

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK/VIDEO

Kellie Schluter, VBS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LBW #369 “The Church’s One Foundation”

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-15

Pew Bible pg. 962

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

C: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Pew Bible pg.1224

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Jay Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #305 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"
(Please rise as you are able)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe

in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) **(Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) **Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) **(Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

WOV #771 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”
(Psalm 24:1, NIV). May all who gather here today rejoice in your goodness, O Lord!*

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rich Friemel	Steen Bjerre	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins
Maddy & Leah Graves	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt
Jennifer Birkey	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby
Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson	

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Mildred Flessner
Ruth Lutz	Ilene Ackerman	Genet Dixon	Janet Withers
Joan Mathis			

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Terri Kirby, Emily Deal
Owen Schluter, Ella Schluter
Nikky & Jack Flesner
Loretta Elliott, Shirley Friemel
Lorriane McElwain
Jim Cheek
Ron Howe
Wendy Watkins, Jack & Brenda Spitz

WELCOME TO WORSHIP “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ ... according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:3, 7).

BROADCAST OF THE SERVICE & FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *John & Sheila Sherman* in celebration of John’s 90th Birthday on July 12th.

NO QUILTING IN JULY The quilters will not meet for the rest of the month of July. They will resume meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5th.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE for the call of a pastor continues to be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. A time of fellowship with a light meal begins at 5:45 p.m. prior to the prayer service. All are invited and welcome to attend!

BLOOD DRIVE The Rantoul Community Blood Drive will be held this Wednesday, July 17th, from noon until 4:00 p.m. in the ALC Youth Hall.

LEMONADE STAND The ALC Summer Camp kids are having a lemonade stand each Friday afternoon during summer camp from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (weather permitting). If you are in the area during this time, please stop by for a refreshing cup of lemonade. Proceeds will be going to the Humane Society.

SAVE THE DATE Next Tuesday, July 23rd, is the ALC Preschool Monical’s Fundraiser. Monical’s of Rantoul will donate 20% of your bill to the ALC Preschool on this date when accompanied with a flier. Fliers are available on the bulletin board right outside the Narthex and will also be in next week’s bulletins.

USHERS NEEDED We are still in need of more ushers! Please consider helping if you can! Call Shirley Friemel at 217-766-4111 to volunteer or with any questions.

SHEETS NEEDED The Quilting group is still in need of cotton sheets (flat only). These are used for liners in the quilts. Donations may be brought to the church office.

FUNERAL MEALS We are still collecting names of those who would like to be on the list of people that are called to provide salads and desserts for funeral meals. Please call Nikki in the church office if you would like your name added to our list.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the 3rd Quarter (July-September) are still available to pick-up in the Narthex and in the entryway outside of the church office.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord’s table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord’s table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. ***Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 121

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

July 21st – Deanne Rosenbeck

July 28th – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

August 4th – Terry Doyle

BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

THIS WEEK**Sunday, July 14**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, July 15

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

Tuesday, July 16

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 17

12:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday, July 19

2:00 p.m. ALC Summer Camp Lemonade Stand

Sunday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024 – July 20, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Psalm 54	Luke 23:1-12
Monday	1 Samuel 4:1-22	Psalm 55	Luke 23:13-25
Tuesday	1 Samuel 5:1-6:21	Psalm 56	Luke 23:26-38
Wednesday	1 Samuel 7:1-8:22	Psalm 57	Luke 23:39-56
Thursday	1 Samuel 9:1-27	Psalm 58	Luke 24:1-12
Friday	1 Samuel 10:1-11:15	Psalm 59	Luke 24:13-35
Saturday	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Psalm 60	Luke 24:36-53

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen