



# Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## August 2022 Newsletter

*"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." [Saint John 10:27]*

Dear Sheep of the Divine Shepherd:

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 2 Peter 3:10-14

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Why do I mention that date? Some of you might be thinking that I mention it because that is the anniversary of the attacks by Islamic terrorists back in 2001. Although that is certainly an important date to remember, that is not why I am highlighting this date. The reason I highlight this date is because Sunday morning Bible class will resume on that date. As your pastor it is my duty to strongly encourage you to attend these classes. I especially direct this encouragement to those who are officers of this congregation. Bible class is an essential part of our Christian lives, and it also gives the opportunity for all of us, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to come together and affirm what we believe regarding the Scriptures. It is also a time that we can gather and enjoy fellowship with one another.

This past spring, we finished studying the book of 2 Peter. Beginning on September 11<sup>th</sup> we will begin studying a book of the Bible that is seldom read or studied, even though it only has 25 verses. The book I am referring to is the letter written by the half-brother of Jesus whose name is Jude. Even though this letter is extremely short in terms of Biblical letters, it is a particular relevant letter for Christians living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The main purpose of this letter is to warn us of listening to false prophets who have infiltrated the Church and are stripping away the faith of those who have been redeemed by Christ the crucified. In this brief letter, Jude uses nine different examples of God's judgment from the Old Testament. These judgments of God are against all forms of ungodliness, including the teachings of false prophets, pastors, and teachers. Jude even uses a book from the Apocrypha to drive home his point. Jude gives the faithful, including each of you, encouragement to hold fast to the inerrant Word of God as you anticipate the return of Christ when He comes in all His glory.

Jesus is going to return as He has promised! He will return to judge the living and the dead! He will return to gather the faithful; those who have been baptized and have remained steadfast through the reception of God's gracious gifts given through Word and Sacrament. This means each of you!

I rejoice in the great blessings that God has given to each of us at Divine Shepherd. He is faithful and He will continue to keep us safe, especially as we receive these gifts. This includes the blessing of His Word taught in Bible class.

Again, I invite and encourage you to prayerfully consider staying after the conclusion of the Divine Service for fellowship, and for the studying of God's holy and inerrant Word.

Listen to Jesus,

Pastor Zimmer

# The Fourth Commandment and Christian Stewardship

A steward is one who is entrusted with the management of something that belongs to another. As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we are and all we have come from God. Stewardship is not just about money or finances, it is about everything God entrusts to our care. We are to manage everything for His purposes. In the Fourth Commandment we are reminded that we have the privilege and responsibility of managing relationships with God's representatives.



## The Fourth Commandment

*Honor your father and your mother.*

### What does this mean?

*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve, and obey them, love and cherish them.*

To consider the last seven commandments properly it is important to reflect on the first three. We are able to love our neighbor because God first loved us. Raymond Olson writes in *Stewards Appointed*, "It is the relationship which we have with God which produces the proper kind of relationship in our society in general and with individual persons in particular. It is important to recall the words of Jesus--'and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself' ".

This commandment reminds us that God has placed parents and others in positions of authority over us for our good. "We are called," writes Olson, "as Christian stewards to have proper respect and to give honor to our parents and all others in authority. This calling involves the principle that all integrity and social worth begins at home. If we contribute to any disrespect for our own home, we contribute to disrespect for all homes, and to their disintegration in society. Even though there may be certain things about a person's home which he considers below standard, this is not a valid reason for him to refuse honor to his parents ... We invite great trouble for ourselves, and in turn for total society, when we break away from the standards, the principle the ideals of father and mother. The Christian steward will recognize the valid discipline which this Commandment orders for his own life and for the proper structure of society".

We are to not only to love but also honor parents and those in authority. Robert Kolb writes in *Teaching God's Children His Teaching*. "So great was Luther's concern for peace and order and so great his confidence in God's ordering that he could speak of a 'majesty hidden within' parents which elicited honor for them--a greater thing than love, he says, since it includes not only love but deference, humility, and modesty as well--even if they seem lowly, poor, feeble, or eccentric, as parents often do to their maturing children who are trying to establish their own identities".

The attitude we are to have toward parents is also the attitude we are to have toward others in positions of authority. This would include rulers, employers, and leaders in the church. Kolb writes, "Luther particularly linked the father of the nation, the prince, with the father of the household ... Luther defined the purpose of the Fourth Commandment as the preservation of family and state ... Luther thought that civic order demanded obedience unless their commands contradicted God's"

Stewards are reminded in this commandment that parents and those in positions of authority also have a God given responsibility. Kolb writes, "Because they are bound to obey God, parents should 'earnestly and faithfully' carry out their charge as parents. Parents should provide support for children and servants (or in our day the employees of the family business).

Governing officials should provide support for their subjects or citizens. Beyond material support, however, those with such responsibilities should cultivate the praise and honor of God... God holds parents accountable for the welfare of their children. Thus, in a period in which child abuse and child neglect have all but become a way of

life, our people need to be which child abuse and child neglect have all but become a way of life, our people need to be reminded of what the Fourth Commandment means for parents and those with parental responsibilities".

Christian stewards, Luther reminds us as he concludes the Fourth Commandment in the Large Catechism, must spare no effort, time, and expense in teaching and educating children to serve God and the world.

**Suggested Reading for Stewardship Champions**

The Fourth Commandment  
in Luther's Large Catechism

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**Week of August 7-13**

Sun, Aug 7, 9:00 am Divine Service  
Sun, Aug 7, 10:15 am Fellowship  
Mon, Aug 8, 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

**Week of August 14-20**

Sun, Aug 14, 9:00 am Divine Service  
Sun, Aug 14, 10:15 am Fellowship  
Mon, Aug 15, 7:00 pm Council Meeting  
Sat, Aug 20, 10:00 am Ladies Aid Meeting

**Week of August 21-27**

Sun, Aug 21, 9:00 am Divine Service  
Sun, Aug 21, 10:15 am Fellowship

**Week of August 28-31**

Sun, Aug 28, 9:00 am Divine Service  
Sun, Aug, 28 10:15 am Fellowship

**Altar Flowers**



The 2022 flower charts are posted. This is a wonderful way to help beautify God's house, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or remember a departed loved one. Traditionally red flowers are used for Pentecost, if you would like to contribute flowers to help beautify the sanctuary on a Lord's Day, please add your name to any open Sunday on the flower charts. Ruth Ogden will do two altar bouquets for **\$30**. **Karen** will contact you to get your flower request, and a brief note to place in the worship bulletin. When the worship service is over, you are welcome to take your bouquets home.

**August Birthdays**

- 10 Ruth Wroblewski
- 13 Diane Bronson
- 14 Benjamin Nazario
- 17 Terri Kreier
- 19 Mary Braasch
- 20 Bobbie Koritzke (H)
- 21 Linda Asche
- 23 Matthew Wise
- 28 Kathy Wilson



**August Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 07 Ruth Ogden
- 11 Andrew Fox
- 11 Lelia Martinez
- 19 Gail Fiolka
- 00 Ann Gernenz



**August Wedding Anniversaries**

- 03 Mark & Anne Drevlow
- 14 Doug & Shellie Quinn
- 20 Howard & Christine Stocker
- 28 Greg & Christa McClain



**Ladies Aid**

WINE AND CHOCOLATE SOCIAL is coming back on September 17 at **3:00 p.m.**



Join us for games and a good time socializing and getting to know some members you are not acquainted with. Some wine will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your favorite wine or drink. Coffee and juice will also be provided. Your favorite finger-food and chocolate will round out snacks for the afternoon. A signup sheet will be posted in Luther Hall. The larger the group the more fun it will be. Divine Shepherd assumes no responsibility for the consumption of alcohol.

**Prayer Chain**

Several members are part of a church prayer chain. If you (men or women) would like to join them in praying for our congregation's special needs, please contact Bobbie Light at **630-251-7860**

## Important Phone Numbers

**Church office:** 630-759-5300  
**Pastor Zimmer:** 630-759-5300  
**Prayer Chain:** 630-251-7860 (Bobbie Light)  
**Newsletter info:** 630-759-3188 (Karen Moritz)  
(due August 29)

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## Sunday Treats



Do you enjoy treats and fellowship after Sunday services? If so, please consider signing up on any given Sunday(s). Why not sign up with a friend? *Empty slots mean no treats.*

To enable our diabetic members to enjoy these treats, please consider supplementing some of the “sugary goodies” with crackers and cheese and/or fruit. The signup sheet is posted on the Luther Hall bulletin board.

A container for monetary donations (to defray the cost of drinks and paper products) is on the countertop in Luther Hall. Thank you.

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