

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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AS WE GATHER – CHRIST JESUS, THE LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN, FEEDS THE CHILDREN OF GOD – By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2-3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18-19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN “O WORSHIP THE KING” 804

✠ CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 151

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 86:11-15; ANTIPHON: V. 6

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of
ruthless men seek my life,
and they do not set you before them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.**

**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.**

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

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.

[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

ISAIAH 44:6-8

⁶Thus 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. ⁷Who 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. ⁸Fear 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.”

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] 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.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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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.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He said to

them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.'" . . . ³⁶Then 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." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY "IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE" 750

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

G Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Andy Birkholz
+ Phyllis Ernst
+ Scott Christenson
+ Cheryl Lueck

+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Angela Litzau
+ Sonya Clausen
+ Dan Gueningsman
+ Maya Radtke

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

“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”	575
“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING	700
“WHAT IS THIS BREAD”	629
“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”	892

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE P. 164

COLLECT/BENEDICTION P. 166

CLOSING HYMN “ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD” 923

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 113
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<u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING – Plan ahead to attend the next Quarterly Voters Meeting TODAY **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.

2. YOUTH NIGHT – TONIGHT Sunday, July 19 6:00-9:00 PM for Grades 5-12. Meet at the Church for Study at 6:00 PM! We will study and then head to the pool. We will come back to the church after the pool for Bible Study

3. HYMNAL SALE – Are you interested in purchasing a Lutheran Service Book for yourself or as a gift? Concordia Publishing House is currently offering hymnals for \$20.00 each. A sheet is on the table in the Upper Narthex if you would like to order. Deadline to order is July 26th. Payment can be made to the church office.

4. LOST AND FOUND – Please check if you have grabbed a ladies blue Columbia spring/rain coat by accident. If so, please return to the church. A blue “America’s Cup” spring/raincoat is hanging on the coat rack.

5. VBS/CAMP OMEGA – It's time to get registered now!! Invite neighbors and friends to join us! Forms are available on the table in the Lower Narthex or on our church website. VBS/Camp Omega will be held August 3-7.

6. VBS PLANNING COMMITTEE – will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 22 (Wednesday).

7. VBS SET-UP NIGHT– Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. All VBS helpers and any youth and adults who love to decorate are invited to join us in making our education wing into a Tropical Trek!!

8. OFFICE HOURS –Pastor Barlau and Pastor Bliss will be out of the office on Fridays. Pastor Barlau and Pastor Bliss will be out of the office Sunday, July 26 (after service) until Wednesday, July 29th for Continuing Education.

9. 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.

10. THRIVENT- Thank you to everyone that directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. This past month we received a total of \$722.00 from five church members. If you have questions about your Choice Dollars, please contact our congregational rep Julie Dial. Or you can call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.”

11. SCHEDULE – *July 26* ~ Ushers: Cory Schauer, Cole Ehrke, Jason Lyons; Acolytes: E. Garfunkel, A. Kosek; Greeters- Dan & Tina Heiraas; Flowers: Shirley Minnick; Altar Guild: Kim Dressler, Karissa Rasset; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. July 19	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Quarterly Voters Meeting Youth Night (Grades 5-12)
Mon. July 20	10:00 a.m. Noon	Basement Rental Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. July 22	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin VBS Planning Committee Meeting
Sun. July 26	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE. COMMUNION

Acknowledgement:

+ A memorial for Darian Litzau was received in the amount of \$150.00 for the Windows of Faith Campaign.