

# *the* SIXTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## July 16, 2017

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### WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

PRAYER cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

### NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

### AS WE GATHER

In our Old Testament and Gospel lessons for today, God is revealing His amazing grace for our lives in earthy language. When God speaks, wonderful things happen, but when we speak for ourselves, not so much. He gives us every reason to speak His Word to the world, knowing that we have a 100% guarantee that His Word will produce an effect and not return to Him empty. But, just like the hardened path, the shallow rocky soil and the thorny weedy soil, we fail to listen and produce the harvest the Lord intends. In worship, we rejoice in God's saving Word and we pray that we will be faithful to use this Word and spread this seed that bears the miracle of an abundant harvest with every Word we share with others. Pray for God's saving purpose to be made known through your daily encounters with people. When someone asks you, "What's the good word today?" Why not share one: a Word from God knowing that when it is spoken - things happen!

# DIVINE SERVICE

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Our Divine Service today follows what can be considered a “blended” order of worship. While it follows the order of a liturgical Divine Service, it contains a variety in the musical selections: from hymns to contemporary music. The ORDER *of* WORSHIP below points us to make use of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* to follow along with the service. Keep it open for responsive elements.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Praise Team*

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION (*Please stand as you are able*)

### INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

### CONFESSION

P When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions. *Psalm 65:3*

C **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:9*

P God plants His Word in our hearts. What fruit does it bear?

*(silence for reflection)*

Almighty and all merciful God,

C **We confess to You that we are sinners. We share in the fall of Adam, as does the whole creation, in bondage to decay and sin. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed to receive Your Word with joy and have often hardened our hearts. We have let the devil rob us of devotion to You. We have permitted the cares of this world to overwhelm us. Forgive our sin through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

### ABSOLUTION

P For the sake of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death for us on the cross, we have been adopted as sons and daughters of God, and have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, as God's called servant, I forgive your sin in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

### KYRIE and HYMN OF PRAISE

*tune only: LIEBSTER JESU, LSB 545*

L Let us pray in peace to God:



C Lord, have mer cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

L Grant Your people peace and grace,



C Lord, have mer cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

L For salvation, wholeness, oneness,



C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

L Glory be to God on high,

C 1. Praise to You and adoration.

Those who on Your grace rely  
You give peace and consolation.  
Blessing, praise, and thanks outpouring  
For Your great and wondrous glory!

2. Father, Lord God, heaven's King,

And Your only Son, Christ Jesus,  
Lamb of God, our prayers we bring,  
Hear them and have mercy, Jesus.  
This world's sin, Lord, You have taken  
That we might not be forsaken.

3. Jesus sits at God's right hand,  
Showing mercy, interceding;  
Only holy, only Lord,  
Only highest, for us pleading.  
With the Spirit, in God's glory,  
Amen, all our hearts adoring!

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You instruct us that Your Word will never return empty from whence it is proclaimed. We ask that you make it a Word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(Please be seated)*

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
“For you shall go out in joy

**PSALM 65** *(found in LSB, read or sung responsively following Worship Leader)*

**EPISTLE READING**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *(Please stand)*

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

Spoken: **The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

**C Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the Lord,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”  
A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Romans 8:12–17*

the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Praise Team*

*(Isaiah 40:8)*

*Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**C Praise to You, O Christ!**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

*(found on the inside back cover of LSB)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

*LSB 545*

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*LSB 686*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

P On July 22, Austin Lehman and Meagan Osborne desire to enter the holy estate of matrimony according to the Lord’s Word. They desire our prayers so that they may begin their marriage in God’s name and with His blessing. If you can show just cause why these two persons should not be joined together in holy matrimony, you are to declare it before the wedding. May God grant them His blessing.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You established matrimony and desire that we keep it holy. Behold with Your favor, Austin and Meagan, who intend to have their union blessed by Your Word. Grant them Your grace so that they may begin their wedded life in You, live according to Your Word, and rejoice in Your strong love and enduring blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P As those who are children and heirs of God, let us call upon Him with full confidence that we will be heard. *(Brief silence)*

*(The response following each petition)*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*(Prayers conclude...)*

P We join our prayer and praise with that of all generations of the faithful who have called You Father and are now before Your throne of grace. Bring us at last with them together into the

life that awaits us at the coming of Your Son, Jesus, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

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*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.*

### PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.** *(continues on page 161 of LSB)*

**DISTRIBUTION** *(You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)*

### SONGS:

"We Are Hungry"

*Praise Team*

1. **Lord I want more of You**

*Chorus* **We are hungry we are hungry**

**Living Water rain down on me**

**We are hungry for more of You**

**Lord I need more of You**

**We are thirsty Oh Jesus**

**Living Breath of Life come fill me up**

**We are thirsty for more of You**

2. **Lord I want more of You**

*Bridge* **We lift our holy hands up**

**Holy Spirit rain down on me**

**We want to touch You**

**Lord I need more of You**

**We lift our voices higher**

**Living Breath of Life come fill me up** *(to CHORUS)*

**And higher and higher to You** *(REPEAT, to VERSE 1)*

"Jesus Firm Foundation"

*Praise Team*

1. **How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord**

*Chorus* **How firm our foundation**

**Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word**

**How sure our salvation**

**What more can He say than to you He has said**

**And we will not be shaken**

**To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled**

**Jesus firm foundation**

**Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed**

**For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength**

**He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand**

**Upheld by His merciful almighty hand**

2. **The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord**

*Bridge* **Age to age He stands**

**Will press on enduring the darkest of storm**

**faithful to the end**

**And though even hell should endeavor to shake**

**All may fade away but He**

He'll never no never no never forsake  
He'll never no never no never forsake

will remain  
He will remain

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

LSB 584

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** “Thank The Lord” *(Please stand)*

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING SONG:** “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

LSB 577

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### SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick  
**Church Secretary** Renee Taden  
**Preschool Teachers** Lisa Dove  
Courtney Eaton  
**Preschool Helper** Michele Broughman  
**Banners** Sue Elkins  
**Altar Guild** Bonnie Polzin

**Worship Coordinator** Larry Bruce  
**Admin. Assist.** Laura Oswood  
**Praise Team** Larry Bruce  
Lisa Dove  
Karin Kennedy  
**Organist** Kay Kaepp  
**Sound** Paul Dove

#### Today - July 16

**Acolyte** Blake Schlueter  
**Assistant** Ron Patch  
**Reader** Kay Guenther  
**Ushers** Gary Malcolm  
Jan Malcolm  
Jimmy Powell  
Larry Parks  
**Greeters** Chris & Dianne Pavka  
**Cookies** Kathy Watz & Amey Scherer  
**Counters** Hobday Pipe

#### Next Week - July 23

Sara Mobley  
Rick Taden  
Chris Donbrock  
Ron Patch  
Bill Tunison  
Cal Keokuk  
Clarence Walters  
Marilyn Pascoe & Keitha Post  
LWML: Liz Donbrock  
Mobley & Neuendorf

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Becky (Rumens) Boyd; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Josephine Lyndek; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.  
*Family & Friends:* Carol Heckman; Nancy Holbrook; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Carol Yearling.  
*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.  
*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Sunday 7/9-\$4,362.25 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Total-\$4,377.25.  
LWML July Mites-\$86.59.  
*Worshippers*— Sunday 7/9: 9am-114; 11:30am-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon on Wednesdays.*

**Vacation Bible School** Free games, crafts, snacks, and FUN! **July 31 - August 3**, 9-11:30am. Register by *July 25*. Registration cards are on the bulletin board. Return them to the Ingathering Station. All potty-trained 3 year olds - 5th graders are welcome at VBS.

**Pizza Fundraiser** *Tuesday, July 18, 5-7pm*. Come enjoy all of the salad, pizza, and breadsticks you can eat for just \$7 and help us raise money for Vacation Bible School. Sponsored by Cottage Inn of Coldwater.

**Reformation Education** Sunday Morning Bible Study starting July 23 will begin a 4 week viewing and study on "Luther", the movie. There will be ½ hour of watching the movie and ½ hour of discussion every week. Join us as we take a look at the first Lutheran.

**Game Night & Dinner** Friday, August 4 @ 6:00pm join us for dinner and outdoor games. Sign up on the bulletin board by July 30 if you are coming and what food you can bring to share. The Fellowship Team will provide hot dogs, buns, drinks, plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. We are also looking for some games so sign up if you can bring them along.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/16	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 7/17	5:45pm	Policy Team Meeting
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting

Tuesday 7/18	5-7pm	Pizza Dinner Fundraiser
Wednesday 7/19	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Saturday 7/22	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 7/23	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 7/24	8:30am	Newsletter Deadline