

This Week's Words for Meditation

A Priceless Treasure

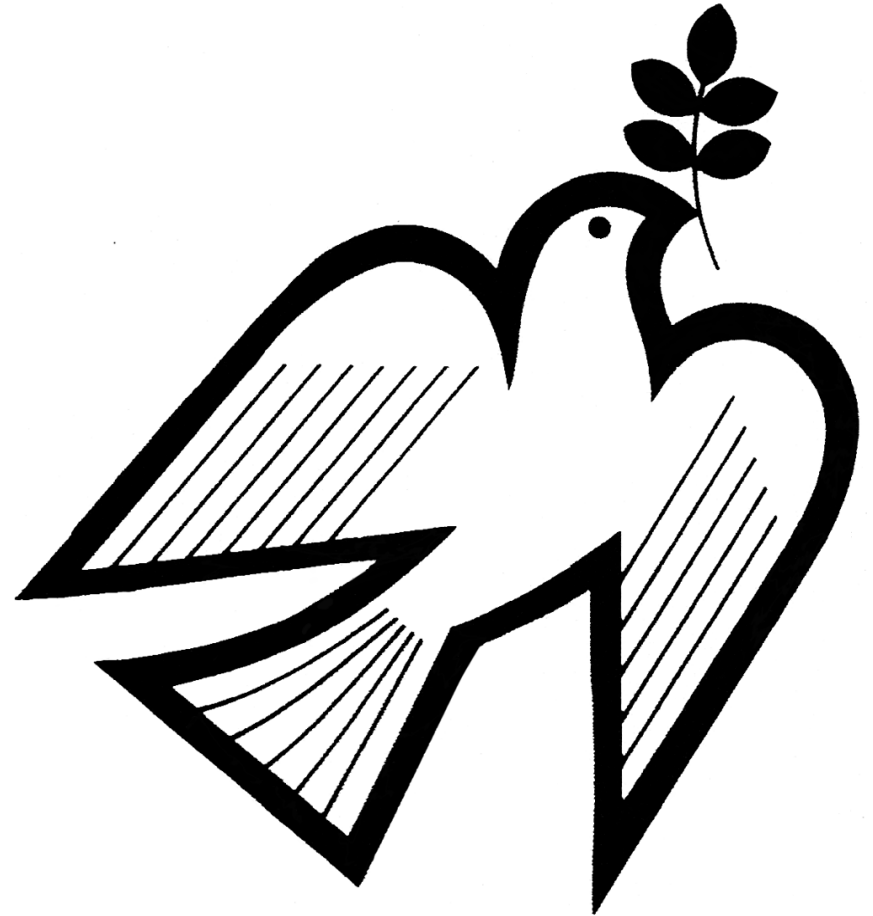
"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Luke 16:13

One evening on our college choir tour, four of us in the choir stayed at the home of an extremely wealthy couple. They had the best of everything. After supper the husband said, "Boys, how do you like this place? I want you to know something: Everything I have here is a gift from God. He's the most important part of our lives." How refreshing! What a humble yet powerful witness this man gave! He liked the gifts; he *loved* the giver.

In his explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther gives a lengthy list of blessings from the hand of our gracious Father. The greatest gift He has given us is the gift of redemption through faith in Christ Jesus, our priceless treasure. With our eyes focused on Him, all other blessings fall into their proper place. Money, or material blessings, will be left behind when we close our eyes in death. Our higher good, Christ Jesus, offers life eternal in heaven for free to those who believe in Him. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Yes, we should love and trust in God above all things, loving Him who first loved us.

**Lord, our God, help us to love and trust in You
above all things, always holding You as our eternal,
priceless treasure. Amen.**

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WORSHIP THEME: "WHO IS YOUR GOD" (LUKE 16:1-15)

Welcome Visitors! To all who enter the doors of this church, we extend a special greeting. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here, and that God may give you a beautiful Sabbath day. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, giving your address (including apartment number) and zip code. Please come and worship with us again!

A Note About the Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper will be offered at our 10:45 service this morning. If you have any doubts or questions about your ability and worthiness to receive His Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion), speak with Pastor before coming forward. Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God by Erika Wolfkill in memory of Loved Ones.

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE

(The Order of Service for today is Divine Service Setting One and can be found on Page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book.)

+ We Lift Our Hearts In Worship +

Pre-Service Music and Prayer Time (Please observe a quiet time prior to the service to allow for private prayers and meditation.)

+ WELCOME AND GREETING +

Opening Hymn: #901LSB "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (v 1,2,3)

*Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how bless-ed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

*Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!*

*Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.*

The Invocation (p. 151) (Spoken)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession and Absolution (p. 151) (Spoken)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit of the Day-Psalm 119:137-140; antiphon Psalm 119:144 (Spoken responsively)

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. Righteous are You, O LORD, and right are Your just decrees.

C: You have appointed Your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget Your words.

P: Your promise is well tried, and Your servant loves it. Your righteousness is righteous forever and Your law is true.

**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: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I
may live. Righteous are You, O LORD, and right are Your just decrees.

Praise Hymn: #790LSB (8:00 a.m.) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (v 2 & 3)

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.*

Praise Hymn: (10:45 a.m.) This Is the Feast (p. 155) (Sung)

*_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
_Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free
to be people of God.
_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory
are his.
_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
_This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)

The LORD be with you.

(Spoken) **And also with you.**

Let us pray... (*Pastor prays the Collect*) O Lord, keep Your Church in Your
perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from
all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

The Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Amos 8:4-7 (ESV p. 769)

The Coming Day of Bitter Mourning

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"
⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-15 (ESV p. 991)

Pray for All People

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without ⁹ I ⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respect-

able apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (p. 156)

(Sung) *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15 (ESV p. 874)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

(Spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

¹ He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the

unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Law and the Kingdom of God

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of our LORD.

(Spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Children’s Message (Parents are encouraged to bring children forward.)

The Message Hymn: #537LSB “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration

Now and forevermore be Thine!

The Message for the Day: “Who is Your God?” (Luke 16:1-15)

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Spoken) (p. 159) (8:00 a.m.)

I believe in one 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.

The Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed (Spoken) (p. 158) (10:45 a.m.)

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 Gathering of Offerings for the LORD's Work (Please be seated)

The Prayers (after each petition, please respond with - "Hear our Prayer")

The LORD's Prayer (p.162) (Spoken)

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.

(8:00 a.m. please continue with The Benediction)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Order of Holy Communion (for the 10:45 a.m. service)

Prepare to Receive the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion

When we come to the altar during the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion: Our congregation requests the potential communion recipient be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

We invite you to read and understand 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 14:23-25 for your understanding of the Holy Communion.

We receive Christ's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ, Christ's presence and peace.

The Preface (Responses are Sung) (p. 160)

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 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, Holy LORD, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

(Sung) ***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.161)

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our LORD (p. 162)

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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Pax Domini (p. 163)

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

(Sung) **A - men.**

The Agnus Dei (p.163)

(Sung) ***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

The Distribution

Communion Hymns: #901LSB "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (v 3,4,5)

*Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.*

*Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howso'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.*

*Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.*

#525LSB "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v 1,2,3)

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.*

The Post-Communion Canticle (p. 164)

(Sung) ***Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Allelu - ia.***

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

The Benediction (p.166)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

(Spoken) **A-men.**

The Closing Hymn: #525LSB "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v 4,5)

*Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.*

The Sending

Go in peace - Serve the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

The Postlude (This ends the service.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All members attending this morning's 10:45 service, please be sure to sign up for Communion. Visitors are asked to please fill in the yellow Communion Registration cards available from the Ushers and in the Pews.

Visitor Information can be found at the Greeters' stand next to the guest book. Please come and worship with us again!

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes are now all in session beginning at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor Bob conducts a Bible Study class at the back of the Church. Mohan facilitates a study on the Book of John. His class meets in the main building in the "long classroom." Pat Callahan conducts his class as they read through the Bible. They have been studying the Prophets and are currently in the Old Testament in the Book of Amos. Come and join one of these studies this morning, whether you are dropping students for Sunday School or are just curious about the Adult Bible Studies - all are welcome!

Thank you everyone for your generosity in providing school supplies for our LWR school backpacks. We would also like to thank Office Depot in Bellevue for selling us 240 notebooks at their sale price of \$.10 when it was a limit of 5. The backpacks will be delivered the first weekend of November.

Jr. Confirmation Classes have begun. Youngsters who are 12 years old or entering the 7th Grade this Fall are encouraged to join Pastor's Jr. Confirmation Class being held during the Sunday School Hour. This class will be for both 1st and 2nd-year students. If you have not already been contacted by Pastor Dolby and you have a child who is eligible for Jr. Confirmation, please contact Pastor now.

Attention High School Youth! Join us for this year's kick off Youth Activity. When: Friday September 20th; Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm; Location: Living Stone Center; What: Games and Snacks (Brief Devotion To Start Us Off). Feel free to bring a favorite board game to play. Friends are always welcome!

Leah Circle is hosting the Christmas Brunch on Dec. 7 @ 10:00 AM. The donations we are asking to begin with: Diapers (infant thru training toddlers); Bibs and socks. P.S. A little later we will receive a list of what we need most. Please watch the bulletins and the Newsletter.

From the Church Secretary: Please notify Barbi of any changes to your email address. Check the church phone directory and make sure ALL your information is up to date.

Prayer Chain Warriors - If you are not already on our prayer chain list, but would like to be, please contact Barbi at bcallahan@allsaints-lcms.com

Room for MANY Volunteers! What is your special skill? Every week our church needs workers doing yardwork, Evangelists, Ushers, Musicians, and Greeters for our services. Please contact Barbi by email, written note or phone message to volunteer.

