

St. John Lutheran Church  
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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles      Mrs. Margaret Knowlton  
 Pastor (phone 531-2264)                      Organist  
 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost      September 28, 2008  
 Service of the Word I                              9:30 a.m.

**Preparation**

Prelude                              Enter quietly to Worship  
 \*The Confession of Sins                      p. 56  
 #\*The Entrance Hymn                      (4)      (alt. tune)      # 454  
 \*The Greeting                              (5)                      p. 57  
 \*The Kyrie                              (6)                      p. 57  
 \*The Hymn of Praise                      (7)                      p. 58  
 \*The Prayer of the Day                      (8)                      p. 28  
 #Latecomers may be seated

**The Word**

The First Lesson                      (9)      Ezekiel 18: 1-4,25-32  
 The Psalm 25: 1-9                              p. 226  
 The Second Lesson                      Philippians 2: 1-13  
 \*The Alleluia                              (14)                      p. 22  
 \*The Holy Gospel                      (15,16)                      Matthew 21: 23-32  
 The Sermon                              Pastor Phyles

**The Response to the Word**

\*The Hymn of the Day                      (19)      (sts. 1-3)      # 346  
 \*The Apostles' Creed                      (21)                      p. 65  
 The Offering and Offertory                      p. 75  
 \*The Pastoral Prayer                      (47)                      p. 76  
 \*The Lord's Prayer (either version)                      p. 76  
 \*The Benediction                      (48)                      p. 78  
 \*The Departure Hymn                      # 87  
 A Moment of Reflection  
 \*The Postlude                              Depart joyfully to serve

**\*Congregation Standing**

Lay Assistant: Sue Reed  
 Lector: Philip & Susan Reed  
 Ushers: Ralph & Becky Comeau  
 Nursery: Rick & Cheryl

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you.

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by Steve Gemma to the glory of God and in loving memory of all the dearly departed.

We extend a warm and cordial welcome to all who may be worshipping with us this morning. St. John is a fellowship of God's people worshipping and serving in the Reformation tradition. We invite you to worship with us again whenever you are in the Peabody area. Please sign our Guest Book before you leave, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

Our Sunday church school classes begin at 11:00 a.m. Please help us conclude the coffee hour promptly.

The Bible study group will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 here at the church. All are welcome.

Regrettably both the Fall Clean-up and the Fall Kickoff originally scheduled for yesterday, were postponed because of heavy rains predicted. We will try again this coming Saturday, with the clean-up getting underway about 10:00 in the morning. The pot-luck supper of the kickoff will start around 6:00 that evening. Your help and participation in either or both is welcome and cordially encouraged.

The WELCA Fall Fair is set for Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. Baked goods and items for the White Elephant table are needed. A list of donations needed for the fruit basket raffle is posted downstairs. Please begin to prepare now for your support of this annual event. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

If you wish to contribute to relief efforts following the destruction of hurricanes Gustav and Ike, please place your contribution in a clearly marked envelope on an offering plate. Thrivent Financial will match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 contributed. St. John's two hundred dollars, plus Thrivent's additional \$100.00 were given towards relief of the recent floods in the Midwest. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to use the blue offering envelopes to help offset the work done recently on the steeple. Your generosity is appreciated.

Copies of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation are available from Pastor for \$9.00 per copy. Please see him if interested.

We invite our young people to serve as acolytes for our worship services. Please see Mrs. Winsor to offer your service.

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Eucharist. Plan now to be present at our Lord's Table.

We ask your prayers and concern for those members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.  
 Ellen Hepburn                      Sylvia Moynihan                      David Fredricksen  
 Dorothy Fender                      Gary Garaputo                      George Winsor

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 We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another, those who have departed this life in the sign of the faith.