

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

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 #479 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 375

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:1-8

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

C: I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice.

L: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt his name together.

C: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

L: Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

L: The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Pew Bible pg. 1226

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: John 6:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 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

Pastor Jay Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW #503 "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"
(Please rise as you are able)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he

ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

LBW #534 "Now Thank We All Our God"

DISMISSAL

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

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*“In this time of worship, may all gathered here experience your lavish love, O God,
through your Word and through one another. Amen.”*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lee Briggs Family of Ilene Ackerman

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	Ruth Lutz
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	DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin
ACOLYTES	Connor Suits, Carson McClain
BULLETIN GREETERS	DeAnn McMorris, Justin Kaiser
GREETERS	Jim & Pam Cheek
LECTOR	Kyndall Cox
PRAYER LEADER	Pam Cheek
WORSHIP STEWARD	Terry Doyle
USHERS	Lloyd Schluter, Sam & Joyce Holland

WELCOME TO WORSHIP “Taste and see that the Lord is good!” (Psalm 34:8). Welcome to worship, where all are invited to the feast by the Bread of Life himself.

50+ POTLUCK will be held this Tuesday, August 13th, at 11:30 a.m. in the ALC Youth Hall. Please bring a dish to share and come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship.

ALC PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held this Thursday, August 15th, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for anyone already enrolled or for anyone wanting to enroll in preschool this fall. Please stop by and meet the teachers and see the classrooms. Any questions, please call the preschool office at (217) 893-8773.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING School days are coming soon! We will celebrate our students and teachers (Preschool through College) with a back-to-school blessing next Sunday, August 18th. If you are a student or teacher, please plan to attend our service and receive the Lord's blessing upon you.

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!

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.

BISHOP DAN SELBO addressed congregations recently regarding the response we should have to the violence and unrest in our nation. He has issued a call to prayer, encouraged us to embody the love of Christ for all people, hold steadfast to our hope in Christ, and encouraged us to be peacemakers acting in unity and peace toward those we encounter. We have several copies of the entire letter available at the worship steward's desk. If you would like a copy and none are remaining, please contact the office and one will be printed for you.

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.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

August 18th – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

August 25th – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Monday, August 12

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, August 13

11:30 a.m. 50+ Potluck

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

Wednesday, August 14

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. ALC Preschool Open House

Sunday, August 18

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

HELP PUT A T IN CANTEEN

We are asking for your help to restock the canteen to get ready for this fall and winter. We are in need of **long sleeve T shirts** – pocket or no pocket – sizes medium up to 4X (bigger sizes are requested more often). They can be any color – preferably not white as they show soil so much faster. A donation box will be located in the Narthex.

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut Butter (creamy)
Jelly
Fruit Cups
Chips
Snack Cakes

As always – we would love to have you come on Monday evenings beginning at 4:00 p.m. to help make sandwiches and pack lunches and/or ride with us in the canteen to pass out food and other items to the homeless. It is a very rewarding night – you receive more than you give. If you have any question or would like to schedule a time to ride please give me a call or leave a message - DeAnn – 217-419-2112.

Matthew 25:37-40 ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,^[a] you did it to me.'