksgiving that God does His bidding through unworthy and unlikely people. Pray that He would keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.*

**19.** *that God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.*

**20.** *for the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that*

God’s Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.

**21.** *that the Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.*

**22.** *for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.*

**23.** *with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God’s people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.*

**24.** *for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.*

**25.** *for us, that when we are tempted to focus on the things*



of the world or on ourselves, God would direct our attention to His Word and will.

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

**27.** *with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.*

**28.** *that we would joyfully study the Sacred Scriptures as a light to our path and gratefully make*

*use of the Lutheran Confessions to help us understand and apply the Scriptures.*

**29.** *with thanksgiving for shepherds in the Church’s history and pastors today, whom God uses to guide His flock.*

**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.** *that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.*

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