

# ***Announcements***

- ◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.
- ◆ In Family Bible Class this morning, Pastor Zell will lead a study of the Pauline Epistles of Philemon and Colossians. Catechesis classes for the children are offered at the same time.
- ◆ Emmaus Church Picnic at 12:30pm at Rum Village (off of Ewing) in the pavilion. Bring a dish (with a labeled serving utensil) to share. Meat and drinks provided.
- ◆ Emmaus will gather on Monday at 6:30pm for Vespers.
- ◆ Catechesis classes resume this Wednesday, September 14, meeting from 2:30 until 3:45 p.m.

*Also on that Wednesday (**the 14th**), Emmaus will be gathered to celebrate **the Feast of Holy Cross Day** in the Divine Service beginning at 6:00 p.m.*

- ◆ Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, Council meets at 6pm.
- ◆ No Altar flowers this morning. The flower chart is on the wall at the back of the church as one goes toward the steps to the basement.
- ◆ **COLLECTIONS FOR September 4: \$ 3,081.00**

In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$3243 is needed each week.

## On the Epistle to the Galatians

“‘With whom I am again in travail’ (Galatians 4:19). The Apostles — like all teachers, though in a special way — acted in the place of parents; just as the latter give birth to the form of the body, so the former to the form of the mind. Now the form of the Christian mind is faith, the trust of the heart, which takes hold of Christ, clings only to Him and to nothing else besides. A heart that is equipped with such confidence has the true form of Christ, which is provided by the Ministry of the Word. [Thus, Paul writes elsewhere,] ‘I become your father through the Gospel’ (1 Cor. 4:15), namely, in the Spirit, so that you might know Christ and believe in Him; ‘You are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God’ (2 Cor. 3:3). For the Word proceeds from the mouth of the Apostle and reaches the heart of the hearer; there the Holy Spirit is present and impresses that Word on the heart, so that it is heard. In this way every preacher is a parent, who produces and forms the true shape of the Christian mind through the Ministry of the Word.

*“At the same time Paul attacks the false apostles in passing, as though he were to say: ‘Through the Gospel I truly became your father. But those corrupters and distorters came and established a new image in your heart, not that of Christ but that of Moses, so that your confidence no longer rests on Christ but on the works of the Law. This is an alien and completely diabolical form, not the true form or the form of Christ.’*

*“Paul does not say: ‘I am again in travail with you until my form be formed in you.’ No, he says: ‘until Christ be formed in you.’ That is: ‘I am laboring in order that you may acquire the form and likeness of Christ again, not that of Paul.’ With these words he rebukes the false apostles again; for they abolished the form of Christ in the minds of the believers and made up another form, namely, their own. ‘They desire to have you circumcised,’ he says (Gal. 6:13), ‘that they may glory in your flesh.’*

*“The Apostle also speaks of this form of Christ elsewhere: ‘Put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator’ (Col. 3:10). Therefore Paul wants to restore the image of God or of Christ in the Galatians. It had been deformed or distorted by the false apostles, and it consists in this, that they feel, think, and want exactly what God does, whose thought and will it is that we obtain the forgiveness of sins and eternal life*

*through Jesus Christ, His Son, whom He sent into the world to be the expiation for our sins and for those of the whole world (1 John 2:2), so that through the Son we might acknowledge Him as our Father, who has been placated and is kindly disposed toward us. Those who believe this are like God; that is, they think of God altogether as He feels in His heart, and they have the same form in their mind that God or Christ has. This, according to Paul, is to 'be renewed in the spirit of your minds and to put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God' (Eph. 4:23-24).*

*"Therefore Paul says that he is in travail again with the Galatians, but in such a way that the form of the children is not the form of the Apostle and that the sons do not bear the image of Paul or of Cephas (1 Cor. 1:12) but that of another father, namely, Christ. 'He is the One,' he says, 'whom I want to form in you, so that in everything you feel as Christ Himself feels. In short, I am in travail with you; that is, I am laboring, anxiously again to call you back to your original faith, which you lost when you were deceived by the cleverness of the false apostles and fell back into the Law and works. Therefore a new and difficult labor has been laid upon me, to lead you back from the Law to faith in Christ.' This is what he calls 'being in travail.'"*

***(From Dr. Martin Luther's Lectures on Galatians, A.D. 1535)***

## ***Walking with Our Savior this Week***

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Catechesis	10:45 a.m.
	<i>Emmaus Church Picnic</i>	<i>12:30 p.m.</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>Vespers</i>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Catechesis</i>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Church Council	6:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Catechesis	10:45 a.m.

*You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home:*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Seventh in Martyrs' Tide:  
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; and St. Luke 16:1-15*