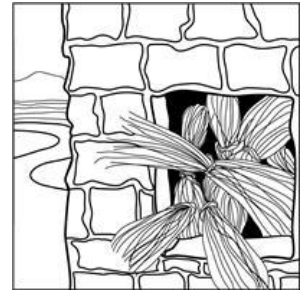


# *Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 31, 2022**

9:00 a.m. Worship Outside

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



*Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son ✝, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Merciful God,

**C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are free to love as God loves. **C Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*This Is My Father's World*

ELW # 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

**GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P *Let us pray* ... Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 49:1-12 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

*Pastor Traci*

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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**\*CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I** believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I** believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
**Amen**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

P O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **C Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI***Lamb of God*

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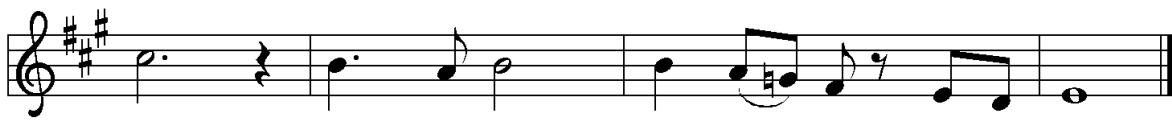
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**INVITATION**

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**BLESSING**P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**P *Let us pray...* Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **C Amen.****BENEDICTION**P The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **C Amen.**



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

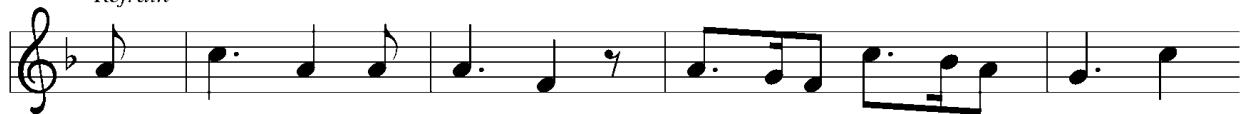


join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **C** Thanks be to God.

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God in memory of our grandson, Vincent Reimer, by Richard and Cindy Snyder.

### **Church Messenger**

The August 2022 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership, and articles are always appreciated.

### **Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Guest Preacher – Peggy Steinfurth

Our Missionary Family – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orzeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lector – Melissa Fetzer

Our Altar Guild – Jane Fagans

Our Usher – Dennis Smith

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*OEW and Missionaries*”**

### **Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *David!***

Join the Lutheran Churches of Blair County for this exciting excursion to see live on stage production of David on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. **Price per individual will be \$155.** This will include your transportation, your ticket to a 11:00 a.m. show, and a meal at Hershey Farms. More information is on the Narthex Bulletin Board or you can call Duane Bordell at 814-944-2585.

## Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Away at Sequanota. You can call her cell phone 814-935-9267

Office Hours – Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lori Tremmel

## This Week Events

- Today –** Worship is Outside 9:00 a.m. Bring a chair. (Sanctuary if it rains.)  
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Monday** Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Tuesday -** Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Sunday –** Worship is Outside 9:00 a.m. Bring a chair. (Sanctuary if it rains.)  
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall in use 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Carl Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, David Bolger, Diane Cappel, Dee Carson, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Tim Flaugh, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Gerry Girolami, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Kay McGraw, Rick McIntyre, Pastor Traci Marriott, Aunt Mica, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, The Orczeck Family, Pastor Drahus Oslikova, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Norman Tremmel, Jean White, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

## Allegheny Synod Event

Synod Day at DelGrosso's Amusement Park  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tomorrow, August 1, 2022

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## Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from the Martinsburg Mennonite Church will be helping to distribute food on Thursdays, August 4 and August 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., along with the regular volunteers.

**Items most needed for August:** Tuna, Fruit, Ravioli, Rice Sides and Cereal. Also, garden produce on days that the Food Pantry is open would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

*Many thanks for your donations! Linda Smith*

## Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)

We'll be collecting school supplies to give children going back to school in August and September. Please look for items when you shop and place them in the "**school bus**" at church in the Fellowship Hall.



- Crayola Crayons (24 colors)
- 12 pack of #2 pencils & large erasers
- Crayola washable markers (10 colors)
- Crayola colored pencils (24 color set)
- Highlighters (yellow, pink & green)
- Elmer's large glue sticks (.77 oz.)
- 8½x11 spiral notebooks (3 hole punched)
- Elmer's washable school glue (4 oz bottle)

## Help Needed

Custodian opportunity is available at St. Matthew. Seeking person or couple to provide cleaning of the church and maintenance of grounds in the absence of the Sexton. Casual hours. If interested please contact the church office, 814-793-2413, for more information.

**Social Ministry Meeting** is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. via Zoom on Monday, August 15, 2022.



## Summer Worship

**9:00 a.m. worship**, weather permitting, using the yard, drive, sidewalk, or kitchen Patio. If it rains worship will be in the Sanctuary

**10:30 a.m. worship** in the sanctuary

**Sunday, Aug. 21:** Worship Service will be at the Kreider Farm at 11:00 a.m. with a bag lunch to follow.

## Share the Harvest



The “Share the Harvest” table is up and running. In the months to come, if you have extra fruit or vegetables to share with members of the congregation, please bring your items and place them on a table in the Narthex. Members will be able to help themselves to items as desired. Any remaining produce after Sunday morning will be given away at the discretion of the donor. *“Let us share God’s harvest with others.”*



**Lutheran Day at the Curve**  
 Sunday, August 21, 2022  
 Tailgate 4:00 p.m. at the Synod Office  
 Hot Dogs and Drinks provided.  
 Bring a side to share  
 Game starts at 6:00 p.m.  
 \$7/ticket –



Registration is available by completing the form below and either put in the offering plate or return to the church office with complete payment.

# Ticket Order Form

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Contact Name</b>         |  |
| <b>Contact Phone Number</b> |  |

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|--------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Number of Adults/Children 3+</b>        |  | <b>X \$7.00</b> | <b>= \$</b>     |
| <b>Number of Children Ages 2 and under</b> |  | <b>FREE</b>     | <b>= \$0.00</b> |
| <b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>               |  |                 | <b>= \$</b>     |

**Number Attending Tailgate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets will NOT be mailed, but must be picked up in-person at the Synod Office the week prior, at the Tailgate, or at the Gates at 5:30pm.**

Children ages 2 and under must sit on an adults lap to receive a free ticket. Otherwise, they will need a ticket for a seat at the cost of \$7.

## Order Deadline - August 12th