



All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020



The mission of All Saints Lutheran Church is to gather all people in a community immersed in God's Word through worship and learning that equips us to serve the world in the name of Jesus.

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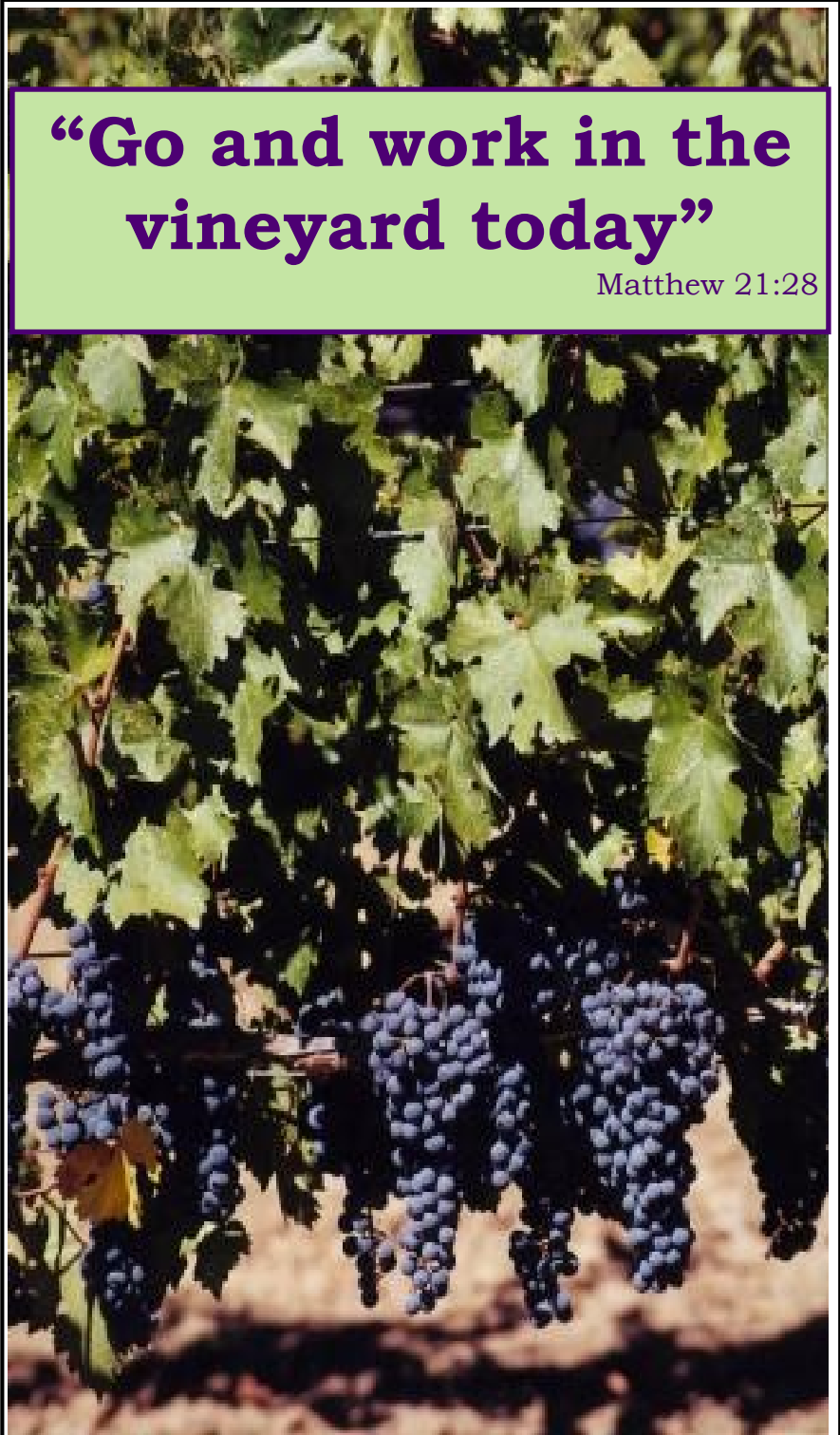
God's Word Today:

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



“Go and work in the vineyard today”

Matthew 21:28



GATHERING

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN: “*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*” (stanzas 1,2) (next page)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Pause for brief moment of reflection)

P: Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: We pray together. God of love,
**giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us
from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: With all that we are and all that we hope to be, we worship the Lord

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You *(Stanzas 1,2)*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ’s selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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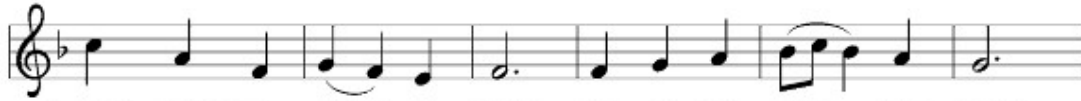
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God, Whose Almighty Word *(Stanza 1)*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Maron, 1780-1870, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felix de Giardini, 1716-1796

The HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

O God, My Faithful God *(Stanzas 1,2)*

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

(The Worship Assistant offers the prayers and concludes each petition with, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds "Hear our prayer"). Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying throughout the week so that they know and feel God's power and presence. Please review the prayer list and provide updates to the church office. Names will begin to rotate off the Prayer List if they have been there for 60 days without an update. Please send prayer requests to church@allsaintsbowie.org)



P Into your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **C Amen**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

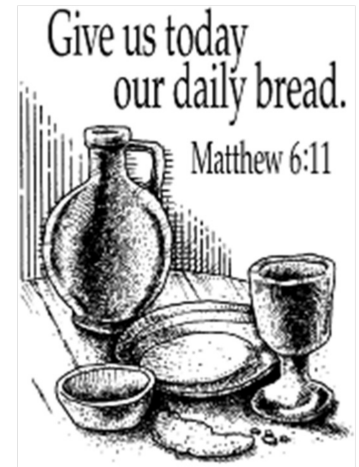
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**



SENDING

BENEDICTION

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (stanzas 1,3) (see next page)*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Jesus did not command the whole world to go to church.
Jesus commanded his church to go to the whole world.*

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word *(Stanzas 1,3)*

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



MINISTRY OF THE SAINTS THIS WEEK - September 27, 2020

Sunday Worship Livestream at 11:00 am is here: <https://youtu.be/QhVeWlXztH0>

The Facebook Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsBowie/posts/10158719192043834>

CALL IN FOR WORSHIP: The “All” in All Saints means “All.” Inclusion and accessibility are core values of our congregation. So that no one is left out, the Tech Team has added the ability to phone-in to listen to Sunday worship. The call-in number is 1-888-958-7272, the access code **191047287** (please note access code changes weekly). No computer, no smartphone, no problem, we’ve got you! Tell your friends, neighbors and loved ones.

WELCOME GUESTS. We are pleased that you have joined us to praise the Lord. We trust you find our community of believers a warm and caring one. We invite you to worship with us again.

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

We will continue our Zoom social/coffee hours at least through August. Please join us after worship at noon on Zoom to catch up with our church family:

Time: September 27, 2020 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/519818162>

Meeting ID: 519 818 162

Dial-in info:

+1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 519 818 162



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Every Sunday from 10 am to 10:50 am, the Adult Bible study class will be held via Zoom. The class will study the current week's lectionary readings, as found in the bulletin sent out every week prior to service. No materials are needed other than a Bible and/or the bulletin. Bring your Sunday breakfast and hot beverage of choice to learn a bit about the background and context of the week's readings. Just click on the link below and follow the prompts on your computer or smartphone. If you don't have either, you can use the Germantown phone number listed below to participate using your land line phone. Any questions, please contact the class facilitator Sven Allenbach-Schmidt. (See page 14 of the bulletin for the readings for next Sunday.)

All Saints Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81265831091?pwd=endSWW1CRIRVRUFjdVp4bTZOekpVQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 6583 1091 Password: 023260

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 812 6583 1091 Password: 023260

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 10 am. We continue our study of Luther's Large Catechism. The study is called “Connections: Living Faithfully.” The Large Catechism is Luther's manual on living as a Christian or person of faith through a Lutheran lens. Make sure you invite family and friends. We will start the meeting sharing joys and concerns and prayer and then begin our study. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/574562283?pwd=WHkvVEkvZlpYb3Z4RW1oU1V3RExzQT09>. The Meeting ID is 574 562 283 and the Password is 006492. For phone access call +1 301 715 8592.

CHOIR REHEARSAL IS ON SEPTEMBER 28 ON ZOOM: The next choir practice is on Monday, September 28, 2020 from 7 pm to 7:30 pm on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4010865887?pwd=cGM1Tk5ObU1hVnhjY1ZhZlp4WkxjUT09>

Meeting ID: 401 086 5887 Passcode: 2Nk33p

ASLC LIVING-WELL cancer SUPPORT GROUP is now meeting virtually every Saturday morning at 10. To join in please email, call or text Deb Ariguzo with your preferred email to receive the meeting invite. No worries if a computer is not handy as you can phone in and join!

MONTHLY OUTDOOR CONTACTLESS COMMUNION: We will be having a monthly Outdoor Contactless Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm in twenty-minute intervals of twelve people per interval. **The next Communion is Sunday, September 27, from 1- 3 pm.** If you plan to participate, please use the link to the Sign-up Genius to schedule a time to come. Remember to wear your masks out of love for each other. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DAAAF2FA3F94-aslc3>

DONATE FOR FOOD PANTRY AT OUTDOOR COMMUNION: Beginning Sunday, September 27, the Serve Team invites you to bring Bowie Food Pantry donations of canned and dry goods to the monthly contactless communion. We will place the entryway grocery cart outside to receive your donations beginning at 1:00. Following the last communion setting, Dave Conrad and Liz Muller will collect the donations for delivery to the Pantry. Please remember that the Pantry can not distribute any outdated food. Low sodium items are preferable as are regular-sized items rather than large family or economy-sized items. Currently the Pantry is most in need of beef stew, chili, canned meats (other than chicken), canned salmon, soups, and canned vegetables (other than corn and green beans). Thank you all for your continued support of the Pantry.

Devotion Book in 2020



The annual All Saints Lutheran Church Devotional Booklet that is part of our preparation for Consecration Sunday will be all virtual this year. Verse selection happened during August, utilizing SignUpGenius for the writers to indicate their choice of verse. The Devotional Booklets, assembled in PDF form, will be delivered via Google Group in time to begin reading on Sunday, September 27. There is a devotion to read each day through Saturday, October 17. In the Devotional Booklet, writers will be sharing their insights and prayers on the 2020 Consecration Sunday theme, *“Let Your Generosity get Out of Hand.”* Consecration Sunday will be October 18.

Consecration Season 2020 “Let Your Generosity Get Out of Hand” Prayer Vigil

The Mission of All Saints Lutheran Church is to **gather** all people in a community immersed in God’s Word through **worship** and **learning** that equips us to **serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

At its heart, stewardship is an act of worship. Despite, the global pandemic, God provides a way for us to worship virtually in the beauty of holiness. We have been able to share God’s bounty with each other and our community.

As we enter consecration season, let us go there prayerfully with hearts full of thanksgiving for the many and varied ways God shows up in our lives. We will begin with a prayer vigil on **Saturday, September 26**. The purpose of this prayer vigil is to offer thanks for the ministries of All Saints as we continually seek to live into our mission statement for the sake of the world, for the sake of the Gospel. Pastor Shannon will write a special prayer to be used as a guide for prayer.

Please sign up for a thirty-minute time slot--from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm—and pray for the specific ministry that is listed. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DAAAF2FA3F94-letyour>

OFFERING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP: As we continue to support mission and ministry locally and throughout the world, please continue to share your offering. Your giving not only supports our benevolence in the community it also provides salaries for staff and the upkeep of our facility. If you are not currently using “Simply Giving,” your offering can be mailed to the office. You can also request your bank send an electronic check. Additionally, Austin DeMarco, our Financial Secretary, is willing to assist you in setting up “Simply Giving” or “GivePlus.” A pdf is on our website with instructions on how to set-up “Simply Giving.”

NEW OPTION FOR OFFERING: You can now make your offering to All Saints through Vanco’s GIVE+TEXT program. The number to text your offering to All Saints is 844-903-2078. Please watch this video to learn more about this option: <https://youtu.be/Nj7AiH6rty0> . If you have questions contact Austin DeMarco.

THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY OPERATING SCHEDULE. Donations can be dropped off Mondays , Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 - 11:00 am. Clients can make an appointment to pick up food on the same days from 9:00 - 11:00 am. All food donations will be collected in the pantry parking lot, behind the Kenhill Center on Kenhill Drive. You will be directed where to leave your donation after you enter the parking lot. No donors will be able to enter the building. Donations will be accepted during the hours of operation. The pantry’s greatest needs are all kinds of soup except condensed chicken noodle and tomato, beans, canned meat, tuna fish, fresh produce from your summer garden, fresh fruit, and healthy snacks.

Pastor’s “Chat, Chew and Check-in” is Evolving

Pastor’s “Chat, Chew and Check-in” is evolving and will be on hold until preparations are completed for this new format. Watch this space for an announcement on when these Zoom sessions will resume and information on the new format!

Serve CCSI Warm Nights Lunch Donation Options

1. Contact one of the following restaurants in the same local area as the Warm Nights temporary residence site and inform them that you would like to donate meals for the Prince George's County Warm Nights Homeless Services program. (Most restaurants will provide discounts and delivery or pickup services.) CCSI has staff available for pick-up if needed.

Subway (Lunch Boxes)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
1103-A. Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

McDonald's (Lunch Meal)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 7:30 am-9:00 pm
4000 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705

Sardies (Lunch Meals)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
10433 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

Olive Garden (Lunch Meal)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11:00 am-10:00 pm
14650 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, MD 20707

KFC (\$4 Lunch Meals)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
11751 Beltsville Dr., Beltsville, MD 20705

Three Brothers (Lunch Meal)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11:00 am-9:30 pm
10961 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

Wendy's (Lunch Meals)
Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 10:30 am-9:00 pm
11741 Beltsville Dr., Calverton, MD 20705

2. Donate pre-prepared lunch bags with sandwiches (lunch meat or peanut butter and jelly), chips, and bottled water.
3. Donate \$5.00 gift cards from a restaurant of your choice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nathan Dimes ((Nated@ccsimd.org or 301-864-7095x427). Thank you.



Imagine you're home and you hear a knock at the door. An official tells you to pack your essentials and evacuate, as a wildfire is speeding toward you. This is the situation many of our neighbors in the western part of the country are facing right now.

Fueled by a heat wave and unfavorable winds, devastating wildfires are raging across California, Oregon, Washington and other western states. At least 20 people have died, hundreds of thousands of people are under evacuation orders and more than 3.5 million acres have burned across the three states. Some evacuees face the difficult decision of whether to stay in a shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Lutheran Disaster Response](#) is engaging with at least three Lutheran social services agencies and five synods to assess the situation and determine the best ways to respond. We expect immediate needs may include food and other necessities, as well as emotional and spiritual care for those who have been traumatized.

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires until the response is complete.

Please make checks out to All Saints Lutheran Church and put "U.S. Wildfires" on the memo line. . To give online to Lutheran Disaster Relief's wildfire relief fund, log into your Simply Giving portal or the Give Plus app and select "LDR Wildfires"
Thank you!

Just Grace Committee News

We stand at a pivotal moment in this country. Violence and racial terror still target Black Americans, most recently (as of this writing) Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Systemic racism still denies minorities the same opportunities as their privileged neighbors. But the national conversation continues to address racial injustice throughout the country.

We must keep that conversation going, must not stop repeating the names of those murdered without hope of justice, and must continue to educate ourselves and others on the truths and lasting impact of institutional racism in this country, from slavery to the modern day.

To that end, the Just Grace Facebook page (facebook.com/JustGraceAllSaints) this month will highlight resources--podcasts, articles, videos, books--that offer insights into institutional and systemic racism, contemporary and historical, and the struggles and experiences of African Americans in the United States.

Empathy and understanding are crucial components of healing and reconciliation. These conversations may be difficult, may be painful, but they are so important to bringing about a brighter future for all people.





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For September:
 Given as of September 21: \$19,122.49
 Needed for September: \$30,646.83
 Still Needed: \$11,524.34

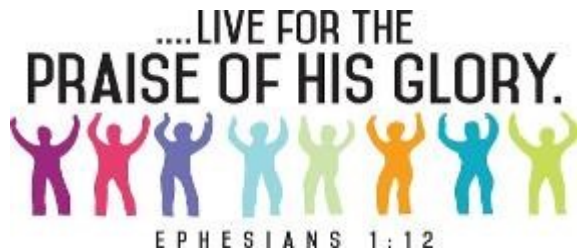
For 2020:
 Given as of September 21: \$230,007.74
 Needed for 2020: \$367,762.00
 Still Needed: \$137,754.26

OUR THANKS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY:

Assisting Minister: John Summerlot

Lector: Eloise Scott

Production Lead: Uzoma Ariguzo



**Readings and Psalm for Sunday, Oct. 15,
 For Next Week's Sunday School Class**

- ◇ **Isaiah 5:1-7**
The song of the vineyard
- ◇ **Psalm 80:7-15**
Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)
- ◇ **Philippians 3:4b-14**
Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ
- ◇ **Matthew 21:33-46**
The parable of the vineyard owner's son

Request for Prayers

This congregation believes in the power of prayer and that God listens. We invite you to share your prayer needs and concerns with us. Email to the church office at church@allsaintsbowie.org.

Today's Date: _____

I request prayers for Name(s): _____

Description of the Concern or Celebration: _____

Requested by: _____ Your Telephone Number: _____

Please check all that is applicable:

Public Prayer (shared with the congregation in worship)

Pastoral phone call requested

Praying Team (shared with Prayer Team and Staff)

Pastor Only