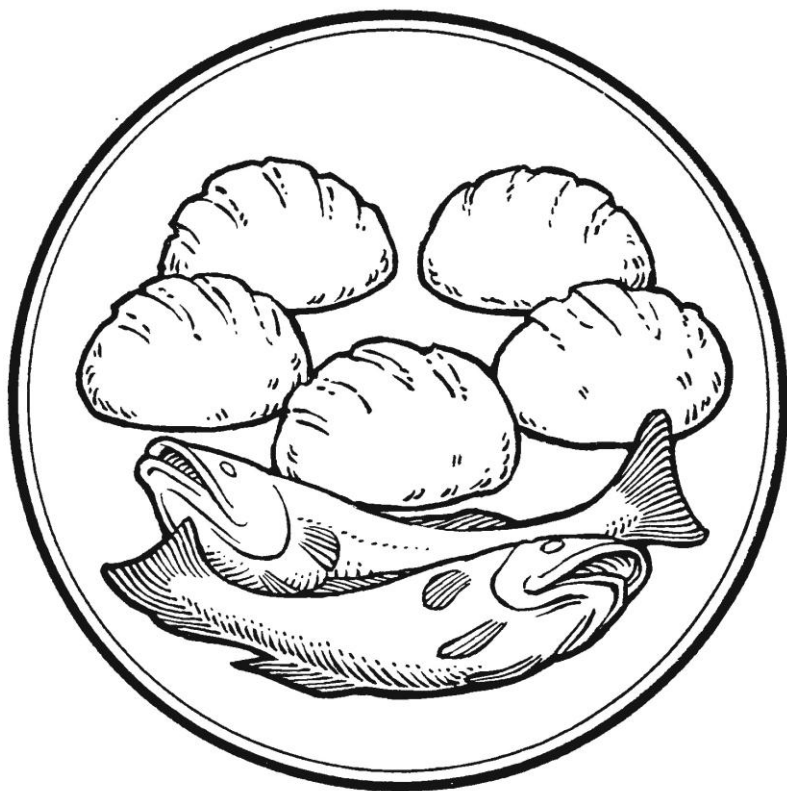


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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III P. 184-202

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).

PRESERVICE

OPENING HYMN “GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN” 648

✠ *THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM* ✠

GRETA JUDE SMITH

DAUGHTER OF AUSTIN AND ERICA SMITH

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✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

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.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

APOSTLES' CREED

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy, **G** **Hear our Prayer.**

<u>In Our Prayers:</u>	
+ Andy Birkholz	+ Bonnie Mueller
+ Phyllis Ernst	+ Angela Litzau
+ Scott Christenson	+ Sonya Clausen
+ Cheryl Lueck	+ Dan Gueningsman
	+ Maya Radtke

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 194-199

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; 1 Cor. 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. If you would still like to come forward to receive a blessing, please signify so by crossing your arms.

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.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 117

Organist:

Jane Holasek

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. GOD'S BLESSINGS to Greta Jude Smith, daughter of Austin and Erica Smith, who will be baptized during today's services. Sponsors are Wyatt Smith and Katherine Koopie.

2. VBS/CAMP OMEGA – There's still time to register! 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.

3. VBS HELPERS should arrive at 8:30 a.m. Monday to organize and train before students arrive for the start of VBS.

4. 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.

5. OUT OF OFFICE- Administrative Assistant Amanda will be out of the office Thursday, August 6th-Friday, August 7th.

6. THRIVENT- We invite you to consider supporting our church projects through Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams. Your contributions will aid in a variety of initiatives designed to enhance our community and strengthen our faith. Whether it's supporting outreach programs, our church or launching new ministries, your help can make a significant impact. If you're interested in contributing, signing up to lead a Thrivent Action Team or learning more about how you can assist, please reach out to Julie Dial. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and will help us in our mission to serve and uplift our community. Thank you for considering partnering with us in these meaningful endeavors!

7. SAVE THE DATE – Rally Sunday September 13th, "Lift High the Cross". Join us for our exciting new Sunday School curriculum!

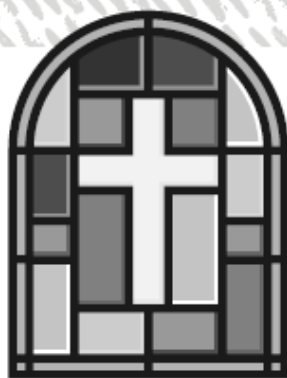
8. THANK YOU to those who helped set up for VBS Wednesday evening: Board of Ed members Tracy Peterson, Thomas Schoenfeld, and Keyla Parpart, Brooklyn Peterson, Pam Barlau, and Don and Lajean Hoof. You are a blessing to our students!

9. SCHEDULE – *August 9* ~ Ushers: Gregg Machemehl, Chris Schultz, Neil Hecksel, Nick Rasset; Acolytes: E. Garfunkel, T. Parpart; Greeters- Brett & Darlene Schmidt; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Altar Guild: Rachel Barlau, Megan Salden; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 2	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
Mon. Aug 3	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	VBS/Camp Omega LWML Meeting (at Jane's house)
Tues. Aug 4	9:00 a.m.	VBS/Camp Omega
Wed. Aug 5	9:00 a.m. Noon	VBS/Camp Omega Deadline for Bulletin
Thurs. Aug 6	9:00 a.m.	VBS/Camp Omega Admin. Assist. Amanda out of office
Fri. Aug 7	9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	VBS/Camp Omega Closing Picnic Wedding Rehearsal Admin. Assist. Amanda out of office
Sat. Aug 8		Wedding Ceremony
Sun. Aug 9	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM. Elders Meeting

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What are the peculiar windows in the church?

If you look around while sitting in the Divine Service, you'll most likely see windows that are different than the windows in your house. These windows are made with pieces of colored glass. These colored pieces may even have designs painted on them. Stained glass windows are a very important part of the church building.

Why do we have stained glass windows in the church?

Stained-glass windows add to the beauty of God's house, but that's not all that they do. These windows are designed to teach us. If you look closely at the windows, you'll find that most of them contain wonderful imagery. This imagery usually depicts **stories from the Bible**, different **Christian symbols** or different **articles of the Christian faith**; and it's all wrapped up in beautiful pictures made from colored and painted glass! What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord and to proclaim the Gospel!



Parents: After worship, be sure to walk around and look at the windows with your child. If there are windows with different themes, take a few moments each week to discuss the individual teaching points of each window. Encourage your child to ask the pastor for help.



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