Lord’s Day, September 24, 2023

Communion Sunday

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate On Ps. 143:6, 8 ESV

*“I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”*

Welcome/Announcements Jeff Oskamp

Prelude

Call to Worship Ps. 92:1-4

Prayer of Invocation

 \*Praise Songs  *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

 *He Will Hold Me Fast*

The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 39

Q.104. What is God’s will for you in the fifth commandment?

**A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings – for through them God chooses to rule us.**

The Confession of Sin (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon Rom. 8:31-34

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #733 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host,**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:**

**alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Scripture Mark 1:35-39 p. 995

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Sermon “A Time for Solitude and Prayer” Bryant Park

Reception of Communicant Members

\*Hymn #634 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn #179 “Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of September 25th – September 29th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 9/24 Jean Bender and Carolyn Clark

10/1 Suzanne Maddox and Cindy Walshe

10/8 Danielle Breneman

10/15 Kristen Nichols and Anel Coss

**UPCOMING TECH TEAM**

10/1 Alan and Jeff

10/8 Zachary and Patrick

10/15 Robbie and Sam

10/22 Ethan and Carol

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**ESOL SNACK SIGN-UP**

It's that time of year again when we need you to sign up to donate snacks for our ESOL Program. The items we need are cheese (pre sliced), vegetables & dip or fruit & dip, or baked goods. Please, we only need these items. If you cannot purchase or make something but still want to contribute, please make a monetary donation and mark it for ESOL Snacks (also put $$ on sign-up sheet). The sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the desk. Any questions, please contact Patty De Rosa at 410-805-2805.

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO Group**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL Registration**

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Women’s Bible Study**

1:30 p.m. **Bible Study (temporarily put on hold)**

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Line**

**Friday, September 29, 2003**

5:45 p.m. **Ladies’ Circle**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School Classes**

**Adult Classes**

All Adult Sunday School: *Respect the Image* Sanctuary

(classes below resuming in December)

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *John’s Letters* Room 202

12:30 p.m. **New Member Class**

12:45 p.m. **Stepping Stones Group**

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**(see insert)**

**Church News**​

**WHAT GOOD IS A BOOK… IF YOU CAN’T READ IT?**

Check out the small display in the Missions Corner to read Paul & Christy Dubois’s thank you note and an explanation of how JAARS is working on this problem.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

The Session is currently leading a 12-week All Adult Sunday School class on healthy communication among church members. We will be using the resource *Respect the Image* by Timothy Shorey. A few copies of the book have been ordered and are still available for purchase.

**STEPPING STONES**

All girls in grades 1 through high school are invited to attend a monthly

get-together and mentoring program with the Stepping Stones ladies. Our theme for this year is "Growing Together." We will focus on growing, maturing, and being deeply rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ. Girls, bring a bag lunch and enjoy a variety of fun activities, fellowship, prayer, and scripture-based life application lessons one Sunday a month from 12:45 - 2:30. Please speak with Carol Morrison, Joanne Stevenson, or Sandy Magsamen if you have further questions.

**THE GATHERING - SEPTEMBER 26**

Our Tuesday evening fellowship, The Gathering, will resume on September 26. Please join us for a meal and fellowship at 5:45 p.m., followed by teaching and prayer from 6:30-7:30. This year we will be engaging with D.A. Carson's series called *The God Who is There: Finding Your Place in God's Story*. We meet to share fellowship with each other, in the spirit of Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

**The Confession of Sin**

**I, a poor sinful person, confess myself before you, my Lord God and Maker, that sadly I have sinned much, with my senses, thoughts, words, deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. I regret them and beg your grace. Amen.**

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