



Worship & Sermon Series

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5th Week after Pentecost
Thursday, July 11, and Sunday, July 14, 2019

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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.

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 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

<i>Elders:</i>	JJ Jones	JJ Jones
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	Randy Gifford	Jack Warneke
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Holly Faitsch, Lily Freehling	Mae Anderson, Jude Squires
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Nathan Faitsch, Tim Faitsch	Glen Drollinger, Owen Squires
<i>Ushers:</i>	OPEN, OPEN	John Schultz, Don Heidlauf
<i>Greeters:</i>	Ziegler Family	Stephanie Bunnell, John & Karen Kozlik
<i>July Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Rogala	Diane Sanders
<i>July Counters:</i>	Mary Kay Ams	Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Monte Stoltzman in memory of wife Nancy's birthday.

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.

2nd Sunday

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District
Concordia University—Chicago

Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne
and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, who is in his 2nd year
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a “heart life,” daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces *Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.*

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force
Lt. Colonel Michael Ridley, USAF, Minot AFB, ND – Steve Best’s brother
Jason Lucker, Navy, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia
Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettieri’s friend
David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettieri’s friend’s future son-in-law
Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes
Bradley Abbitt, Army—Susan Squires’ cousin
Steven Furman, Air Force—Margie Tatgenhorst’s nephew
Andrew Waala, Air Force—Brian & Sherri Waala’s son
Jonathan Grana, Navy, stationed in Bahrain—Shelly Adams’ cousin

GENEROSITY SERVICE

A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

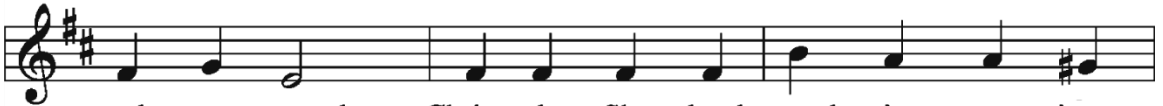
Opening Hymn

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847; tune: 417



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

C: let him encourage;

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: let him give generously;

P: if it is leadership,

C: let him lead diligently;

P: if it is showing mercy,

C: let him do it cheerfully.

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

**C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,
deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.**

We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,

P: but because of his mercy.

C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God's generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832 sts. 1-2, 4

****Today's Favorite hymn selection****



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Almighty and most merciful God, as you raised up many to assist in the work of the apostles and to serve in works of love, so those with the spiritual gift of helps have been chosen for service in Your Church and in the community. Grant them grace and strength that in their labors of love and their good example they may serve You faithfully, to the glory of Your name, to the help of those in need, and to the everlasting benefit of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18 (ESV)

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Titus 3:4–8, 14 (ESV)

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

¹⁴And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Acknowledgements

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Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But [the lawyer], desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message



Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

LSB 980, sts. 2-4 (alt.)

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show
us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.

2 Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will
4 You taught us to help our friends, Read - y to put their needs
Refrain

race; Neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.
first: This is the way we will live with You.

Sermon

“The Gift of Helps”

Offering Preface

based on King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

C: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

P: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

C: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

P: But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this?

**C: Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 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.

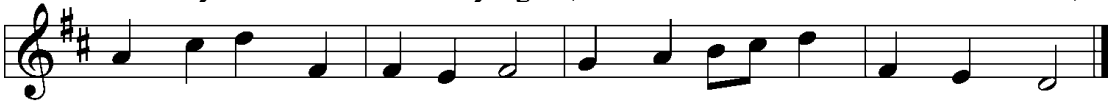
Offertory **Take My Life and Let it Be**

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour Take myself, and I will be
At Thy feet its treasure store; Ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers

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.

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.

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

**C: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people,
come to our aid when you save them,**

P: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may share in the joy of your nation

C: So we may join your inheritance in giving praise.

P: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: and gather us from the nations,

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: Amen! Praise the Lord.

Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scepter but a towel You
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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Does Bethel have older adults who need rides to the doctor?

ElderCARE can HELP!

ElderCARE volunteers bring hundreds of Northern Lake County homebound elders to the doctor each year for free. Last year they provided over 1911 round trip rides to the doctor. This means that home bound seniors are able to stay healthier and stay in their homes longer. ElderCARE can do this because of volunteer drivers. ElderCARE has a small staff linking elders' needs to the volunteer's time. Call ElderCARE: 847-406-4683 and we'll help.

If you have a passion for older folks consider volunteering with ElderCARE. It's flexible and brings many rewards. Do you have 3-6 hours a month to take an elder to the doctor? If you do, volunteering with ElderCARE is easy and brings many rewards.

ElderCARE ORIENTATIONS

Saturday, July 20th from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Waukegan Library) and

Saturday, July 27th from 10:00 - Noon (Lake Villa Township).

Call ElderCARE (847-406-4683) to let us know you are attending and for more information. <https://www.eldercarelakecounty.org/eldercare-orientation>