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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How many of you have routines? Maybe you have the habit of waking up early in the morning and going for a walk before breakfast. Maybe you do your devotions with a warm cup of coffee before breakfast. Maybe you read to your children before praying and laying them down in the evening.

All of us have routines and habits that we do. Some of them are good, some of them are not so good. It is good to have a routine. Many people's minds need them to work and depend upon them for success. Other people seem to just go with the flow without having a written down set time for things. Even those people who go with the flow often have a routine that they enjoy doing.

Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes that routines are good. As he writes, there is a time for everything. While we may have the things that we enjoy doing every day, often our days differ from each other in same way. Not every day is exactly the same. We may do the same job but the people around us might change. We might even change jobs as we get older.

We know this is true as Lutherans. We have our understanding of Vocation. Vocations are the places which God has established us in our lives. These changes as the years go on. When we are young we have the routine of school and education. When we are older we have our jobs and employment. We may not be students in the classroom forever, but we never stop learning. As we get older, we become more wise and experienced and in turn pass on that wisdom and experience to those younger than us so that they may learn from our mistakes.

In the midst of the many changes of our lives, we have a routine. We have a constant. That constant is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and His great love for us. It was Love that caused Jesus to live a perfect life in our place, even Jesus had routines while upon this earth. The Gospels are clear that one of His routines was being in prayer with His heavenly Father. Jesus perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father, going to the cross to suffer, bleed, die, and rise again from the dead. Because of Jesus, we have the forgiveness of our sins, the salvation of our souls, and life with Him forever.

I pray that one of your routines is being in God's Word, that we may grow in our faith until that day when we will have a perfect routine in the new heaven and new earth when Jesus comes again.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Joshua Reinke

J H A N K S TO

Everyone who donated school items to Foothills Christian School.
Jennifer Lewis for taking the school items to the school.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
All of the people who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study** will be **Saturday, September 26 at 11a.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited to join us! Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **LWML Fall Retreats** dates are **September 18-20, 2026.** There are 2 places to choose from: **Trinity Camp in Bigfork** and **Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman.** The cost is \$135 per person and includes all meals and lodging. Registration forms are in the church office or the latest *Montana Missive*. Plan now to go and join us for Bible study, food, fellowship and fun!
- ♥ **LWML Fall Rally** will be on **Saturday, October 3 from 9 AM to 1 PM** at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The theme is the Sanctity of Life based on Psalm 139:13-14. The guest speaker is Ellen Osbourne, BSN, RN who is the Mobile Unit Director for the Aurora Pregnancy Support. A free will offering will be taken to be donated to Aurora Pregnancy Support.
- ♥ **LWML Sunday** is **October 5.** A Noisy Offering will be taken after the service and will go toward our Mite Goal. We will again have Honey Sunday as a fund raiser for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. There will be lots of purple and refreshments during the fellowship time!

Choirs resume

The voice choir and bell choir will resume practicing on Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. respectively. If you or anyone you know would be interested in singing with us or playing bells with us, talk with Tristin Reinke or just show up! Join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Family Night resumes

Family Night will begin on Wednesday, September 16. This is a time for brothers and sisters in Christ to be together, share a meal, and study the Word of God. We begin with a potluck dinner at 6 PM. We close with a short devotion at 7:30 PM. Come and join us for this time to be together as the family of God at Peace Lutheran Church.

Fuddruckers' Burgers for Benefits fundraiser for Wee Disciples is the **third Tuesday of each month** from 5 to 9 PM. (The next fundraising evening is on September 15.) No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of the total ticket to Wee Disciples. **You can use dine-in or takeout.** Thank you for supporting Wee Disciples!



September Anniversaries

Sept. 3 Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
 Sept. 8 Ernie and Judy VanVleet
 Sept. 9 Tim and Kathy VanderMolen
 Sept. 27 Jason and Brook Gerard
 Sept. 29 Robert and Angela Fletcher

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1 Tara Onstad
 7 Jessamy Blomgren
 13 Jayden McPartlin
 13 Cole McPartlin
 19 Elsie Huss
 20 Kate Creek
 25 Patrick Tenold
 28 Patty Paulsen
 29 Dale Saville



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 13 year old with health issues
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Gary Link – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund – Parkinsons
Carol Thurston – health issues

Ushers for September

Sept 6 ----- Mitch and Taylor Martin
 Sept 13 ----- Jeff Blomgren
 ----- Jayden McPartlin
 Sept 20 ----- Cole McPartlin
 ----- Dennis Nivens
 Sept 27 ----- Greg Franczyk
 ----- Tyler Denning

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 18

(6 September 2026)

Ezekiel 33:7–9

Romans 13:1–10

Matthew 18:1–20

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “pay to all what is owed to them” (Rom. 13:7) and we “owe no one anything, except to love each other” (Rom. 13:8).

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 19

(13 September 2026)

Genesis 50:15–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 20

(20 September 2026)

Isaiah 55:6–9

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “laborers for his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “the burden of the day and the scorching heat” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “he may be found” (Is. 55:6), “have compassion” and “abundantly pardon” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20), by “fruitful labor” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “worthy of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 21

(27 September 2026)

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18

Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: “The soul who sins shall die” (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of anyone” (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, “shall surely live; he shall not die” (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, “he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death” (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now “shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even “the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God” (Matt. 21:31–32).

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

(29 September 2026)

Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3

Revelation 12:7–12

Matthew 18:1–11 or Luke 10:17–20

Our Father in Heaven Protects His Children by Giving His Holy Angels Charge Over Them

We live in “a time of trouble” (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth “in great wrath,” with woeful “temptations to sin” and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8–12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11–13). By “the authority of his Christ,” His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of “the blood of the Lamb,” against all the power of the enemy, for by “the word of their testimony,” the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10–11; Luke 10:18–19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1–3).