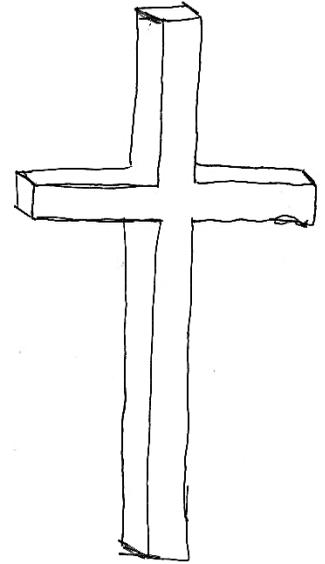


The Gospel of John – An Overview

- I am he.
- I am the living bread. I am the bread of life. It is I.
- I am the witness. I am he. Before Abraham was, I am.
- I am the good shepherd. I am the door.
- I am the resurrection and the life.
- I am he.
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
- I am the true vine.
- I am he.



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13th Week
after Pentecost

Thursday, August 16, &
Sunday, August 19, 2018

Know the Bible Now
A Visual Intro to the Bible
Summer Sermon Series

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – 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 6:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM

<i>Elders:</i>	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Jack Warneke	Jeremy Little
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Lily Erwin, Ruth Ziegler	Mae Anderson, Annika Chudy
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Deb Pelletiere	JJ Jones
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, OPEN	OPEN, OPEN
<i>Greeters:</i>	Don & Joanne Heidlauf, The Nuechterlein Family	The Jaronik Family, Cheryl & Faye McDonald
<i>August Altar Guild:</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst	Dawn Werfelmann
<i>August Counters:</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst	Sue Best

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Dawn Werfelmann to the Glory of God.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

3rd Sunday

Government & Safety

Local, State and Federal government and leaders

Local police and fire departments

Local concerns

Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, probation/rehabilitation

The people around us who do not know Jesus and salvation in His Gospel

Congregation: Spiritual Conversation

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life, and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

DAILY PRAYER

This service is based on Morning Prayer and Matins in Lutheran Service Book.

Invocation Verse

LSB 816, st. 1

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation and Opening Sentences

LSB 219

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

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

Venite Verse ("O Come, Let Us Worship")

LSB 816, st. 3

3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Te Deum ("You are God")

LSB 939

P: All of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

C: Alleluia. You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we acclaim You. You are the eternal Father; all creation worships You.

P: Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free, You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that You will come and be our judge.

Come, then, Lord, and help Your people,
bought with the price of Your own blood,
and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Verse of Praise by Those Delivered from Sin

LSB 816, st. 2

2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

Thursday

P: Let us pray together.

C: *My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have protected me, by Your grace. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.*

Sunday

P: Let us pray together.

C: *I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Scripture Hymn

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

LSB 981



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of
5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your
soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

- 6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Holy Gospel for the 13th Week after Pentecost

John 6:51–69 (ESV)

[And Jesus said]:⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Know the Bible Now Reading

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and **dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 4:25-26 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

²⁶Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am he.**”

John 8:58 “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**”

John 10:7, 14–15 “Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep...**

¹⁴**I am the good shepherd.** I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 11:25–26 “**I am the resurrection and the life.** Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

John 13:18–19, 31 “But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that **I am he.**”

John 14:6 “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.**

No one comes to the Father except through me.”

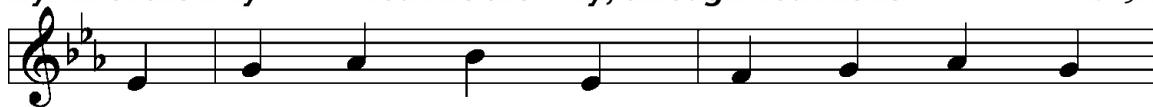
John 15:5 “**I am the vine;** you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 18:3–8 ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to [Judas, the soldiers, and the officers], “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “**I am he.**”... They drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “**I told you that I am he.** So, if you seek me, let these men go.”

Hymn of the Day

You Are the Way; through You Alone

LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Sermon

Canticle (Luke 1:68-69 in song) Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936 st. 1



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!

Confession of Faith

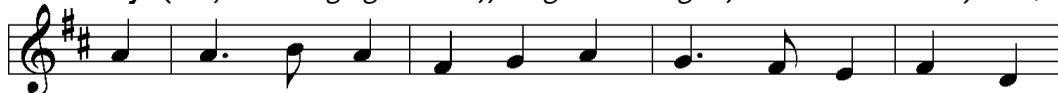
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.—And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. —I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Offertory (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 785, sts. 1&3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

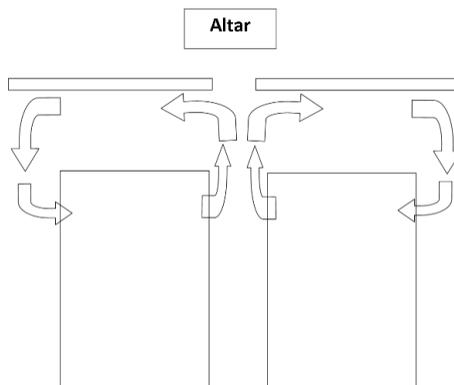
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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

LSB 631 sts. 1-2

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.

P: We pray: Holy God, mighty Lord,

C: gracious Father:

P: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

C: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

P: Through Abraham, You promised to bless all nations.

Through the prophets, You renewed Your promise.

C: And now in these last days, You have sent Your Son.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup,

C: We remember the life our Lord offered for us.

P: And believing the witness of His resurrection and His promise to return again,

C: We wait to share in the great and promised feast.

P: Send now, we pray,

C: Your Holy Spirit,

P: So that we who receive the Lord's body and blood,

C: May receive Him with a living faith. 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

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Second Distribution Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

Today's Favorite Hymn selection



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Common Dismissal

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* LSB 631 sts. 5-7



5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the right - eous - ness;
6 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;
7 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleans - ing blood;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
Yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,



Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
The bread and wine re - move, but Thou art here;
Giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fest - al joy,



Thy blood, Thy right - eous - ness, O Lord my God.
Near - er than ev - er; still my shield and sun.
The Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Announcements

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