

# *the* SEVENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

## July 23, 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

Our Lord continues to teach us about His kingdom. We need this teaching because it is literally "right side up" from our world turned "upside down" by sin. In His Kingdom, the weeds and the wheat will grow together until He comes again for the final harvest. Knowing this fact to be true, we don't pray that God will remove all evil from this world (as we far too many times lament and often times pray for God to do), but instead, we earnestly pray to join His mission to overcome evil with His saving love, His grace and mercy, and His Word that never returns empty (remember last week's message?!). Pray for eyes to see the world as Christ does: as an opportunity for mission and to see every moment as one of grace that God has given us to be about His saving work. Let us pray that as God's people, we remain firmly built upon the Rock so we may serve as His witnesses shining forth in the wheat field among the weeds so they may see the Light.

# 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 will lead you through our Divine Service in its entirety. We pray that it delivers your heart where you can receive the gifts God brings, and join the chorus of worshippers throughout time and place united in singing His praise as we gather this morning.

## ORDER *of* WORSHIP

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

### OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION *(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**C Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P The earth is filled with Your love, O Lord. Teach me Your decrees. *Psalm 119:64*

**C For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!**

*Ezekiel 18:32*

P God calls us to look to Him alone as our God.

*(silence for reflection)*

Almighty and all merciful God,

**C we confess before You that we are sinners, sinful from birth. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have relied on gods of our own making. We have not loved You with all our hearts or our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P God is our King and our Redeemer, the first and the last, the Rock of our salvation. As His called servant, by the command of Jesus and for His sake, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### SERVICE *of the* WORD

#### PSALM

*Psalm 119:57–64*

**C The Lord is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.  
When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
I hasten and do not delay**

to keep your commandments.  
Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.  
At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your just and righteous decrees.  
I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.  
The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!

**SONG OF PRAISE "God My Rock"**

*Praise Team*

1. **When my heart is overwhelmed, I will look to You alone,  
God my rock, God my rock, God my rock.  
You will stand when others fall; You are faithful through it all,  
God my rock, God my rock, God my rock.**

*PRE-CHORUS: In the blessing, in the pain, through it all You've never failed me.*

*CHORUS 1: You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.  
I can rely on You, I can rely on You.*

2. **When I've struggled to believe, You have not let go of me,  
God my rock, God my rock, God my rock.  
Carried through the darkest storms, You have held me in Your arms,  
God my rock God my rock God my rock. (to CHORUS)**

*CHORUS 2: You are the strength of my heart. You are the strength of my heart.  
I can rely on You, I can rely on You. You are the joy of my life.  
You are my song in the night. There is no one as true.  
Jesus I trust in You. (REPEAT for ENDING)*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with You.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.  
Let them declare what is to come, and what  
will happen.

**EPISTLE READING**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as

**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: **And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.** *(Romans 8:27)*

**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.**

*Isaiah 44:6–8*

Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared  
it?  
And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Romans 8:18–27*

sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*Praise Team*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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

### C Glory to You, O Lord.

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

### C Praise to You, O Christ!

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## THE NICENE CREED

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

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

*During the hymn of the day, the ushers will come to collect the Connect cards and any Prayer cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

*LSB 769*

## SERMON

## OFFERING

### MUSIC OFFERING “I Wait”

*Praise Team*

#### 1. **O restless heart do not grow weary**

**Hold on to faith and wait**

**The God of love He will not tarry**

**No He is never late** *(repeat, then CHORUS)*

#### CHORUS

**So I wait in the promise I wait in the hope**

**Yes I wait in the power of God's unending love**

2. **Be still and rest secure my soul**  
**He knows what's best for me**  
**Here in my patience lies the goal**  
**To wait and trust in Thee** *(to CHORUS)*

*CHORUS*

**So I wait in the promise I wait in the hope**  
**Yes I wait in the power of God's unending love**

3. **Even through my imperfections**  
**His light is shining through**  
**Though dim I am still a reflection**  
**Of His mercy and His truth** *(to CHORUS)*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P On July 29, Daniel Tucker and Elizabeth Patch 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, Daniel and Elizabeth, 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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence for preparation and reflection*

*[after each petition]*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*[the prayers conclude...]*

P We join our prayer with the unending prayers of those who have gone before us and are now with You. Together the Church in heaven and the Church on earth await the time when the righteous will shine like the sun in Your Kingdom, O Father, for You live and reign with Your Son and Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

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 for His glory.

C **We give thanks; we rejoice in His presence.**

P Thanks and praise be to You, O Father, who sent Your only Son into the world to be a Man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that we deserved because of our sin.

C **He came for us. Help us to welcome His coming.**

P He walked among us as a Man on this earth and commanded us to remember His death that gives us life and to wait for Him until He comes again in glory.

C **We remember His death; we live by His presence; we wait for His coming.**

### SANCTUS

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est! 1. to verse 2. est!

Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is He!

Hea-ven and earth are full; full of Your glo - ry! Ho -

## LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and hear the prayer you have put in our hearts:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

P Welcome to the table of the Lord.

## AGNUS DEI

*Praise Team*



Lamb of God \_ You take \_ a-way the sins of the world \_ have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God \_ You take \_ a-way the sins of the world \_ have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God \_ You take a - way \_ the sins of the world \_ grant us \_\_\_ peace.

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



**SONGS:**

*"O Come To the Altar"*

*Praise Team*

- 1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling**
- 2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling**
- 3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found**

*Chorus*

**O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

*Bridge*

**Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen**

*"You Are My Peace"*

*Praise Team*

*VERSE* **I lay my burdens at Your feet  
I'm letting go of all the things I can't control  
In my frailty Lord I find Your strength  
I'm depending on a love that won't let go**

*CHORUS 1* **(So/Yes) I trust You I trust You  
I trust You oh You are my peace**

*CHORUS 2* **I don't have to be strong 'cause You are my strength  
Oh You are my strength oh You are my strength  
I don't have to hold on 'cause You don't let go  
Oh You don't let go oh You don't let go**

*BRIDGE* **All you weary come and lay your burdens down  
His yoke is easy there is rest to be found**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*LSB 770*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** *(please stand)*

P Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:** "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" LSB 584

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**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Larry Bruce
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Renee Taden	<b>Admin. Assist.</b>	Laura Oswood
<b>Preschool Teachers</b>	Lisa Dove	<b>Praise Team</b>	Larry Bruce
	Courtney Eaton		Lisa Dove
<b>Preschool Helper</b>	Michele Broughman		Karin Kennedy
<b>Banners</b>	Sue Elkins	<b>Organist</b>	Kay Kaepf
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bonnie Polzin	<b>Sound</b>	Paul Dove

**Today - July 23**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Sara Mobley
<b>Assistant</b>	Rick Taden
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Donbrock
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Patch
	Bill Tunison
	Cal Keokuk
	Clarence Walters
<b>Greeters</b>	Marilyn Pascoe & Keitha Post
<b>Cookies</b>	LWML: Liz Donbrock
<b>Counters</b>	Mobley & Neundorf

**Next Week - July 30**

Christopher Mobley
Gary Malcolm
Lisa Dove
Rick Taden
Bill Tunison
Cal Keokuk
Clarence Walters
Bob Malcolm & Patty Pipe
Fellowship Team
Osborn & Pascoe

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Dan Hemker; Ed James; Lisa; Lorraine; Josephine Ryndak; Marilyn Meyer; MaryJane; Alan Walters; Clarence Walters; Ward Yearling; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Carol Heckman; Nancy Holbrook; Rhonda Kollmorgen; Linda Pawelczyk; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Carol Yearling.

*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Ugrig; 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God for the marriage of Meagan Osborn & Austin Lehman. May God bless their marriage. Also, for the 41st wedding anniversary for Charlie & Jacque Osborn. May God continue to bless our marriage.

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Sunday 7/16-\$1,997.50 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$10; Total-\$2,007.50.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 7/16: 9am-83; 11:30am-8.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/23	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 7/24	8:30am	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday 7/25	3:30pm	VBS Registration Deadline
Wednesday 7/26	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Service Team Meeting
Thursday 7/27	6:00pm	Gifted for Worship Seminar
Saturday 7/29	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 7/30	9:00am	Worship
	10:10am	Larry Appreciation
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship

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 Tuesday, *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.

**Coffee mugs** - do you keep forgetting or don't want to bring in a coffee mug? We have a solution: take one from the Narthex, put your name on it, and store it on the pegs in Renee's office. Use this mug for coffee, tea, water, or anything else and help us reduce our paper and plastic cup usage.

**Luther Movie Study** Do you know who Martin Luther was? Have you ever wondered what the Reformation was or why it happened? Have you watched a Martin Luther movie and left confused? Come join us today and we can help with that. Sunday Morning Bible Study starting today 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.

**Newsletter** *The Connection* is our monthly newsletter. The deadline to submit information and articles for the next issue is tomorrow @ 8:30am. Next Sunday, a copy of *The Connection* will be in your mailbox. However, a few people have opted to receive it electronically, via email, instead. Those on the list will receive it before anyone else, will see it in color, and will save some paper! Want to join them? Just email the office and let us know: [lauraoswood@stpaulcoldwater.com](mailto:lauraoswood@stpaulcoldwater.com) or [churchoffice@stpaulcoldwater.com](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulcoldwater.com)

**Thank you** to everyone who has been working around our building and property. This is a wonderful place to work and a wonderful church family to belong to. Lester Burger has put in some time working on the water fountain and the gutters. Mark Dalchow is working on our lights downstairs. Carl Hunker did some odd jobs. I know I miss thanking some people, but I really appreciate you all! ~ Laura O.

**BOXES, BOXES, boxes!!** Have you been watching for those rectangle boxes that we can turn into cars? When you find one, you may bring it to the second Sunday school room downstairs and to the right. The Reformation 500 Road Rally Race is on Saturday, September 9 at 6pm. Ages 2-18. Plan to come and bring a friend to race against!

**Diet of Worms.** Yuck ... How did Luther get so fat? Luther obviously didn't stick to his diet. A Diet was an imperial meeting of the Holy Roman Empire. Official business was conducted that changed things throughout the empire. Luther was called to the Diet that took place in Worms, Germany. There, he was told to say he recanted of what he wrote and taught. Luther responded that he could not in good conscience deny his writings because they proclaim the truth of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here I Stand.

**The Hope Cafe** at the Branch County 4H Fair needs some volunteers to work Sunday, August 6, 3-7pm. Please see more information or sign up on the bulletin board. The mission of the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence is to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Help them raise money and awareness through Hope Cafe.

The reading list for 2017-2018 **Book Club** is posted on the bulletin board across from Renee's office. Get a jump start on your reading or just have your books ready to go. 1st meeting is Sept. 9.