

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN “AWAKE, MY SOUL, AND WITH THE SUN” 868

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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM 91:2, 9-10 ANTIPHON: V. 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE “THIS IS THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life’s end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

ROMANS 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 7:14-25A

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:25-30

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

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

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY "COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY"

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C **Hear our Prayer.**

In Our Prayers:

- + Margaret Lueck
- + Phyllis Ernst
- + Andy Birkholz

- + Bonnie Mueller
- + Angela Litzau
- + Scott Christenson
- + Dan Gueningsman
- + Maya Radtke
- + Sonya Clausen

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 160-164

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU”	334 (T: 442)
“OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”	707
“GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND”	965

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CLOSING HYMN “BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW” vs. 1,2,4,5 966

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: 134

Organist:
Jane Holasek

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. TABLES-** New basement tables have arrived! Since we were able to purchase a full pallet of tables, some tables in the Education Wing were also replaced, at no additional cost.
- 2. THANK YOU** to all who helped with the new basement table project! The old tables and oldest chairs were donated to congregation members, the City of LP, and the boat storage. We appreciate all who helped take out and bring in tables!!
- 3. GIDEONS-** "We received a terrific and generous offering. The offering we received equates to the purchase of 25 complete Bibles and 85 pocket New Testaments! What a blessing! Gideons Dr. John Bergseng, Tyler Meilke, and I had some very uplifting conversations before and after the service with members of your church. Everyone was so gracious, including the hospitality of the Hog Roast." Kyle Kraft
- 4. THANK YOU** to everyone who came to the Hog Roast Dinner. Also a big thank you to Randy and Bonnie Rehmann and Patsy Schauer for all your help and also everyone that helped serve the meals. Thank you all!
- 5. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING-**Plan ahead to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting on **SUNDAY, July 19th**. The meeting is set to begin at 10:00 AM (following the church service). All communicant members who have reached legal voting age are welcome to attend! Minutes from the last Quarterly Meeting are available on the table near the elevator for you to review.
- 7. VBS/CAMP OMEGA** registration is open. Forms are available on the table in the Lower Narthex or on our church website. VBS/Camp Omega will be held August 3-7.
- 8. THANK YOU-** The Cemetery Board and Cemetery Expansion Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Litzau Excavating for cleaning up the Southwest corner of the Cemetery. It looks beautiful!
- 9. YOUTH NIGHT-**Sunday, July 19 6:00-9:00 PM for Grades 5-12. Meet at the Church for Supper at 6:00 PM SHARP! We will

eat and then head to the pool. We will come back to the church after the pool for Bible Study.

10. LWML MEETING-All women are invited to join us for fellowship in God's creation (Jane's backyard - 1502 185th St, LP) on Monday, August 3rd at 6:30. There will be a short meeting followed by good conversation and light refreshments.

11. HELP NEEDED- The Lester Prairie Days Committee is looking for 6-8 helpers to work the Burger Stand on Saturday, July 18th from 10:30am-1 pm. Burger stand workers will help with grilling burgers, assembling the burgers, taking tickets, and working the ice cream machine. If you are able to help out, please contact Amy Meyer at 320-223-4442. In addition to the burger stand shift, helpers are needed for set-up, take-down, and to help with the kids' activities. If you are able to help, visit our website at lpprairiedays.weebly.com or contact Amy for more information.

12. BLOOD DRIVE- The Lester Prairie High School and Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 15th from 1:00-7:00 PM at City Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter LesterHS to schedule an appointment.

13. SCHEDULE- *July 12~* Ushers: Brad Ernst, John Lange, Doug Hecksel, Nathan Ide; Acolytes: A. Lind, L. Dressler; Greeters-Shadd & Julie Dial; Flowers: Shirley Minnick; Altar Guild: Kim Dressler, Karissa Rasset; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. July 5	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
Sun. June 28- Tues. July 7		Pastor Barlau out of Office
Tues. July 7- Fri. July 9		Pastor Bliss out of Office
Wed. July 8	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. July 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM Elders Meeting

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does the word “Amen” mean?

The word “amen” (pronounced AH-men) is Hebrew for “certainly” or “truly.”

Martin Luther said that it really means:

“Yes, yes, it shall be so.” You probably

recognize this word from

hearing it or seeing it used in prayer.

Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every

night when you go to sleep.



Why do we use it?

God commands for us to pray. When we use the word “amen” at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!



Parents: Point out that Jesus used the word “amen” a lot in Scripture when He said things like: “Truly, truly I say to you.” Encourage your children to listen for and say “amen” at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear it amen?

