

Through Towns and Villages: Isaiah as Travel Agent for Jesus



I will send you to the nations,
to those that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And you shall declare my glory among the nations.
Isaiah 66:18-23

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday, August 18, and Sunday, August 21, 2016

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. & Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Elder: John Kozlik
Comm/Asst. Elder: Tim Faitsch
Acolytes: Logan Rosenthal

Ushers: Bill Schwartz, Morrie Cook
Lay Readers: Karen Kozlik
Greeters: Lynn Barkley, Harvey Family

August Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
August Counters: Morrie Cook

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Bob Souza
OPEN
Brennen Hautzinger,
Nathan Stutzman
Jay Souza, Chuck Johnson, OPEN
Tony Brazda, Kelley Dorner
Sally Gerros, Don & Joan Heidlauf

Dawn Werfelmann
Carol Cook

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Craig Johnsen in memory of wife Donna J. Wheeler Johnsen and
Dawn Werfelmann to the Glory of God.

NEHEMIAH SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order that uses portions of the book of Nehemiah.

Opening Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fellow-
In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
Who died to set us free From sin, division,
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Father
In Him meet south and north. All Christian souls are



ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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Invocation (Based on selections from Nehemiah 8)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: All the people gathered into the square.

And they told Ezra the scribe,

**C: Bring the Book of the Law of Moses,
Bring the Word of the Lord to us.**

P: And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered,

C: Amen, Amen.

P: They lifted up their hands.

They bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord.

This day is holy to our Lord.

C: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Based on selections from Nehemiah 1)

P: O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments,

C: let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servants that we now pray before You day and night, confessing the sins we have committed against You. We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that You commanded.

P: Lord, remember the word that You gave to Your servant Moses, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples."

C: But Lord also remember that You promised: "If you return to Me, even though you are outcasts, I will gather you and bring you to the place that I have chosen, to make My Name dwell there."

P: God has indeed heard your prayers and remembers His promise to gather you again to Himself, so that you may dwell with Him for eternity. By His Holy Spirit, you are the Lord's servants and His people, whom God has redeemed by His great power and by His strong hand, by the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise

All the Way My Savior Leads Me



1. All the way _ my Sav-ior leads _ me; Who have I _ to ask _ be-side?
 2. All the way _ my Sav-ior leads _ me; O, the ful - ness of _ His love!.



How could I doubt _ His ten - der mer - cy,
 O, the sure - ness of His prom - ise



Who through life has been my _____ guide? All the way _ my Sav - ior
 in the tri-umph of His _____ blood. When my spir - it, clothed, im -



leads _ me, and cheers each wind - ing path I _____ tread,
 -mor - tal, wings its flight _ to realms of _____ day,



and gives me grace _ for ev - 'ry tri - al, feeds me with _ the liv - ing _____
 this my song _ through end-less a - ges: "Je - sus led _ me all the _____



_____ Bread. You _ = lead _____ me, and
 _____ way.

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keep me _ from fall - ing. You _____ car - ry _____ me



close to _ Your heart, _ and _____ sure - ly _____ Your good-ness _ and mer - cy _ will _



_____ fol - low _____ me.

→ After 2nd verse, continue to last line →



All the way _____ my Sav - ior leads _____ me.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:18–23 (ESV)

[And the Lord God said]: ¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 50:1–15 (ESV)

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.
¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.
¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22–30 (ESV)

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

LSB 844; tune: 571



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace To love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide Thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred By love - less
 4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak When - ev - er



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; And in each per - son
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the



may I see My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
 me pur - sue; Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 wrong I do Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
 vic - tim be, Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

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Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offering Praise (Based on selections from Nehemiah 9)

Spoken as the Offerings are brought forward to the altar

P: You are the Lord, You alone.

C: **You have made heaven, even the highest heavens, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the multitudes of heaven worship You.**

P: You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for You knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers.

C: **And You made a name for Yourself for all generations.**

P: And You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and You threw Pharaoh's army into the depths like a stone into mighty waters.

**C: By a pillar of cloud You led them in the day,
and by a pillar of fire in the night.**

P: You are the Lord, You alone. We remember Your graciousness and blessings to Your people throughout all generations.

C: You have kept Your promise, for You are righteous. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

C: Amen.

Prayers

Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.— And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. — And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

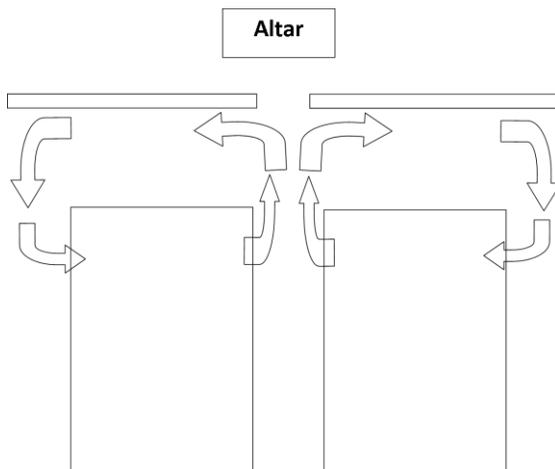
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

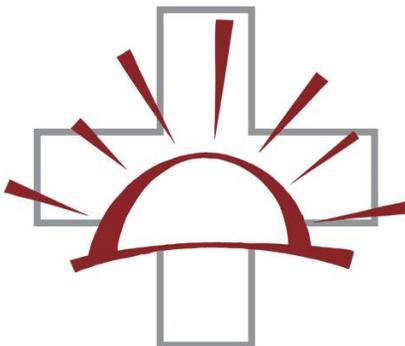
Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")



First Distribution Hymn Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Second Distribution Hymn**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

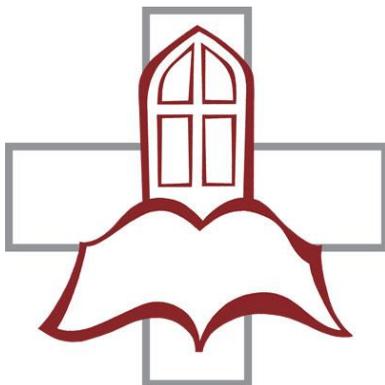
Benedicamus Domino (“Let us bless, the Lord”) & Benediction (Blessing)

P: Rise up and bless the Lord your God *(Based on Nehemiah 9:5 & Psalm 126:3,6)*
from everlasting to everlasting.

C: **Blessed be Your glorious name, O Lord;
Your Name is exalted above all blessing and praise.**

P: The Lord has done great things for us;
Those who come before the Lord weeping
shall now go with shouts of joy,
because of the Lord’s great mercy, love, and strength.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Announcements

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