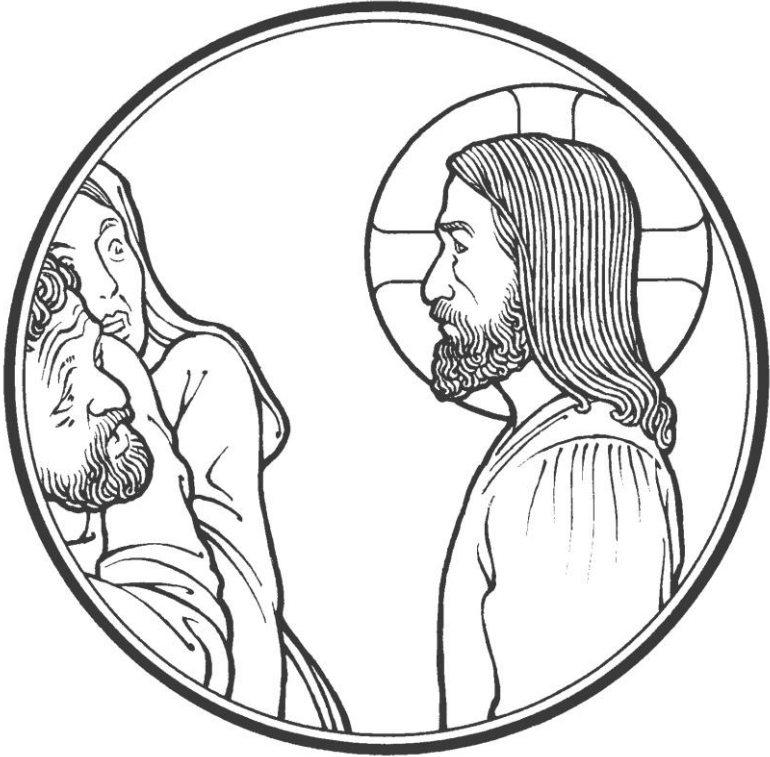


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✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 55:1, 12-14, 16; ANTIPHON: V. 22

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then
I could hide from him.

**But it is you, a man, my equal,
my companion, my familiar friend.**

We used to take sweet counsel together;
within God’s house we walked in the throng.

**But I call to God,
and the Lord will save me.**

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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.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

JEREMIAH 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:49-53

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy,

C **Hear our Prayer.**

In Our Prayers:

+ Deb Zebell

+ Darian Litzau

+ Dan Gueningsmann

+ Chad Feltmann

+ Jeremy Radtke

+ Pam Barlau

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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; 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.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

<u>Attendance Last Week</u> Sunday: 103	<u>Organist:</u> Lynn Mueller
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. **WELCOME-** We welcome Rev. Robert Alsleben as our Guest Pastor today.
- 2. **THANK YOU** to Pastor Barlau and all the people who came to help clean up after the storm. It is truly a blessing to have such wonderful friends and neighbors. Dave and Rita Hoernemann
- 3. **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Photo appointment slots in the church building will be available on October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 2pm to 8:30pm and on October 4th from 10am to

4pm. Each sitting will receive one FREE church directory; one 8x10 photo and have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (no pressure sales). All photos will be shipped directly to your home. Please make sure the church office has your current phone number, street address AND PO Box number (if applicable).

4. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING: The photo appointment scheduling process has begun for our church directory project. Simply go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box that says "**photography appointment scheduling login**", enter **MN592** in the church code field and enter the word **photos** (in lowercase letters) in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you choose to use your cellphone; simply access the website using the QR code on the back page and follow the same steps on your phone. If you need further assistance we will have a sign-up table before and after each Sunday morning church service. Remember, this is a terrific opportunity for a FREE professional portrait.

5. SERVANTS NEEDED: Host/Hostess servants are needed to assist with checking families in during the church directory photo sessions on Oct 1st thru Oct 4th. You will be required to attend one simple training meeting, at the church, prior to the directory photo event. (Training Meeting: Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm in the church basement). If interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the desk in the narthex, or contact a stewardship member or the church office at 320.395.2573. We appreciate your service. Darlene Schmidt 320.583.3022; Julie Dial 952.484.4436; Kimberly Reed 612.281.4759

6. SANDWICH MINISTRY IS BACK! We have finally gotten in touch with the Marie Sandvick Center, and they want our sandwiches again! Praise the Lord! We will be operating on the same schedule, making the same sandwiches as we did prior to April. So, our first event will be the third Thursday in September, the 18th, at 8:30 a.m. Please come back and serve our Lord as we feed the homeless!

7. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, August 31st will be at St. Peter Lutheran, Lester Prairie at 9:00 AM. There will be NO service at St. Paul that day.

8. LWML - It's School Kit time. We'll be collecting school supplies for Orphan Grain Train all of August. They include spiral

notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, 24 count crayons, ruler, glue sticks, scissors, eraser, 12 count colored pencils, pencil sharpener. Place items in bin under the LWML table. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you.

9. 7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETINGS will take place on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 pm! These meetings are for all incoming 7th and 8th grade students and their parents.

10. SCHEDULE- For August 24 (one service)~ Ushers: Jeff Engen, Harrison Engen, Wayne Mathews; Acolytes: K. Schauer, Jake Schauer; Greeters- Gary & Larisa Kosek; Flowers: Jane Holasek; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

MISC.

11. HELP WANTED- Zion Lutheran School’s Extended Care Program in Mayer is currently looking for an after school care giver for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are from 3:15-6:00 pm on days school is in session. If interested and for more information please call Carolyn Toenies at 320-310-5677. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 17	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
Sun. Aug 17- Tues. Aug 19		Pastor out of the office
Mon. Aug 18	Noon	Deadline for Lamplighter
Wed. Aug. 20	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Sun. Aug. 24	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP



QR Code to schedule Directory Session
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