

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

904 Bluff Street Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

A traditional, liturgical, Biblical congregation in the heart of Cedar Falls ministering to sinners with the forgiving presence of Christ.

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The 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023

TO OUR VISITORS We rejoice that you have joined us this morning to hear the Word of God, receive His gifts of life and salvation, and to respond to His faithfulness with "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" *Ephesians 5:19*

- ✘ *Please take the time to fill out the Communion Registration/Visitors' Cards which are in the small card holders on the pew.*
- ✘ *Please read the announcement below regarding Communion.*
- ✘ *Guests who will not be communing may place the Visitor's card in the Offering plate..*
- ✘ *Guests who intend to commune are asked to announce this intention to the Elder and give the card to the Usher as they come forward to receive communion.*
- ✘ *Following the Service, a member of the Board of Communication and Outreach has a small gift for you.*

OUR REDEEMER PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive this Sacrament, the oneness of fellowship at the Altar (I Corinthians 10:17) presupposes a oneness in doctrine with the Apostles (Acts 2:42). For this reason the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of Closed Communion. If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Our Redeemer or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Knox, Pastor Saunders, or Vicar Baker about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.



THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Elder: Tom Strub **Service Assistant:** Steven Dekutoski

Organist: Roxann List **Ushers:** Stephen Hoffman, Kyle Winter

Tellers: Jonah Bolin, Dean Garms **Shut-Ins:** Sara Lair

TODAY IS THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Just two weeks ago, in the Gospel appointed for that Sunday, you heard the Evangelist Matthew's account of Jesus feeding of the 5,000. In the description of the events that took place in this miraculous feeding Matthew told you, "*They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.*" Jesus' love of all humanity is so clearly seen in the abundance He provides. Not only are the bread and fish enough to satisfy all whom Jesus feeds, but the forgiveness, life, and salvation He gives in His Word and Holy Sacraments are also that which truly fills to satisfaction.

Yet have the disciples not learned the limitlessness of Jesus' great love? Having now journeyed into the region of Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman comes out to Jesus crying, "*Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me.*" At first glance, it appears that their hard hearts are quick to read in Jesus' silence a limit to His love, so they urge Jesus, thinking He will be pleased, to "*send her away.*" Not so fast. The disciples actually want Jesus just to give her what she wants so she will quit crying out to Him.

First impressions can be dangerous. Jesus' silence, and His eventual answer, may seem at first that He refuses to show this woman and her daughter any mercy. Jesus is not rejecting this woman, He is teaching! He is teaching this woman, He is teaching His disciples, and, yes, He is teaching you and His whole Church--the way of His kingdom is the way of mercy! Furthermore, that mercy is for all to receive!



To be clear, this woman was not fit for God’s kingdom. But let us also be clear - neither were the disciples of Jesus and neither are you. She had no right to ask Jesus to heal her daughter. She knew this and, therefore, she cries for mercy and was happy to receive *“the crumbs that fall from the master’s table.”* She would have been satisfied with crumbs, but, just as Jesus fed the 5,000 to such an abundance that there were twelve basketfuls remaining, so, also, Jesus’ mercy provides for her and she is satisfied.

You cry out for mercy and, likewise, you should be content with crumbs. But there are no crumbs for those Jesus has called into His kingdom. You sit at Jesus’ table and feast like royalty. Baptized into Christ, you are dressed in garments fit for a king, for you are adorned in the righteousness of Christ. He prepares a table for you and you eat the children’s bread which quells the deepest hunger. Jesus gives you His body and blood. With this you are satisfied!

I. THE PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” LSB #822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Stand/Remain Standing

Invocation

P/V: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sin

P/V: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]

P/V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P/V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

P/V: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

P/V: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to be the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Cantor: The Lord is the strength of His | people;*

He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.

Cong: **To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,***

lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | You for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the Lord!*

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*

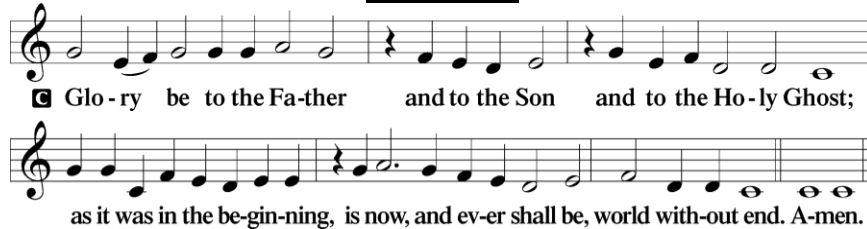
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.

Cantor: The Lord is the strength of His | people;*

He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.

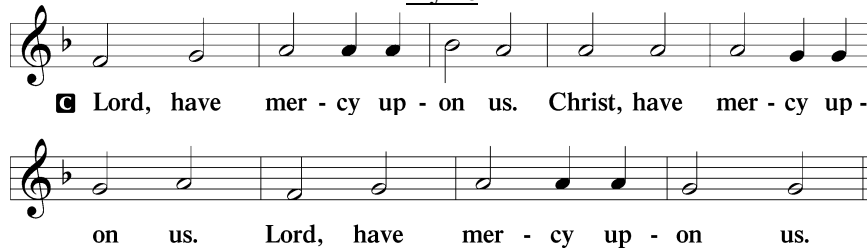
Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation



The Lord be with you.

II Timothy 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

The Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

The Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The Gradual

Psalm 67 (*antiphon v. 5*)

Cantor: Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!

**Cong: May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make His face to shine up- | on us,
that Your way may be | known on earth,*
Your saving power among all | nations.**

Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!

Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | on earth.

Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!

The earth has yielded its | increase;*
God, our God, shall | bless us.

God shall | bless us;*
let all the ends of the earth | fear Him!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Cantor: Let the peoples praise You, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise You!

The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Alleluia/Verse



Cantor: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of | Israel.*
He heals the brokenhearted and binds | up their wounds.

Psalm 147:2-3



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Evangelist Matthew, the 15th chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

**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**

The Hymn of The Day

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” #555 (verses 1-5)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

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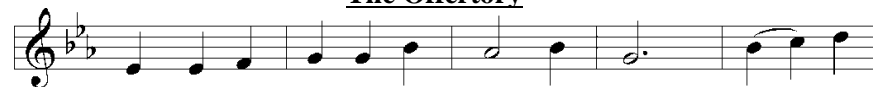
The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

The Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12



☞ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Prayers

Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Congregation, gathered for worship in person, will now be receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. This most significant portion of the Divine Service, when our Lord Jesus Christ draws near to His people with His flesh and blood, will not be streamed. Members desiring to receive the Sacrament who are unable to be present in the Church will be visited by one of our pastors to bring them the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Those who have joined us online for the Service of the Word are now encouraged to pray the 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.**

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Please call Pastor Knox (319/231-9761) if you would like to receive a Pastoral visit.

We sang verses 1-5 of the great Reformation era hymn, "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" as the Hymn of the Day. Here are the 5 remaining verses (6-10) which the congregation will sing during the Communion distribution. While you won't hear these verses sung, you can at least read, or sing for yourself, the rest of this magnificent hymn.

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" #555 (verses 6-10)



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
 8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science-
 9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-
 △ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
 strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
 ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
 sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
 love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
 jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
 and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠

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| Sun. 8/20 | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Service at Our Redeemer |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School and Bible Class |
| Mon. 8/21 | 6:30 p.m. | Confession and Absolution |
| Wed. 8/23 | 11:00 a.m. | Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings) |
| Sat. 8/26 | 6:00 p.m. | Bible Class at Peace – Shell Rock |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Service at Peace – Shell Rock |

HYMNS/READINGS

Sunday, August 27, 2023 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33—12:8; Matt. 16:13-20

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BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. Today Pastor Knox will resume the study of Burial practices and the Christian funeral.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets from 10:30 – 11:15 each Sunday. On the Sunday after Labor Day there will be a Sunday School celebration to mark the beginning of the School Year.

WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY This class meets each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. to study the weekly readings, hymns, and propers for the upcoming Sunday. It is a way to prepare for the coming week's Divine Service.

THE VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY This Fall Vicar Baker will begin a study of the use of agricultural images and themes in the Bible. This class will resume on Monday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. The class will also be offered on Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. at Peace in Shell Rock.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY During the School Year the Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with our Vicar on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. This class will resume on September 6th.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

In an effort to keep the members of Our Redeemer aware of our financial condition as a congregation, the following is provided by the Board of Stewardship and the Financial Secretary.

- Giving/income Year to Date \$144,005.22
- Budget Year to Date: \$145,700.00
- Difference: -\$1,694.78

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear members of Our Redeemer,

Thank you for so enthusiastically welcoming our family into your congregation. From moving help to gifts to the warm greetings we receive every time we see you, you have been models of Christian love and hospitality. We already feel right at home here. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

In Christ,

The Bakers

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION The regular time for Corporate Confession and Absolution, on the 3rd Monday of the Month, will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. Time for Individual Confession and Absolution will be available after the Service of Corporate Confession and is always available by appointment as well. Please call Pastor Knox or Pastor Saunders to make those arrangements.

IT IS ALMOST CHOIR SEASON AGAIN. We want to encourage ANYONE who loves to sing, regardless of the ability to read music, to join the Adult Choir. We meet every Wednesday, from 5:25-6:25 starting September 6th and finish up in late May. If you cannot commit to the full year, that is fine. Join us in the Fall or join in January. We are a fun, friendly group and would LOVE to see new faces and hear new voices. If you have ANY questions, talk to Roxann or Sheryl. We hope to see you soon!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AND AUGUST While Christmas is several months away the Christian Care Project for July and August is collecting items for Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes. These gift boxes will be sent internationally to recipients who will deliver them to children who may not receive any other Christmas package. Items must be collected by September 1 so the Gift boxes may be sent and delivered in time for Christmas. A complete list of items needed are in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall. Please pick up a copy. Only items listed will be accepted because of strict overseas shipping regulations. Thank you for helping with this project and bringing smiles to the faces of Children around the world. Please direct any questions to Char Strub or Judy Fink.

OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB After the summer break, the Our Redeemer Book Club will resume on Wednesday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. (prior to the weekly Pericopes study). We hope that you will plan to join us as we read and discuss “God’s Word: A Guide to Holy Scripture” by John Kleinig. (For a synopsis of the book, please see the “What We’re Reading” review by Gerry Peterson on page 9 of the July-August **REPORTER**.) Books will be ordered soon (cost approximately \$20) – to reserve a copy, please see Sara Lair or Greg Gerjerts.



THE LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION of the Dubuque zone invite you to join them for the LWML Iowa East District Fall Retreat at Camp Iodiseca on September 8 & 9, 2023. The theme is “Christ Above All” Colossians 1 15-17. Rev. Caleb Schewe, St. John, Monticello, Dubuque Zone Counselor will lead the Bible Studies. Special speakers will be Cynthia Khan, Director of Community

Engagement at POBLO, Reverend Harrison Goodman, Content Executive, of Higher Things, and through technology, Missionary Jerry Mays – in Tanzania, Africa. There will be a Saturday VBS for Children ages 3 through 6th Grade. Moms are welcome to bring your Children to attend the Saturday VBS while you enjoy the retreat. More information and a schedule of activities is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Information brochures are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Please pick up a copy. Please consider attending. Any questions please talk with Judy Fink.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION This Fall, starting on the Sunday after Labor Day, Pastor Knox will begin a study of the Book of Revelation. It has been more than 20 years since a study of this unique book of the Bible has been offered at Our Redeemer. The study of Revelation will include a study of parts of the book of Daniel from the Old Testament, a book which has similarities with Revelation. Both of these forward looking books of prophecy give the believer confidence as God reveals the glory of His eternal kingdom and the final victory to be enjoyed by all who trust in Christ.

VICAR’S BIBLE STUDY THIS YEAR There’s no denying many of us today have a much different relationship with soil and plants than people typically have had throughout most of history. Some of us get our hands dirty in the garden and enjoy the “fruit of our labors,” but gardening is more a hobby than a necessity. On the other hand, farmers’ livelihoods do depend on the productivity of their cropland, yet much of their work is done with computers, machinery, and other technology only available within the last 130 years or so. Given the populace’s more intimate familiarity with the land during Biblical times, it’s not surprising that we can find agricultural descriptions, both literal and figurative, in every section of the Scriptures.

This series doesn’t propose to be an exhaustive examination of all these passages. For instance, more attention will be paid to horticulture and botany in general than to animal husbandry. Over the course of 17 sessions, from September to May, we’ll discuss texts from Genesis to Revelation, some very familiar and others sometimes overlooked. We’ll read selections in which plants play the leading role and discover new insights hidden “in the weeds.” The goal is to gain a better understanding of how plant imagery is used in specific contexts as well as being a linking theme throughout the Scriptures.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY – Stop by the Neighborhood Library (curbside on Bluff Street) and “Read. Return. Repeat.” Selections vary and are updated from time to time. Do you have good “Lutheran” books to donate to the cause? We can especially use children’s books. See Sara Lair for information.