

## ***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.
- ◆ The Family Bible class on the Pauline Epistles of Philemon and Colossians will follow. Catechesis classes for children are offered beginning at 10:45.
- ◆ Emmaus will gather on Monday at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers.
- ◆ Catechesis classes this Wednesday, September 28, meeting from 2:30 until 3:45 p.m.

*Also on Wednesday (the 28th), Emmaus will gather to celebrate **the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels** in the Divine Service beginning at 6:00 p.m.*

- ◆ The flowers on the Altar this morning are given by the Tomaw family in honor of Sarah's birthday.
- ◆ OFFERING FOR September 18: \$3,238

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

## On the Epistle to the Galatians

*“Now Paul was a very fine craftsman at presenting allegories; for he made a practice of applying them to the teaching of faith, to grace, and to Christ, not to the Law and to works, as Origen and Jerome did. These men deserve to be criticized, because they made awkward and inept allegories out of the simplest statements of Scripture, in which allegories have no place. Therefore it is unfortunate and may even be dangerous to imitate them in the treatment of allegories; for unless someone has a perfect knowledge of Christian doctrine, he will not be successful at presenting allegories.*

*“But why does Paul use the name ‘Law’ for Genesis, from which he cites the history of Ishmael and Isaac, when that book is not a book of law, and especially when the passage he quotes contains no law but only the simple narrative about the two sons of Abraham? In Jewish fashion Paul usually calls the first book of Moses ‘Law.’ Even though it has no law except that which deals with circumcision, but chiefly teaches faith and testifies that the patriarchs were pleasing to God on account of their faith, still the Jews called Genesis together with the other books of Moses ‘Law’ because of that one law of circumcision. Paul, who was himself a Jew, did the same thing. And Christ included not only the books of Moses under the name ‘Law’ but even the Psalms, [as for example]: ‘It is to fulfill the Word that is written in their Law (Psalm 35:19), “They hated Me without a cause”’ (John 15:25).*

*“For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise’ (Galatians 4:22–23).*

*“It is as though Paul were saying: ‘You have forsaken grace, faith, and Christ; and you have defected to the Law, wanting to be under it again and to gain wisdom from it. Therefore I shall discuss the Law with you. I ask you to look at it carefully. You will find that Abraham had two sons, Ishmael by Hagar and Isaac by Sarah. Both were true sons of Abraham. Ishmael was the true son of Abraham no less than Isaac was; for both were born of the same father, the same flesh, the same seed. Then what was the difference between them?’ The difference, Paul says, is not that one mother was a free woman and the other a slave — although this does contribute to the allegory — but that Ishmael, who was born of the slave, was born according to the flesh, that is, apart from the promise and the Word of God, while Isaac was not only born of the free woman but also in accordance with a promise. ‘So what? Still Isaac was born of the seed of Abraham, just as Ishmael was.’ ‘I grant this. Both were sons of the*

*same father. And yet there is a difference. Even though Isaac was born of the flesh, this was preceded by God's promising and naming him.'"*

***(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.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>Vespers</i>	6:30 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Catechesis</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>
	<i>St. Michael Divine Service</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<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.

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Second Sunday in Angels' Tide:  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10*