



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church  
& School

## August 2023 Eagle Newsletter



### Matthew 19: 4-6 ESV

<sup>4</sup>[Jesus said], "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup>and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

## From the Pastor:

### Genus Malestaticum

The *genus maiestaticum* (category of majesty) is a way of talking about how the divine and human natures in Christ interact with respect to the majesty, or the power of God.

Because general experience tells us that humans by nature are not able to do things like walk on water, appear through a locked door, or cause bread to multiply, it is necessary to explain how the human being Jesus does these things. It is clear that such supernatural things are only possible by the power of God, but does that mean that only the divine nature of Jesus is active in His miraculous deeds?

The *genus maiestaticum* says that, when the Son of God united Himself fully and completely with human flesh and blood, one of the consequences is that the Son of God 'communicated' His divine majesty and power to the human nature so that it was truly the body of Jesus walking on water, His body truly passed through a locked door, and His human hands truly multiplied bread. The attributes of the divine majesty do not belong to human by nature, but by grace.

While this sounds like theological hairsplitting, it's important when it comes to Jesus' words, "This is my body." "This" refers to the bread and Jesus identifies the bread with his human body. But how can a body be in the bread on many altars across the world at any given time? Does this mean that it becomes something other than a human body?

No. By the grace of God, the attribute of omnipresence is communicated to the human nature so that the body of Christ remains a true, human body, yet exceeds the normal limitations of human bodies. Thus, the body of Christ can be in many places at one time according to the will and power of God. And in the mysterious union brought about by the Word of Christ, the bread truly is the body and the wine truly is His blood.

But what does this mean for us?

Next time: Personal Union, Sacramental Union, Mystical Union.

In Christ  
under the cross,

Pastor Ehrhard



From the  
Pastor's  
Desk

**From the Principal:** With August comes the start of the 147<sup>th</sup> year of school at St. John's and the welcoming of over 145 students. Our teachers and staff are excited to welcome these students on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with a full day of school. Our fabulous PTL is planning an exciting afternoon for our students to help prepare them for the exciting year that lies ahead.

The theme for this school year is "Connected" which is inspired by John 15:1-5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." This theme will be incorporated into our weekly Chapel services and will be used for our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration at the end of January. Throughout the year, all are welcomed to join us for Chapel on Wednesdays at 8:45AM.

This year there will be two new members of our faculty, many new students, and a new science curriculum. Discovery Education Science is the textbook series our students will be using to explore the marvelous world which God has created. Through hands-on and virtual investigations, STEM activities, and a variety of other science resources, the teachers will be able to bring the excitement of science to life for our students.

We are thankful for all of your prayers and support for our faculty, staff, students and their families!

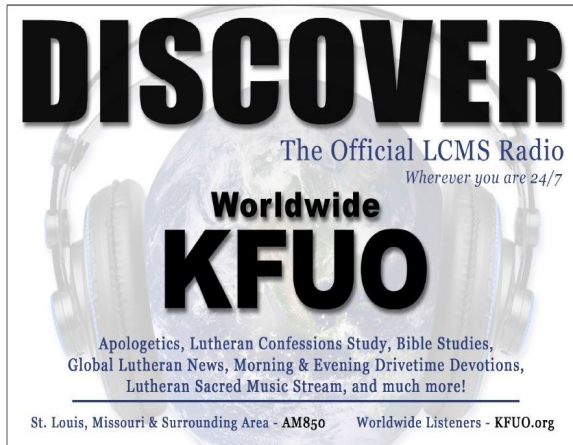
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**LWML News:** Every two years the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League hold a convention in different parts of the country. This year the convention was held at the Milwaukee convention center. Over four thousand women, plus some men, and at least 100 pastors gathered for this four-day biennial event this past June.

The purpose of the convention was to vote on new LWML officers and mission events to sponsor for the coming next two years. The LWML delegates selected 42 biennial-mission projects with a goal of collecting \$2,441,070 for these events. This million dollar goal will prayerfully be realized through the Mite Boxes you and I, plus other devoted women, fill and then are sent to the National LWML for these missions.

What a goal! Over two million dollars to be collected in two years through the little Mite Box. Please join us in this mission endeavor. Take home a Mite Box found at the LWML table in the Narthex. Put your loose coins in it as you say a prayer for mission work. Help LWML reach this fantastic mission goal that helps bring the Word of God to others. Thank you.

**Trustees News:** There is major work happening to the building including roof repairs and tuckpointing. The heavy rains caused damage in a number of areas and the renovations are ongoing.



## Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO

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**Issues, Etc.**—Weekdays @ 3PM CST or ON DEMAND via Website! Christ-centered, Cross-focused talk radio.

**Law and Gospel**—Weekdays @ 9:30AM CST or ON DEMAND via Website! This is a program that uses the theological distinctions between Law and Gospel not only to apply the Bible but also to understand our relationship to the holy Trinity, our gracious salvation because of Jesus Christ and how to interpret reality the way God thinks.

**Faith'n'Family**—Weekdays @ 10AM CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

Faith'n'Family is a program that lets family's keep their Lutheran faith first as we praise God for the gift He has given us in our children, parents, grandparents, and even the in-laws! Every day, Faith'n'Family will have an expert on the show to discuss life issues such as money management, dealing with divorce, adoption, how to raise children to lead a God-centered life in a very non-Christian world, and more. And the best part of all, you can be part of the show by calling in with your questions and comments for our expert! While Faith 'N Family at KFUO is well aware of the fast-paced world of today, we want to keep the focus of raising our family and yours on what's really important—making Christ known for generations to come!

**CROSS DEFENSE**—Mondays @ 2pm CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

When a skeptic questions us about our faith, or when we ourselves have questions about what we believe, how do we answer them? Learn how to address modern-day issues and tough arguments levied against faith, *and* how to engage these conversations with intelligence and grace. Join us and discover how to share your faith clearly and lovingly.

**Free to be Faithful** — 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 2:30PM CST or ON DEMAND via Website!

Free to be Faithful is very specific in addressing public policy matters that impact our LCMS community. It is often topical and linked to contemporary issues, such as political elections or the March for Life. The analytical program regularly has experts and observers interpreting the issues at hand and suggesting courses of action. Listen to high-caliber guests discussing in-depth knowledge of issues with host Kip Allen.







AUGUST

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

## CHURCH WORKERS — AUGUST 1-15

Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

*Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:*

- 1.** with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.
- 2.** for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.
- 3.** for the Synod's deaconesses. Pray that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.

**4.** that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.

**5.** for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.

**6.** for directors of family life ministry. Ask that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.

**7.** for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior

for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

**8.** for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.

**9.** for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.

**10.** for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.

**11.** for those involved in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis.

**12.** for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.

**13.** for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal.

**14.** with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support full-time church workers in a variety of ways.

**15.** with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.

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## AUGUST Pray For Us Calendar

### THE CHURCH — AUGUST 16-31

"The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments" (Augsburg Confession VII).

*Remember God's work through the Church as you pray:*

**16.** with thanksgiving to God for raising up voices in every age and generation as He continues to call people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**17.** that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.

**18.** with thanksgiving that God does His bidding through unworthy and unlikely people. Pray that He would keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.

**19.** that God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.

**20.** for the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that

God's Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ's holy people.

**21.** that the Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God's kingdom.

**22.** for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.

**23.** with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God's people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.

**24.** for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.

**25.** for us, that when we are tempted to focus on the things



of the world or on ourselves, God would direct our attention to His Word and will.

**26.** with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.

**27.** with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.

**28.** that we would joyfully study the Sacred Scriptures as a light to our path and gratefully make



use of the Lutheran Confessions to help us understand and apply the Scriptures.

**29.** with thanksgiving for shepherds in the Church's history and pastors today, whom God uses to guide His flock.

**30.** that God would keep all Christians from being led astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.

**31.** that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.



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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

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August 1<sup>st</sup>

Ethan Gomez & Stephanie Gustafson

August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joshua Friend & Laura Weith

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Timothy Fasshauer

August 4<sup>th</sup>

Linda Byall

August 6<sup>th</sup>

George Tober

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Kieran Pavlat

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Zoe Woods

August 10<sup>th</sup>

Clarissa Aleksiewicz

August 13<sup>th</sup>

Donald Erber & Melissa Marchak

August 14<sup>th</sup>

Dolores Sillins, Clay Turrentine & Linda Warnock

August 15<sup>th</sup>

Gabriel Cho

August 21<sup>st</sup>

Karen Whitehead

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kathleen Deahl & Bette Heide

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mia Cady

August 24<sup>th</sup>

Missilou Walk-Faust

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Lana Bauer & Greta Ehrhard

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Betty Carey

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Teagan Yerkes

August 30<sup>th</sup>

Frank Cho

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Ross McLane, Mitchell Wichner & John Wolke

## August 2023 Stewardship Newsletter



### Define Your Life By How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).