GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS July 22, 2018

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Dearest Lord Jesus, my Savior and my Good Shepherd, You alone are righteous and You bestow upon me Your righteousness in exchange for my sinfulness. Feed me on Your Word which grants me forgiveness of my sins and eternal life. Through Your Gospel gifts satisfy me by giving me to know that what God's Law demands of me You have freely given to me. Keep me steadfast in my faith and grant that it bears fruit showing me to be Your disciple. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! We are a family of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of salvation. We believe and confess that this is done as the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments are shared and administered in their truth and purity. Living as His people we bear witness to His love and mercy shown to us and to all. We recognize that others will know that we are Christians by our love shared in word and deed, which is our response to His love for us. If you are visiting it is our prayer that you realize these things about us as God's people gathered here in this place. If you wish to learn more about our teachings as taken from God's Word please speak with our Pastor. We are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs in this building or on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 8:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

Though it is not "Good Shepherd Sunday" it very well could be considered so as you hear the readings for this morning. At the same time we consider Jesus to be the Good Shepherd we are also given to understand that there were and are bad shepherds who care nothing for God's sheep. In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark we see how Jesus and His disciples are pursued by the people, and he relates to us that Jesus, upon seeing the crowd, "had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." First He taught them, feeding their souls by His Word and then He miraculously provided the significant crowd with food from five loaves and two fish. They all, five thousand men plus, ate and were satisfied. There were even leftovers that further provided a lesson for His disciples who had suggested they be sent away showing a reluctance to attempt such a feeding.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Elsie Westerfield in loving memory of her husband Dr. Frank Westerfield and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Bowman Stein
Cantor:	(8:15)	Charles Russell
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Gary Proud
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Chuck Fandrei, Jim Marvin
		Paul Nichols, Carter Stein
Greeter:	(8:15)	Judy Borchert
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Bev Sanders
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Kyla Wilbert
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Ushers:	(10:45)	Paul Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc
		Jeff Ralston, Ken Ross
Greeter:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Russlynn Krueger
Coffee Hosts:		VBS Kick-off – Board of Christian Education
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, July 29th, The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17, The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:45-56.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Processional on "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ~ David Cherwien

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

LSB 793

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- ▶ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, [and] call upon Him in prayer and praise, [and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,] let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 6)

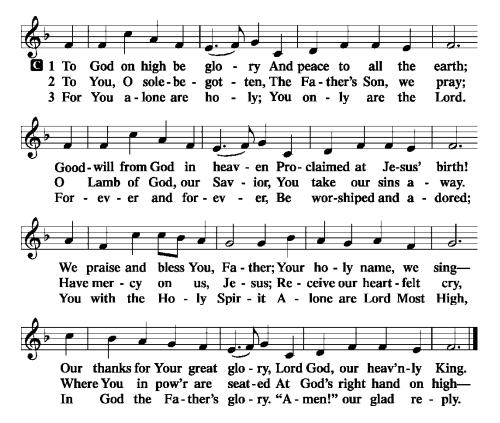
- **P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- **C** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
- **P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- **C** I shall not want.
- P He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- **C** He leads me beside still waters.
- **P** He restores my soul.
- **C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
- **C** your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- **C** you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- **P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- **C** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
- **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- **P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- **C** and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

John 20:19-23

Mark 10:47







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Old Testament Reading

 \mathbf{P} This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!* How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways! For from him and through him and to him are | all things.* To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30-44

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Rom. 11:33, 36

Ephesians 2:11–22

Nicene Creed (8:15)

C 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

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ++ everlasting. Amen

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread	LSB 625
Sermon <i>"Satisfied?"</i>	Mark 6:30-44

Installation of Vacation Bible School Workers

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

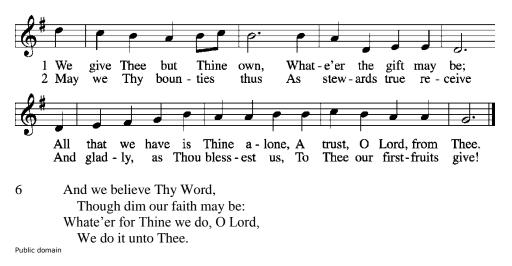
The prayers conclude with the following:

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

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Stand

Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own



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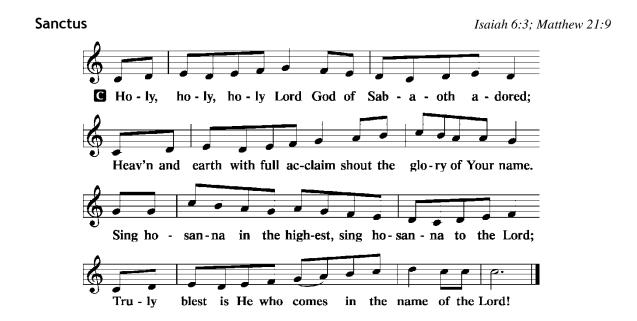
Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

 P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

 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

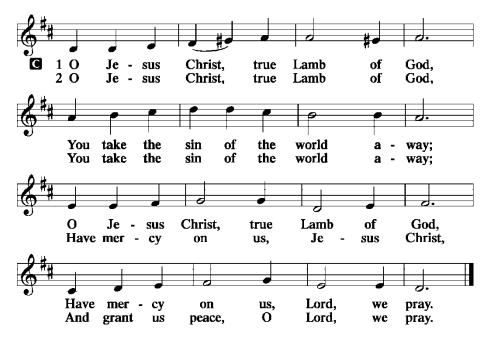
The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen



Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: What Is This Bread	LSB 629
Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want	LSB 710
Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion	LSB 559

Stand

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus

LSB 912

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Postlude

Chaconne in C Major (BuxWV 137) ~ Dieterich Buxtehude

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Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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

Matthew 6:9–13

Collect

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Benediction

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
	VBS Kick-off - Coffee and Fellowship in Parker Hall
	9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
	9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
	9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
	10:45 a.m. – Divine Service
	5:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School
MON - FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
MONDAY:	5:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School
TUESDAY:	5:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study (Grace Parlor)
	5:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School
	NO Mid-Week Service
THURSDAY:	5:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - This week's Sunday School lesson, "Jesus Appears to the Disciples," recounts the Easter story. Students will discuss how God speaks through their pastor to forgive their sins. Families could discuss, "How did Jesus' appearance on Easter evening both encourage and frighten the disciples? Why is it sometimes difficult to admit and confess our sins?"

PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. This morning Pastor Walter continues a study of St. Peter's Epistles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center and **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ed Mahnken is recovering from surgery on Friday. Donna Langlais is recovering from surgery on Friday. Allen Deislinger is continuing his recovery at home. Mona DeMilt is in rehabilitative care. Emma Louise Lile is in hospice care at Briarwood Nursing Center. **PORTALS OF PRAYER** devotion books are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy today and recycle your old one with your recycle at home. Thank you!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

- July 22 Jennifer and Michael Morrison
- July 24 Mary Kathryn and Charles Stein
- July 25 Beth and Steven Goodrich
- July 27 Linda and Claude Riggin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

- July 22 Tim Loyd, Betty Schonert, Ann Stoker
- July 23 Jennifer Found
- July 25 Caleb Stein, Paula Walter
- July 26 Elinor Golladay, Hannah McIntyre
- July 27 Evelyn Chotkowski, Alisa Coffey, Jennifer Hammond, Tim Sweeney

GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - **Attendance:** Sunday 7/15: $\underline{166}$ (8:15 – $\underline{91}$ and 10:45 – 75). Mid-Week Service 7/18: 13. **Offerings:** Sunday 7/15: \$7,323.00. Midweek Service 7/11: \$350.00. Missions: \$220.00. Memorials: \$125.00. Building Fund: \$350.00. Scholarship Fund: \$50.00. Christian Welfare: \$100.00.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS - If you are interested in serving as an officer or on one of the boards at Grace please talk with Tim Loyd or call the church office and we will put you in touch with Tim. The boards here at Grace are: Endowment, Evangelism, Elders, Young People's Work, Stewardship, Church Properties, Parish Fellowship and Christian Education. Please prayerfully consider one of these ways to serve.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP is a great opportunity for getting to know our visitors or someone you haven't met before, but <u>we need volunteers to serve</u> <u>refreshments</u>, especially the **upcoming Sundays - July 29th**, and **Sundays in August** and **September**. Check these dates on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY – We continue to receive requests for assistance from our Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations to fill these needs. Following are items that need to be replenished in our pantry: Canned **chunky** soups (no creamed soups), meats, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, jellies, and individual fruit and pudding cups. **WEDDING SHOWER** - Please join us for a meet and greet wedding shower for Joshua Ralston and his bride, Rachel Chester, on **Monday, August 13th from 6-7:30 p.m**. in the Church Parlor. A light supper will be served. They are registered at Amazon, Kohls, and gift cards are welcome. Hostesses: Lori Bloom, Sharon Le Blanc, Stephana Loyd, Colleen Moorman, Beverly Sanders, Margaret Schulz, Paula Walter, and Sheila Wilimzig.

VBS - Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive The children of VBS are supporting our local Ronald McDonald House next week with a new toy drive. Patients of Arkansas Children's Hospital that reside at the RMH have a Toy Closet that they can visit to help brighten their day. Our goal is to provide new toys for various ages for this Toy Closet. We would love for the congregation to join us in supporting our RMH, which operates completely on the donations of its supporters. Thank you!

New toy suggestions are:

Interactive toys for ages 3 months to 3 years Craft kits for girls and boys Games Small Lego sets for girls and boys

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF DR. ELDON SCHULZ

TO THE DR. ELDON SCHULZ MEMORIAL FUND

By Jerold and Lynn Franke

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES KIES II

TO THE GRACE BUILDNG FUND By Bryan and Lori Kies

> There will <u>not</u> be a Mid-Week Service on July 25th, the Wednesday evening of Vacation Bible School.



Splash Canyon VBS July 22-26 5:30-8:00 pm

Splash Canyon VBS starts tonight, July 22nd, at 5:30 pm! It's not too late to register and join us for a week of fun & fellowship as we learn how God keeps His promises to be with us and give us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior. See Catherine or Diane for more information.

The children of VBS are supporting the Ronald McDonald House with a new toy drive. We hope the congregation will join us in this local mission project. Please see the poster in Parker Hall or the above article in the bulletin for more information. Toys will be collected today through Sunday, August 5. Thank you!

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN

Arts Camp, Overcomers Camp and Family Camp.

The Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean still has openings in three summer camp sessions, Arts Camp, Overcomers Camp and Family Camp.

Overcomers Camp, July 22-26, is primarily for youth with physical limitations who want to experience outdoor activities but need some assistance, but the camp is open to any youth entering grades 7-12. This is a five-day, four-night session.

Family Camp, July 29-31, is a two-night session for whole families, with activities geared toward children not yet old enough for regular camp sessions. Families who sign up now can bring their own camper or tent or camp in the Lutheran Camp's teepee tents. To register or learn more, visit the Lutheran Camp website: lutherancamp.org.

The **10th annual Trivia Night** is Aug. 25 at Peace Lutheran Church in Conway. To register or learn more, check out the Lutheran Camp website: lutherancamp.org.

The first-ever **Battle of the (Praise) Bands** is slated for Sept. 29. The all-day event will include music, games, barbecue and more. Musicians interested in performing can register or learn more at the Lutheran Camp website: lutherancamp.org.