

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

August 13 & 14, 2022

Greetings Friends,



In our Gospel lesson this morning we will hear Jesus make the strange comment, “Do you think I came to bring **peace** on earth? No, I tell you, but **division**.” While Jesus’ words are not completely clear, one that is certain. The church excels at division. According to a little bit of re-search I did on google, there are over 200 Christian denominations in the U.S. That means the church in the U.S. has divided over 200 times. Worldwide, the number appears to be about 40,000 different branches of Christianity. The church has divided about 40,000 times over differences.

Lutherans seem to excel at division. By my count there are 31 different groups in North America that identify as Lutheran. That’s how many times we’ve divided. We’ll look at these 2 ideas of peace and division today and what they mean for the church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: 10:00 a.m.=Our thanks to members of the music team, and to all other worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of August 14

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 80
August Tithes & Offerings to date: \$3,028
August Budgeted Offerings: \$30,123

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children’s Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 15

6:30 PM FACILITIES & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 16

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

Wednesday, August 17

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM DISCIPLESHIP VISION BOARD

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

Saturday, August 20

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 21

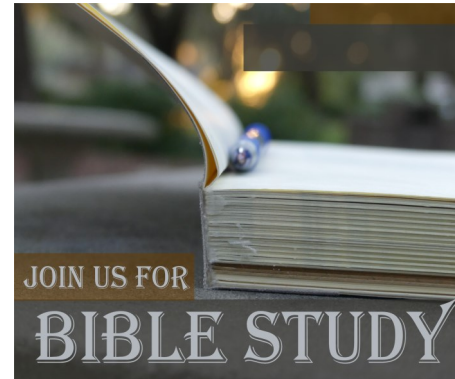
8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS (live & on ZOOM)

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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Join us for Women's Bible Study every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

Men's Bible Study meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays via Zoom.

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