

# **Before Service Prayer**

Open my heart this day, O Lord Christ, to the joy and worship of Your house. Attend your people as they rejoice in Your presence around Word and Sacrament. Hear, O Lord and Savior, because of Your grace and in Your name. Amen.

The Pastor at Prayer, p. 15

# Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

# Welcome

Jesus' primary concern was to be obedient to his Father, to live constantly in his presence. Only then did it become clear to him what his task was in his relationships with people. This also is the way he proposes for his apostles: "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples" (John 15:8). Perhaps we must continually remind ourselves that the first commandment requiring us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind is indeed the first. I wonder if we really believe this. It seems that in fact we live as if we should give as much of our heart, soul, and mind as possible to our fellow human beings, while trying hard not to forget God. At least we feel that our attention should be divided evenly between God and our neighbor. But Jesus' claim is much more radical. He asks for a single-minded commitment to God and God alone. God wants all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul. It is this unconditional and unreserved love for God that leads to the care for our neighbor, not as an activity that distracts us from God or competes with our attention to God, but as an expression of our love for God who reveals himself to us as the God of all people. It is in God that we find our neighbors and discover our responsibility to them. We might even say that only in God does our neighbor become a neighbor rather than an infringement upon our autonomy, and that only in and through God does service become possible.

> Henri Nouwen, "Love God with All Your Heart", *Daily Meditation*, July 24, 2020

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

# We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184,* which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print.**
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578.* They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

# A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.

- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



# The Preparation

**Christ Is Our Cornerstone** LSB 912 1 Christ is our On Him a - lone build: cor - ner - stone, we 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im plore,  $\triangle$  3 Oh. then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring: With His true saints The courts of heav'n are filled. On His a - lone And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus great love Our hopes we place Of pres-ent grace And joys a - bove. that day When all the blest To end-less rest Are called a - way. pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo-rious name. Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Confession of Sins and Absolution

- P 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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Processional Hymn

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv.9-10

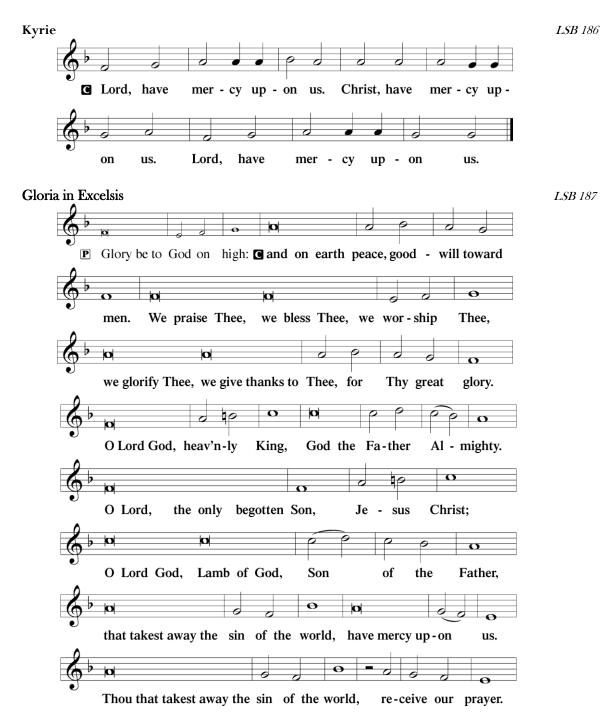
- We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\* in the midst of your | temple.
- C As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.
- Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\* in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

#### C Within her | citadels\* God has made himself known as a | fortress.

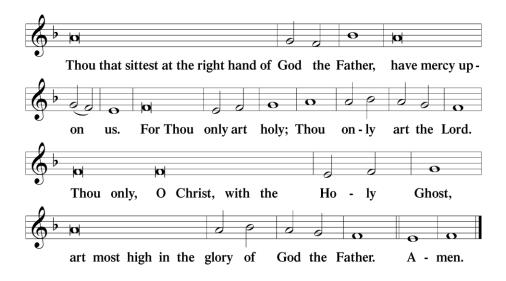
- Let Mount Zion | be glad!\* Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
- C This is God, our God forever and | ever.\* He will guide us for- | ever.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
  - is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\* in the midst of your | temple.
- C As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

#### Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 23:16-29

The Old Testament reading for the Eighth Sunday After Trinity is from Jeremiah, the twentythird chapter.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word,

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or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

- Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- **C** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Psalm 31:2b, 1a

#### Acts 20:27-38

#### Second Reading

The second reading is from Acts, the twentieth chapter.

[Paul said:] "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



#### Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

## Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many

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mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

# Nicene Creed

С	I believe in one God,	Christ admonishes us very earnestly to remain
	the Father Almighty,	with God's Word, hear it gladly, and zealously
	maker of heaven and earth	learn from it. If you do this, Christ promises to be
	and of all things visible and invisible.	with you with his grace. If not, then, Christ says,
	And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	false prophets and wolves will come and devour
	the only-begotten Son of God,	you. Therefore, have a care that you hold firmly
	begotten of His Father before all worlds,	to my Word, so that the devil cannot mislead you;
	God of God, Light of Light,	for if you let my Word go, you will again be
	very God of very God,	duped.
	begotten, not made,	Martin Luther,
	being of one substance with the Father,	From a 1532 Hauspostille (Sermon) Trinity VIII
	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.	

Sit



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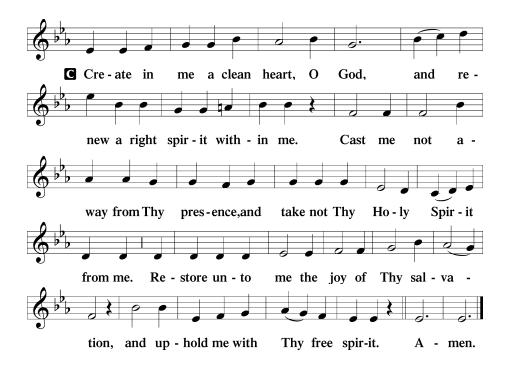
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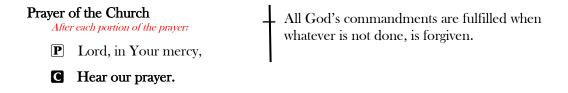
#### False Teachers and the Way of Truth

Matthew 7:15-23

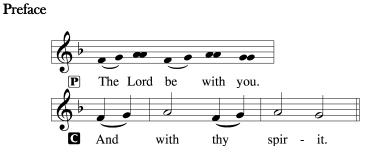
#### Stand

#### Offertory



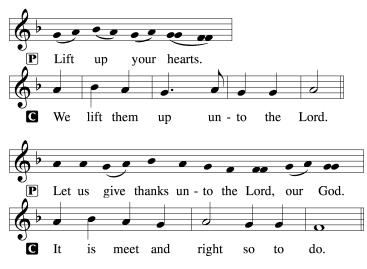


# Service of the Sacrament



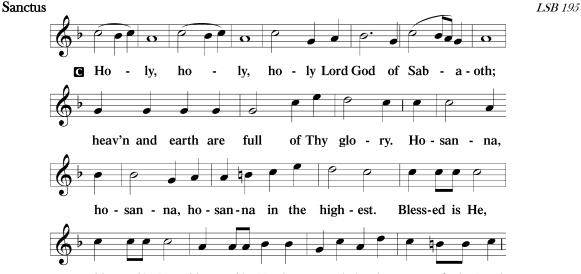
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### **Proper Preface**

▶ It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. August 2, 2020 | page 12



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

## Words of Our Lord

P 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."

# Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## C Amen.

#### Agnus Dei

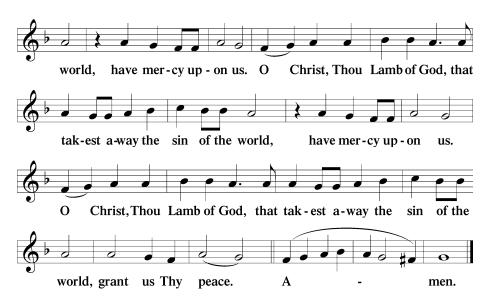
**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

Matthew 6:9-13

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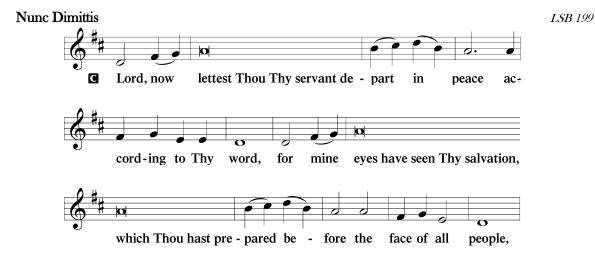
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#### Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.



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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Salutation LSB 201 **P** The Lord be with you. 0 And with thy spir it. С -**Benedicamus** LSB 202 00 00 Bless we A the Lord. Thanks God. be to С Benediction LSB 202 O O The Lord bless keep you. The Lord make P you and O 0 0 04 His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you. O • 10

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Sit

**Recessional Hymn** 

Thy Strong Word LSB 578 (vv.4-6)



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# The Prayers of the Church

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## Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Rick Shott Rev. Herb Swanson Amy Villalobos *(sister-in-law of Katie)* Glenda Schrock Dianne McKissack *(boss of Nikki Dorn)* Lance Spence *(friend of Katie Villalobos)* Marie Heiser Joyce Mendenhall *(friend of Susan Colles)* Julie Buchy *(friend of Tony Waldo)* Patti Ward Elizabeth Sharp *(friend of Chuck & Phyllis Campbell)* Tasha Jarmillo (*sister of Joe Villalobos)* Don Thomas *(friend of Susan Colles)* 

# Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn Betty Bocksnick Nettie Grant Gwen Hale Tom Harms Kenneth Hottinger Sr. Helen Rick Lawrence Steuber

## **Catechumens**

Amanda Bowden Emory Kuretsch Emmett Schlittenhart Josie Schroeder Isabella Schroeder Gavin Rion Tatum Rion Alison Waldo Alivia Waldo Chance Paylor

# Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers Matthew Allen Brian Rutledge Trent Hale Josh Imme Dale Ozment

When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.





The Eighth Sunday After Trinity August 2, 2020

#### Worship at Home

If you are more comfortable staying at home during the Covid-19 crisis, we want to be able to provide you with materials to worship at home. Instead of posting services online, we are sending copies of Pastor's sermons as well as bulletins with a liturgy appropriate for at home worship. A sermon manuscript and "At-home worship" bulletin will be posted online available to be downloaded. If you'd rather have a physical copy mailed to you, just let the Pastor or Elders know.

#### Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study is now being held downstairs in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service, starting around 11:45 AM.

We are studying our liturgy of the Lord's Supper. It is important to know why we say what we say as we receive God's gifts. "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." – Psalm 19:14

# Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we still encourage you to send in your tithes. Send your offerings to the following church PO Box address:

Zion Lutheran Church PO Box 327 Dover, AR 72837

## Fall Fest

We feel may of the regular events may be impossible to have and maintain social distancing and comply with regulations. We will have our next meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to decide what events can be held. If you have opinions or ideas, please attend.

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# If calling for a Pastoral Emergency, contact Pastor Ralston directly:

Cell......501-454-0581 Church......479-331-3277

# Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

# Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

# **Congregational Membership**

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

# Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

# Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

# Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 11:45 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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