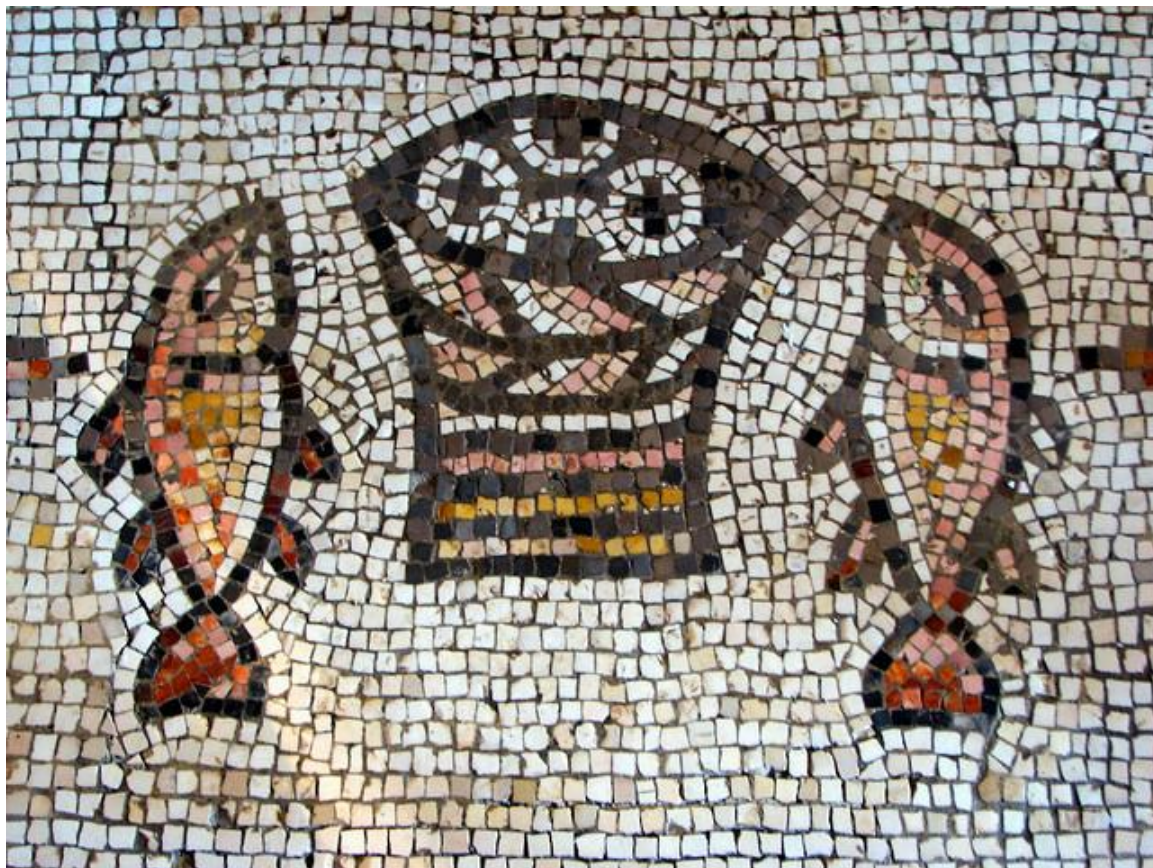


The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Feeding of the Four Thousand
July 19, 2026



*The wages of sin is death,
But the free gift of God is eternal life
In Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Theme of Today's Liturgy

God's never-failing providence directs all things in heaven and on earth (*Collect*). He does this not for a show of force but because of His compassion for His people (*Gospel*). This compassion moves Our Lord to meet our greatest need—freeing us from the things of death so that we may live and abide in His holiness and righteousness (*Epistle*). And so we look to the Lord (*Gradual*), and shout to God with loud songs of joy (*Introi*). For the Lord God is good to us, and His mercy extends over all His works.

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. You are welcome to join us in the social hall downstairs after the service for coffee and treats. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

Jesus has not left us on our own to run back and forth throughout creation, searching here and there to find Him. By His own promise, the Word made flesh still comes to us in His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

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The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† Processional Hymn 814

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

† Confession and Absolution *p. 184–85*

LEFT-HAND COLUMN

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 47; antiphon: Psalm 47



CLAP your hands together, all ye | peoples; *

O sing unto God with the voice of | melody.

He shall subdue the peoples | under us, *

and the nations un- | der our feet.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

O clap your hands together, all ye | peoples; *

O sing unto God with the voice of | melody.

† Salutation & Collects of the Day *SUNG responses* p. 189

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Gradual

Psalm 34

COME, ye children, and hearken | unto me; *
 I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
They looked unto Him, and were | made glad, *
and their faces were | not ashamed.

Epistle

Romans 6:19–23

Brethren, I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you

getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† Alleluia Verse

Psalm 47

The congregation sings the threefold "Alleluia" before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



CLAP your hands together, all ye | peoples; *
O sing unto God with the voice of | melody.

† Holy Gospel

St. Mark 8:1-9a

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time* the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



■ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

† **Nicene Creed** *p. 191/Inside back cover of hymnal*

Cantata Aria

*Widerstehe doch der Sünde,
Sonst ergreifet dich ihr Gift.
Lass dich nicht den Satan blenden;
Denn die Gottes Ehre schänden,
Trifft ein Fluch, der tödlich ist.*

Do resist sin,
or else its poison will take hold of you.
Do not let Satan bedazzle you,
for those who disgrace God's honor
will meet a curse that is deadly.

Sermon

Cantata Recitative and Aria

*Die Art verruchter Sünden
Ist zwar von außen wunderschön;
Allein man muss
Hernach mit Kummer und Verdruss
Viel Ungemach empfinden.
Von außen ist sie Gold;
Doch, will man weiter gehn,
So zeigt sich nur ein leerer Schatten
Und übertünchtes Grab.
Sie ist den Sodomsäpfeln gleich,
Und die sich mit derselben gatten,
Gelingen nicht in Gottes Reich.
Sie ist als wie ein scharfes Schwert,
Das uns durch Leib und Seele fährt.*

The nature of wicked sins
are indeed wondrously beautiful from the outside;
afterward, however, one must,
with grief and chagrin,
feel much affliction.
From the outside, it [sin's nature] is gold;
but if one proceeds further,
then what instead comes into view
is a phantasm and whitewashed sepulchre.
It [sins' nature] is like Sodom-apples
and the things of their ilk;
[they] do not belong to the kingdom of God.
It [sin's nature] is like a sharp sword
that runs us through, body and soul.

*Wer Sünde tut, der ist vom Teufel,
Denn dieser hat sie aufgebracht.
Doch wenn man ihren schnöden Banden
Mit rechter Andacht widerstanden,
Hat sie sich gleich davongemacht.*

Whoever commits sin, he is of the devil;
for this one [the devil] has brought it [sin] forth.
But when one resists its [sin's] odious bonds
with true acts of devotion,
it [sin] has marched off, immediately.

Offering/Organ Voluntary

Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.

† Offertory *p. 192–93*

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff.

***Guests** who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.*

***Communicants** may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.*

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

- 642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*
- 625 *Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*
- 596 *All Christians, Who Have Been Baptized*
- 578 *Thy Strong Word*
 O Lord, My Love, I Have No Rest (see next pages)



1. O Lord, My Love, I have no rest Out-side Your
2. You know my foe, You know my plight: A thou-sand
3. Such de - va - sta - tion to ev - ade, O Lord, Your



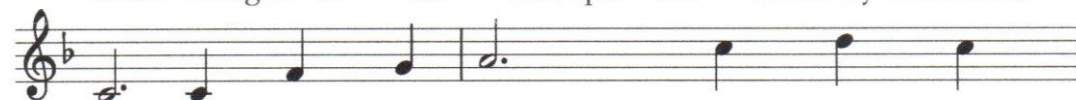
gift with which I'm blest. My ev - er mul - ti - ply - ing
arts he'll use to fight. Sly Sa - tan gnaws up - on my
ta - ble You have laid. You bid me dine for my de -



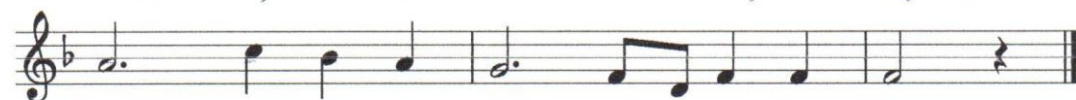
sins Dispel my strength as pas - sing winds; Like smoke it
soul; To strip You from me is his goal. Doubt'shaze he
light To thrill my bones with ev - 'ry bite; Your flesh and



simp - ly wafts a - way. If from Your death my heart should
drives up - on my mind, He clouds Your will to make me
blood You give to eat And spill out words my heart finds



stray, When thoughts of Your great pas - sion
blind, He teach - es me to call a
sweet. "Come," You in - vite me, "Come, draw



cease My soul's in tor - ment with-out peace.
lie What You have firm - ly set on high.
near, Take what I give you with-out fear!"

Additional stanzas on next page

4. “Here is My body with this bread;
It was condemned to join the dead
And bore the shackles of the tree
For you who always stray from Me.
What flowed to cleanse your guilt is here;
With wine you’ll find My blood so dear.
Into your mouth now both receive
And by them to My meekness cleave.”

5. O Lord, I will remember You
Until my earthly life is through.
I see You yearning for my life
To rescue me and end my strife.
Dart after agonizing dart
You welcomed into Your pure heart.
On rough-hewn wood You hung for me
From pain of death to set me free.

6. You order me to come to You
For that which keeps faith strong
and true.
You bid me let no doubt come in
For You have paid for all men’s sin.
No fuller ransom may be found
For all the faults that here abound;
Your sacrifice now stands before
The One who rules forevermore.

7. Lest my deceit-plagued mind should sway
And doubt the truth of what You say,
Your heart inclines with Your right hand
And gives this pledge on which to stand:
To eat and drink of Your great might—
Is this not comfort and true light
For those who foolishly believe
That such as they You’ll not receive?

8. O Lord, You want us, every soul;
Our hearts confirm Your loving goal.
You call the fallen to Your rest;
O help us rush now to Your breast.
You’re always ready us to heal;
Give holy thirst now for Your meal
And make us princes one and all
Within Your golden heav’nly hall.

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul
unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† **Nunc Dimittis** *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† **Hymn** 918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

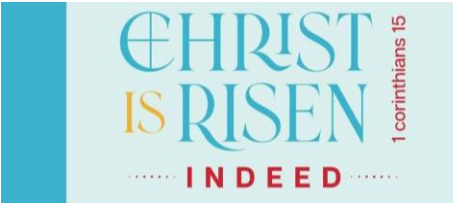
Organ Postlude

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!”

Psalm 84:4

This Week's Calendar

- Today (7/19) THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am
Divine Service 10:00 am
Board of Trustees meeting after church
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- Wednesday (7/22) ST. MARY MAGDALENE
Divine Service 10:00 am
Divine Service 6:30 pm
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- Next Sunday (7/26) THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am
Divine Service 10:00 am
Assembly of Voters meeting after church



GET INVOLVED

WATCH the livestream:
lcms.org/convention/livestream

READ live news updates:
reporter.lcms.org

LISTEN to interviews:
kfuo.org

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facebook.com/TheLCMS

TODAY'S NOTICES

The **New Member Welcome** scheduled for July 26 has been **moved to Sunday, August 2**. There will be a cake reception during coffee hour. If you joined Mount Calvary after May, 2025, look for an email from the Board of Evangelism with more information.

The Board of Social Ministries is coordinating another round of **Triangle Dinners** to take place September-November. This is a great way to get to know and spend time with your church family. An informational flyer about Triangle Dinners and a sign-up sheet are on the narthex bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Mark Meyer (308-850-4059).

Faithful Preaching and Faithful Hearing: a free continuing education course on homiletics for pastors and laity at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Tuesday, August 11 – Friday August 14. This class will take advantage of the presence of both pastors and laity in order to study the homiletical task together with the goal of becoming better preachers and better hearers. The class will be taught by Dr. Carl Fickenscher, professor of homiletics at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne since 1999. Class begins with Matins each day at 8:30 a.m. The final day ends at 12:00 p.m. Coffee and rolls are provided each morning, and lunch is provided each day at noon. There is no cost to attend, but please register by phone at 260.452.2204 or at ctsfw.edu/CE/Council-Bluffs-Iowa

St. Paul's Music Conservatory in Council Bluffs, IA is hosting **Jubilate Deo: A Lutheran Music Workshop** on Thursday, August 13th for grades 2-12 from 8 am to 4:30 pm. This is a unique music workshop giving music students a day of university learning. The schedule includes Matins, choral and piano workshops by Dr. Elizabeth Grimpso and Dr. Kurt Von Kampen, designs of the piano and organ, as well as a student talent show ending the afternoon. The workshop is free and lunch is provided

Prayer Requests: *Work with churches in:* Australia, Burundi, & Bangladesh; *Persecuted Christians in:* Somalia; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jill Raak, Amanda Warner; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Hayes Gonzalez, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, Julie Meseck, Brock Boss, Shirley Gibbs, the Synodical Convention meeting in Phoenix this week

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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3–12 is year-round. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Organist – Timothy Schreiber

Altar Care – Lanette Insinger & Nora Ogden

Counters – Denise Bitter & Matt Meyer

Ushers – Josh Bohnert, Scott Andersh, Dan Bartels, Matt Meyer

Elder – Nathaniel Kemper

Trustee – Bob Vondrasek