

the EIGHTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 30, 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

We look all around us and question the value of "things." How can it all be worth so much? In our daily experiences, we are accustomed to the value of "things" being driven higher and higher. And then we look at the things of God - His Word, worship, music, water, bread, wine - and they all look pretty ordinary. But in God's Kingdom, these are the pearls of greatest value because they reveal His love and presence with us. We need wisdom from the kingdom. If someone doesn't tell us what something is truly worth, we would never know. That is why it is so important that we tell the world about the true treasures found in the things of God. How will they ever know if we don't tell them? Let someone in on the pearls and treasures that you know in the wisdom of God.

DIVINE SERVICE

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

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION (*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.

P [The Lord] will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;

C the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

Isaiah 33:6, NIV

P The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought the field. *Matthew 13:44, NIV*

C For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:34, NIV

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P God has given us the treasure of His Word and the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is so easy for us to bury that treasure and allow the trinkets of this world and their values to distract us from the message of the Gospel. Let us call to mind those sins of which we are aware, that hide the treasure of the Gospel in our lives, and prepare to confess them before God and one another.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

P Most merciful God,

C we confess to You and before one another that we have sinned against You and one another in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have allowed the treasures of this world to get in the way of living as Your children. We confess these sins and the sins of which we are not aware to You and ask for Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

P Almighty God in His mercy has heard our prayer, and even before we were aware of our need for forgiveness, sent His Son into the world, wrapped in our flesh and blood, and gave Him as a sacrifice for our sin. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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,

Father, Lord God, heaven's King,

C **Praise to You and adoration.**

And Your only Son, Christ Jesus,

Those who on Your grace rely

Lamb of God, our prayers we bring,

You give peace and consolation.

Hear them and have mercy, Jesus.

Blessing, praise, and thanks outpouring

This world's sin, Lord, You have taken

For Your great and wondrous glory!

That we might not be forsaken.

**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.

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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)*

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord

EPISTLE READING

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that,

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: **I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.**

(Matthew 13:35b)

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.

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Romans 8:28–39

who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Praise Team

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat

down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure” *LSB 654*

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Lord, My God Be Praised” *LSB 794*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

P For the people who are holy to the Lord and for all people according to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

(Brief silence)

(The response following each petition)

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

(Prayers conclude...)

P Lord, You have called us according to Your purpose and cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with all the saints into Your Kingdom, which knows no end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

(begins on page 160 of the LSB)

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.**

(if you wish to follow along with the Service of the Sacrament, it continues on p. 161 of the Lutheran Service Book.)

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

SONGS:

"Our God"

Praise Team

1. **Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, None like You.**
2. **Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.**

Chorus

**Our God is greater, Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.**

Our God is healer, Awesome in power, our God, our God. *(first time, back to V2)*

Bridge

**And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us then what could stand against?
(Then) what could stand against?**

"Your Love Never Fails"

Praise Team

1. **Nothing can separate; Even if I ran away, Your love never fails.
I know I still make mistakes, But You have new mercies for me ev'ryday;
Your love never fails.**

Chorus

**(And) You stay the same through the ages; Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night, But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage, I don't have to be afraid,
Because I know that You love me.
(Your love never fails.)**

2. **The wind is strong and the water's deep, But I'm not alone here in these open seas;
Your love never fails.
The chasm is far too wide, I never thought I'd reach the other side;**

Your love never fails. (to CHORUS)

Bridge **You make all things Work together for my good.
You make all things Work together for my good.**

“Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB 827

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

LSB p. 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB p. 166

BENEDICTION

LSB p. 166

CLOSING SONG: “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646

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SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE

Pastor	Rev. Aaron B. Chittick	Worship Coordinator	Larry Bruce
Church Secretary	Renee Taden	Admin. Assist.	Laura Oswood
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Preschool Helper	Michele Broughman	Organist	Kay Kaepf
Banners	Sue Elkins	Sound	Paul Dove
Altar Guild	Bonnie Polzin	<i>August Sound</i>	<i>Chris Pavka</i>
<i>August Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sue Elkins</i>		

Today - July 30

Acolyte Christopher Mobley
Assistant Gary Malcolm
Reader Lisa Dove
Ushers Rick Taden
Bill Tunison
Cal Keokuk
Clarence Walters
Greeters Bob Malcolm & Patty Pipe
Cookies Fellowship Team
Counters Hobday & Vainner

Next Week - August 6

Makayla Post
Paul Meyer
Sue Elkins
Mark Dalchow
Aaron Garn
Loren Green
Carl Hunker
Gary & Jan Malcolm
Taden & Dayton

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: Rhonda Kollmorgen; 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR last Sunday were dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the 61st anniversary of Clarence & Elaine Walters.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Edson Post by his family. ~ Keitha Post & children

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of Carmen Bruce's 10th birthday. May God bless you in the coming year. ~ Love, Mom, Dad, and Nathan

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God for another year together with all the children and grandchildren that go with it, we give God thanks! ~ Tim & Lupe Meyer

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Offerings—Sunday 7/23-\$3,706.70 (Includes Direct Payment); Windows-\$15; Youth-\$423; Total-\$4,144.70.

Worshippers— Sunday 7/23: 9am-105; 11:30am-18. Bible Study-21.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 7/30	9:00am	Worship
	10:10am	Larry Appreciation
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 7/31	9:00am	VBS begins
Wednesday 8/2	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	7:30pm	Elders Meeting
Thursday 8/3	12:00pm	Beautification Team Meeting
Friday 8/4	6:00pm	Game night & hot dog roast
Saturday 8/5	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 8/6	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study - Luther Movie
	11:30am	Worship
	3-7pm	Hope Cafe @ Fair