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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

TO OUR GUESTS . . .

Greetings and welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith. Please sign the guest register at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out a “Welcome” card from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or a member of the congregation.

A Prayer Register has been placed at the sanctuary entrances for you to enter prayers of thanksgiving as well as intercessions and petitions. These prayers will be added to the Prayer of the Church in the Sunday liturgies and included in the bulletin during the coming weeks.

Parents and children are welcome to make use of the nursery located up the stairs at the main entrance to the church. There are no nursery attendants scheduled during the summer months.

A restroom is located in the ushers room off the entryway. Please ask an usher for directions.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. Pick up a “Welcome” folder from the pastor or an usher.

Silence: In addition to words, music and gestures, our liturgy includes several periods of silence. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins the sound of the chimes calls us to a time of worship, reflection and centering. As you enter the sanctuary and greet other parishioners, please respect those already seated who either are prayerfully preparing for worship or quietly enjoying the Prelude.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—those who are able may stand; all **bold parts** are for the participation of all.

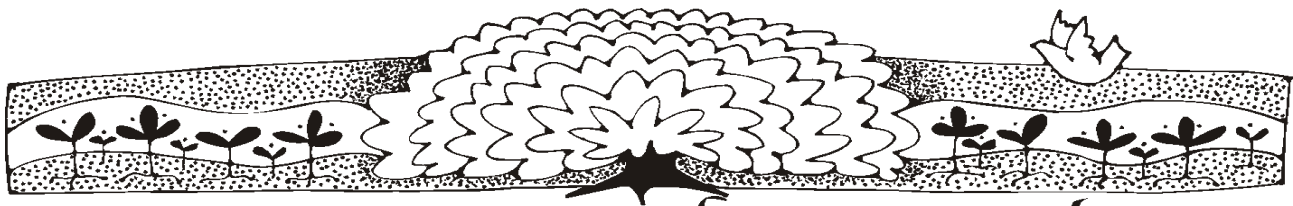
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WITH OBSERVANCE OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001
September 11th, 2011 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive again and again reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

**Please silence all cell phones and pagers
before the liturgy begins.**

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155



“forgive—How Often?” Sunday

GATHERING

GATHERING AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

On September 11, 2001, our lives and world were changed. In tragic and shocking ways, we suffered terrorist attacks in our homeland. Men, women, and children in our congregations and neighborhoods can recall when and where they first learned of these events and the meaning they would have individually and for our world. Today, we remember the ways our senses and our souls were affected that day. We confess our own brokenness and the brokenness of our world in the aftermath of these attacks. We pray with faith, hope and gratitude to God who is with us always.

*AUTUMN CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of new light, God created all that is—the earth, the waters, the living creatures. God called all creation good and blessed it.

Yet, human creation rejected God’s compassion. Humanity decided that it would go its own way, living in fear and anger rather than peace and hope.

Lord, hear our cries! Heal our wounds.

Sweep over us again, O God. Cleanse and purify us that we may serve you.

Open our hearts to hear your healing words of love.

Let us be the people of your beloved creation.

Let us worship you in spirit and truth, in compassion and love. **Amen**

*LITANY AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

O come let us worship the Lord.

O Lord, lighten our darkness and deliver us from every evil. We give you thanks that you know the grief in our hearts as we remember the events of September 11th, 2001. We call out to you for mercy in what has unfolded since—nearly ten years of war. We ask you to renew our commitment to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Be with us as we gather in your name, trusting the promise of your Spirit. **Amen**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

O come let us worship the Lord.

We remember. . .

the fear, the pain, the feelings of loss, the uncertainty, where we were, and what we were doing.

We remember. . .

the images of death we now live with, and the panic of the days after.

We remember. . .

wondering how to respond and what to do.

We pray. . .

for all those who lost their lives, those on the ground, as well as those in the planes, and all their families who still live with the pain.

We pray. . .

for those who witnessed the planes as they hit, and those who sifted through the rubble, and those who continue to serve on the seas, in the air, and in distant lands, far from their loved ones.

We pray. . .

for all those whose lives have been affected by this event, and for peace, for the people in the United States, and the people of Afghanistan and Iraq.

We pray. . .

for better understanding among peoples, and increased Jewish, Muslim and Christian relations.

We confess to you, O God, as well as each other, all of our sins, silently and aloud.

A brief period of time for the silent confession of sins.

We confess. . .

our anger that still lingers, our impatience, our desire for revenge, our own tendency to be violent.

We confess. . .

our egos, believing ourselves to be right, our unwillingness to examine ourselves, and our quickness to blame others.

We confess. . .

our need for you, O God, who forgives us of all our sins.

We trust. . .

in you, O God, in the power of your grace and goodness that is stronger than hatred or evil, in life that is more powerful than death, and in love that wins.

We trust. . .

that this event does indeed shape our lives, but that it does not define our lives.

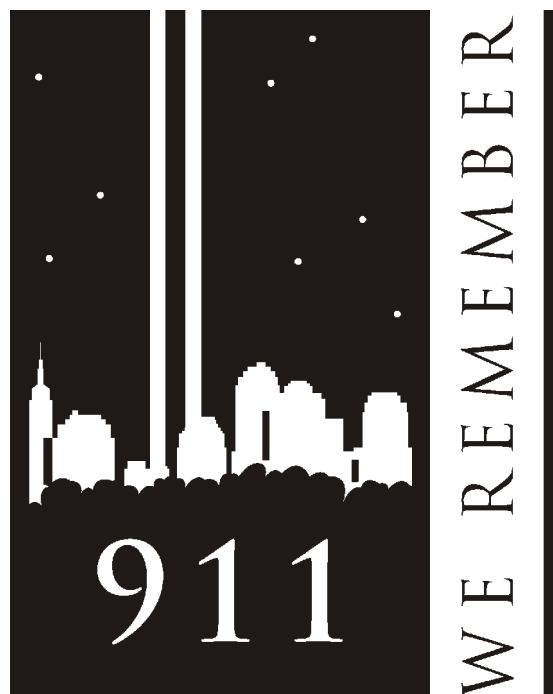
We trust. . .

that God is in New York, in Washington and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in Afghanistan and Iraq, and wherever people cry out for your mercy.

We trust. . .

that God is here, among and within us, shaping and molding us, teaching us to speak a new language, the language of holy love, love even of our enemies.

We trust that you, O God, are here.



- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

*GREETING

Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

- 1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.

- 2 In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.

- 3 You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

PUPPET PRESENTATION AND SONG

Jesus' Life Shows Love

Fruit of the Spirit

The Fruit of the Spirit is not a

1. *Coconut*
2. *Watermelon*
3. *Passion Fruit*
4. *Like Kiwi*
5. *Banana Man*
6. *Georgia Peach*

The Fruit of the Spirit is not a

1. *Coconut*
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If you want to be a

1. *Coconut*
2. *Watermelon*
3. *Passion Fruit*
4. *Like Kiwi*
5. *Banana Man*
6. *Georgia Peach*

You might as well hear it
You can't be a Fruit of the Spirit.

Cause the Fruit is...

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,
Gentleness and Self Control.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



"forgive-How Often?" Sunday

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

***CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

***COMMEMORATIVE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident in the knowledge that God comforts and lifts up those who call on the name of the Lord, let us pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

For the gift of life, O Lord, we give you thanks. Infuse us with your light, and make us instruments of that life-giving light. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all who live with fear, anxiety and uncertainty. Comfort and strengthen them, we pray, that they may know the healing power of your love. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and all who are in positions of political authority, that they may hear your voice above all others and act in such a way that brings about healing and reconciliation. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who mourn and wonder, "O God, where were you?" May they know your presence and see how you use something that was meant for evil to bring about something that can be used for good. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our enemies, the ones for whom we would rather not pray, and for ourselves: lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred and revenge; give us courage to overcome our fears and build bridges, that we may stand before you reconciled through Christ our Lord. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with affection those who now rest from their labors, especially those we name before you now, on our lips or in our hearts. . . . Keep us in fellowship with all your saints and bring us at last to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. O God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, increase in us the gift of faith that our lives may reflect your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Lift my Eyes to the Hills

*OFFERTORY

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation,
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth
bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



MATTHEW 18:22

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***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**



“forgive—How Often?” Sunday

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ☩ guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW 867

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!

- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT STS. PETER AND PAUL . . .

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:00 AM Sunday School and Children's Choir
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Outdoor Liturgy of Holy Communion with an
Observance of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th
and First Day of Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Congregational Picnic

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 12:00 Noon Dorcas Society Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 1:00 PM Slovak Athletic Association Meeting
- 6:30 PM Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 7:30 PM Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 12:00 Noon Myjavsky Group Meeting
- 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:00 PM Recovering Couples Anonymous

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:00 PM AA Group

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School and Children's Choir
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

In rehabilitation: **Marie Kamp** at Resurrection Life Center, Chicago; **Betty Bosh** at Lexington, LaGrange; **Steve Yezo** in Joliet.

Dale Renville (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Paul Matlas** (*dear friend of Ken and Shirley Wood*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Elsie Pennino** (*mother of Martin*), **John Sasuta** (*brother of Nick*), **Janet Schultz** (*cousin to Elaine Haase*), **Ken Wood** (*husband of Shirley*), **Marge Valuch** (*friend of the Mendel's*), **Joe Kmet** (*brother-in-law of Ann Kmet, friend to the Mendels*), **Len Ruszel** (*brother-in-law of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Gloria Morelli** (*aunt of Debbie Boor*), **Jan Podhola** (*wife of John Kostelny's friend*), **Kathy Giampapa** (*John Kostelny's co-worker's wife*), **Sharon Barton** (*friend of John Kostelny*), **Lee Sobier** (*neighbor of the Kostelny's*).

If you would like to order flowers for the Lord's Table, please call the church office. Flowers cost \$18.00 per vase; please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The cut-off day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Today marks the opening of a **new Sunday school year** while this past week the **preschool of the congregation** began a new season of nurture and instruction. As the Lord once welcomed the "little ones" so we too welcome the children and families, teachers and leaders of our preschool and Sunday school. Please join us following the worship for the **Annual Congregational Picnic**. Thank you to everyone who organized this event; those who helped set-up and tear-down; all who provided and prepared food; and to each one who helped in some way to make the picnic an enjoyable occasion for launching the new educational year.

Adult choir rehearsals are held weekly on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir room (lower level) and on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** Please come and add your voice to the praises of God at worship.

Individual in need of **short-term room to rent** during September. If you have a room or space to rent, or if you know of someone who does, please contact the church office at (708) 442-5250 with this information.

For more information, news, photos and sermons, visit us on the web:

www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org

Today is the last day to bring white elephant items for the Dorcas Craft and Pantry Fair, scheduled for Saturday, October 15th. Items need to be clean and in good working condition. We ask that no clothing, computers, TVs or software be donated. Please do not leave donations in the parking lot. We are looking for gently used stuffed animals, toys, children's books, and games for **the children's table** at the Craft Fair. Also, raffle tickets are available to buy or sell from Anne Otjepka or other Dorcas members. **Donations of bakery items** would be greatly appreciated again this year. Please drop off your baked items on Friday, October 14th between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thank you from the women of Dorcas.

The Riverside Farmers Market will be held in the village parking lot between the Township Hall and the Library on **Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-7:00 p.m.**, through October 26th. Each week, fresh, locally grown products are available for purchase. For more information, please contact the Village of Riverside at (708) 447-2700.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering Recap

Sunday, September 4th, 2011

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offerings for 2011:</i>	\$3,219.00
<i>Actual Offering Received:</i>	\$2,464.00
<i>Shortfall:</i>	(-\$ 755.00)

Summer Months Offering Recap *(June - July - August)*

<i>Budgeted Offerings for this Period:</i>	\$41,847.00
<i>Actual Offering Received:</i>	\$29,817.00
<i>Shortfall:</i>	(-\$12,030.00)

The Missions and Outreach Committee is **collecting items for the men and women serving our country**. We feel there is a need to support the troops for all they have given us. **A complete list of items** needed is available downstairs on the table at the east end of the hallway. We ask that donations which are brought in during the summer months be left on the table as well. We gratefully appreciate your support.

The **Women's Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church**, 5106 N. LaCrosse Avenue in Chicago will be celebrating their 78th anniversary and invite you to attend their **Oktoberfest Luncheon on Wednesday, October 12th, 2011** at 12 noon to help them celebrate. The menu will consist of chicken, brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, mixed vegetables, applesauce, rye bread, coffee, tea, lemonade and dessert. To make your reservation, please contact Vera Menich at (847) 823-1802. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 7 years and under. A raffle will be held. Hope to see you there!



COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Wednesday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Friday, September 16

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Saturday, September 17

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Sunday, September 18

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.



BEDS Plus Needs Volunteers!

Since 1988, BEDS Plus has sheltered, fed and helped hundreds of homeless people in our community return to a healthy, safe and stable life.

And we do it year after year with the help of volunteers from our local faith communities! Each volunteer works just 4 hours per month – but makes an impact that changes many lives.

Right now, we are recruiting volunteers for our 2011-12 shelter season, which opens October 15th and runs through April 30th.

We'd like you to join our mission.

If you're looking for a meaningful, rewarding and proven way to help those in greatest need, please visit our website or contact us today.

www.bedsplus.org

(708) 354-0858

Mandatory volunteer training sessions will take place every Tuesday night in September, and space is limited. Reserve your spot today and come find out more about this wonderful, local non-profit! Call (708) 354-0858, ext. 3 or email Cody at umbach@bedsonline.org to reserve your seat.

Taste of Riverside Churches

**Sunday, September 25th, 2011
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Join Riverside and North Riverside residents
in a Trolley Car Tour of
four of the community's churches:**

**Ascension Lutheran
Christ Community Presbyterian
Riverside United Methodist
St. Mary's Catholic Church**

**Sponsored by the Riverside/North Riverside
Covenant of Churches
(The other four churches will be included
in a similar tour next year.)**

**Leaders of the four churches will be available
to talk about their churches and answer questions.**

**Tickets for the Trolley Car will be \$10.00
and should be reserved ahead of time by contacting
Marjorie Lewe at 708-447-0064.**

WELCOME, KATARINA ŠOLTÉSOVÁ!

Katarina Šoltéssová is a graduate student in Old Testament from the Slovak Republic who will be visiting Sts. Peter and Paul during the autumn months and residing in the church apartment while studying at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). During her stay, she will be providing ministry especially to the Czech and Slovak speaking members of congregation. She is also interested in working with the youth group and singing with the choir while she is here. Katarina will be with us until December 20th when she returns to Slovakia. The following is an introduction from her:

My name is Katarína Šoltéssová and I am from Slovakia from a small village called Hontianske Moravce which is located in the middle part of the country and is very close to the Hungarian border. My family moved there when I was ten years old. I was born in Rožnava which is a city in the eastern part of Slovakia. My father was a pastor; he died five years ago. Now I live with my mother and grandmother along with my younger brother. My older brother is already married and is not living with us any longer.

I am a Ph.D. student at the Evangelical Theological Faculty (Department of Old Testament) of Comenius University in the Slovak Republic working on the theme of “Vicarious Suffering in the Old Testament.” I am here in the U.S. to receive more experiences of the life in your church and congregation and to research and gather material for my doctoral dissertation at LSTC. I am not yet decided whether or not I will become an ordained minister. I am still praying to God to show me the way I am created to follow. I love music, kids, nature and many other things.

I am looking forward to meeting you, and I would like to express my great thanks to your pastor, Dennis Lauritsen, and also to all of you for this opportunity to be with your congregation during these four months. Thank you very much, and God bless you.

—Katarína Šoltéssová

Celebrate the

**110th Anniversary of
Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
(Organized October 20th, 1901)
at**

CLC's Harvest Moon Ball



Saturday, November 5th

Cocktails – 6pm (cash bar)

Dinner – 7pm

Crystal Sky

7941 W. 47th Street, McCook

Cost: \$40.00 per person

*Wear your dancing shoes as we
dance to the Big Bands and to
Popular Favorites*

For reservations, call Donna Tuider at 708/442-9517 or Ann Pennino at 630/850-7307.

Tickets are limited so make your reservation and payment by October 23rd.

If you have a preference of table mates, please let us know at the time of reservation.



MATTHEW 18:22

