

Sorry that you did not get this word sooner, Jon mentioned that St. Paul's Lutheran in New Rome is planning a dinner on Saturday (tomorrow) to raise money for Ukraine. We did not have a lot of the details at the time. Now we do. The meal is at St. Paul's Saturday from **5-7 in the evening**. The cost is \$14 per plate. Nothing says anything about take-out but I am sure you could call. I am pretty sure that take-out will be an option. You can go pick it up during halftime and eat during the 2nd half.

While I am on the subject of charitable giving, I have been mentioning for the last week or so about the Madison County Mayors' challenge. It is in the announcements again this week. Please check out the Sunday Preview for the details of this drive. A couple of cans or boxes every week will certainly help the drive.

And I will also mention that we are writing notes to put in the breakfasts for First English. The goal is to have 150 hand-written notes to put in the bags with the to-go breakfasts. Those who come to church every Sunday are being asked to write 2 per week. If you wish to contribute to this project and are not going to be in church in the next couple of weeks, you can mail them to us here at the Community Center or you can contact me to come and pick them up before the 23rd.

Remember that our service will be at the W. Jefferson Senior Center on the 23rd. Aaaaand, we will not have a service here in W. Jeff on the 30th. Still wear your red on the 30th but wear it to some other church if you are not going with us to First English.

Because of the time issue, I am not posting a story this week, however, I do have a thought to remember. Maybe you are not the one who needs a hug but the one who could give hugs but I think that we all fit into this cartoon somewhere.



This week, hug someone, even someone in Ukraine.

God bless you all.

Shalom

SUNDAY PREVIEW

October 2, 2022

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the Gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the Word (Holy Baptism), bread and wine (Holy Communion), the Word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Today we also remember Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. Despite his family's wealth, he took a vow of poverty and established the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans). They took literally the Words of Jesus to his disciples that they should "take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work." His task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. In this spirit, we will sing hymns and offer special prayers for the Creation of God.

This Week's Lessons

This is an opportunity to read the lessons and study them for this week. Often our lessons are taken out of context. We sometimes need to read what came before and/or what came after.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4

Please be seated.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM: Psalm 37: 1-10

Read responsively.

¹Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, who will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.

⁹For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING: 2nd Timothy 1: 1-14

¹Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me the Lord's prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10

⁵The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence

A We pray for your Holy Church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (rostered and lay leaders may be named). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your Gospel. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For parts of the World ravaged by natural disaster especially: India, Ethiopia, and many parts of the United States relieve all of the other areas affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick especially Michael, the Porters, Niki, Arlene, and others we hold in our hearts. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Suggestions

World Hunger, World Health, World Peace

Child Welfare in Underdeveloped Countries

Mass shootings and killings in U. S. cities and schools

Preservation of Environment

U. S. Economy

Deaths of law officers

Ukraine Conflict

- P** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

COMING EVENTS AT ZION

SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH We are starting Sunday School again. Sort of. We will be meeting at 9:45 on Sunday mornings to have discussions about important things. We have started with 1st John. We are still discussing chapters 1-2. Please come and bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you. *I am so excited.*



OCTOBER 2ND We are celebrating the birth of St

Francis of Assisi. If you have a special pet or plant that you would like to have blessed, please feel free to bring the plant, a picture, toy, or other objects with you this day. Please stay after the service for a few moments of fellowship and to talk about your pets.

OCTOBER 16TH we will celebrate World Food Day. More to come.

OCTOBER 23RD Change of Venue. This is the day that we meet at the Senior Center. I am sure that you are all familiar with the location, we may not realize it. It is the old Plumbing and Heating building next to the Certified Gas Station. We will have our regular service at long tables. Be sure to come and join us.

OCTOBER 30TH 5th Sunday at First English. It is an early morning here at Zion. We meet about 7:15 AM and travel to First English. After we serve breakfast many of us stay for the service at First English. It is a wonderful opportunity to join others in the praise of Jesus Christ. Please join us in this ministry, if not personally, the 3P's. Pray for us, support us, even if you cannot participate with us. I don't participate much but I do what I can from a chair.



VILLAGE EVENTS...



it a shot.

OCTOBER 22ND will be the annual **FALL FESTIVAL**. If you would like to volunteer to help with anything, call Shelton (614) 307-6543 or Amanda here at the Community Center. The event begins at 6:00 and will go until 9. There will be a Haunted House, a Haunted Hayride, and **FREE FOOD**. They even have a plan for a mechanical bull. My doctor would have a fit if I tried it, but everyone is welcome to give

CELEBRATE WORLD FOOD DAY Help the village with this Food Drive. They are giving us 2 weeks to gather Food. **Let's all join together to "Bee the Change"**.

Community Food Drive
October 1st - October 16th

London 20 S. Walnut Street
Plain City 1 S. London Street
West Jefferson 800 Village Boulevard 28 E. Main Street

Bee the Change Challenge!
A multi-community food drive for local pantries

West Jefferson is in a Mayor's challenge to fill all the food banks in Madison County! All donations collected in the Village will go to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, here in West Jefferson. Drop off any food donations to the Village offices at 28 E. Main St., or at participating local businesses, or send any monetary donations directly to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, Inc., 36 S. Center St., West Jefferson, OH 43162, or donate on their website, goodsamfp.com.

Let's join together to Bee the Change!

WORLD FOOD DAY

Urgent Need for SOUP Urgent Need for CEREAL

PRAYERS



Please keep these people in your prayers: Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Michael Koch; Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; Norma Hicks who has been having some difficulties lately, and all of those who are suffering from diseases and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. (Does anyone have updates on the Toys. We have not heard from them for quite a while).

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The*

Grove, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid. Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 lejohn7310@icloud.com





In September, Hunger Network Ohio continued exploring the advocacy issues related to the ELCA social statements with a discussion on Criminal Justice Transformation to end hunger. We are grateful for the partnership with [ARCH](#) – a re-entry advocacy and support organization – for their leadership on this issue and sharing their expertise with all of us. You can view the forum here on [our Facebook page](#). We are also grateful for Sister Kriss Buss, an ELCA Deacon who currently serves as a prison chaplain for leading a powerful opening devotional.

Does your congregation want to get involved in supporting our neighbors upon release? Their families? If so, reach out to Deacon Nick Bates Nick@hungernetohio.com for upcoming opportunities!

Our advocacy in Advent returns! Join the Hunger Network and the Ohio Council of Churches for an advocacy day on November 29th. Every two years, the final two months of the legislature are filled with a rush of activity, trying to finish up many good ideas and slow down many bad ones. During this Holy Season of preparation, let us prepare for a hunger-free Ohio, an Ohio where all receive their daily bread, and justice is done.

FUNDS FOR ZION

Did you know that when you shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7201301, Amazon donates to Zion?

Also, if you have a Kroger card, you can designate Zion to receive a percentage of your grocery expenses. Go to the service desk to inquire.

REMEMBER SPECIAL FAMILY DAYS/SIGN-UPS

We are asking those who would normally remember special family celebrations by signing the calendar for flower donations too, instead, donate money in lieu of flowers. The money will go to the food pantry.

Please check the bulletin board behind the door to the office for all of the sign-up sheets for this year. Lectors and Worship Assistants are also welcome. Thank you so much!

If you need a new Directory, contact me in one of the usual ways and I will add it to the mailing that week.

I would love to have more hymn picks (I have none) to choose from week-to-week. Please let me know which of your favorite hymns you would like to have us sing. We are looking at Gathering and Sending.

(If you wish to sign up for food on the Altar or service assistant for a particular Sunday and are not going to be here to do so, let me know via email, text, or messenger, and I will sign you up for that Sunday.)

Hope to see you soon.

God bless you all this week.



God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature say Woe

How does the creature say Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick

God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home