



Worship & Sermon Series

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7th Week after Pentecost

Thursday, July 25, and Sunday, July 28, 2019

THIS WEEK'S SERVANT: *Seminarian Jacob Stoltzman*
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*If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers,
please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down.
They will be given to Jacob Stoltzman before the worship prayers.*

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>	Mike Bandman	Jack Warneke
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Kelsi Mulley, Xavier Ramon	Emma Megerle, OPEN
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Joanne Heidlauf, OPEN	Dave Ross, Cheryl Ross
<i>Ushers:</i>	Don Heidlauf, OPEN	OPEN, OPEN
<i>Greeters:</i>	David & Theresa Carlson	OPEN , Cindy Ellwein
<i>July Altar Guild:</i>	Diane Rogala	Diane Sanders
<i>July Counters:</i>	Mary Kay Ams	Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Al & Leah Diercks in memory of son Todd, and
Matt & Michelle Chudy in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.

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

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691



- 1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
- 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
- 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
- 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Invocation

A: 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

A: 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.*

A: You will be made rich in every way

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

A: A generous person will prosper;

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

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

C: *let him encourage;*

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

C: *let him give generously;*

A: if it is leadership,

C: *let him lead diligently;*

A: if it is showing mercy,

C: *let him do it cheerfully.*

A: 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

A: 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.***

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

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

A: but because of his mercy.

C: *He saved us through the washing of rebirth—*

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

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

A: 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,*

A: 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.*

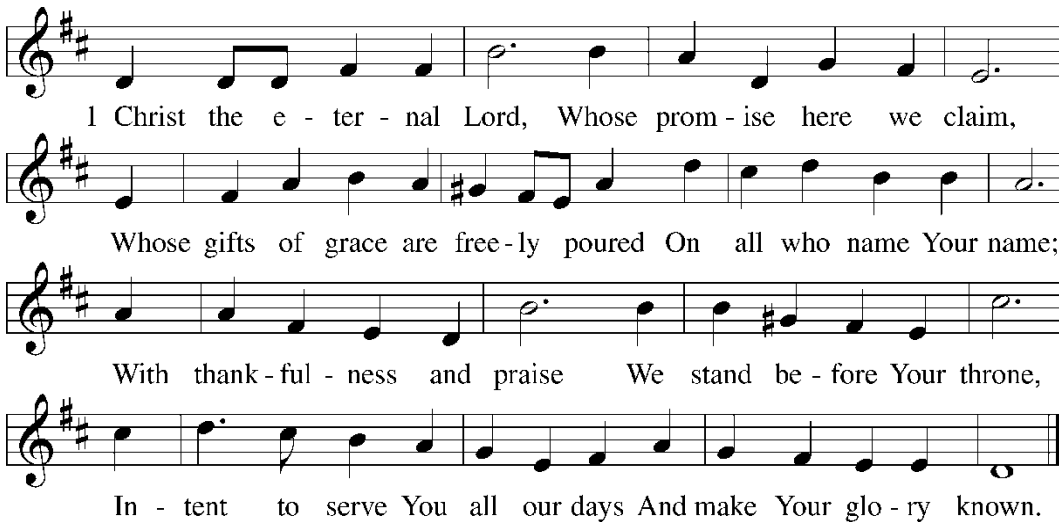
A: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1



I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

A: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

A: Let us pray. O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory, giving back to You what You have first given to us. Bless those with the gift of giving, so that may lead us to reflect our love for You with gifts that benefit Your Church and bring joy to those who hear Your Word in this place; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

Reading from History of the Early Church

Acts 11:19–30 (ESV)

¹⁹Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²²The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴for he was

a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul [later to be known as Paul], ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

2 Corinthians 9:6–15 (ESV)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13 (ESV)

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

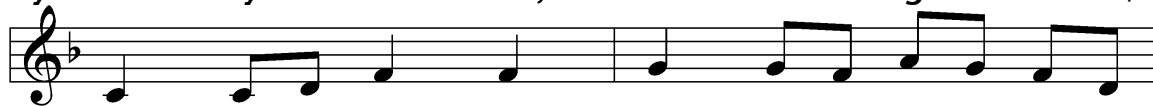
⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Hymn of the Day**Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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Sermon***"The Gift of Giving"***

Offering Preface

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

A: 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.**

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: 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

Offertory

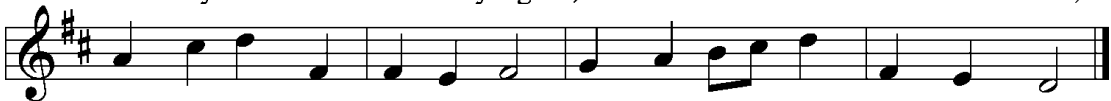
Take My Life and Let it Be

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

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

A: 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

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

C: his love endures forever.

A: 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,**

A: 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.

A: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: and gather us from the nations,

A: 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.

A: Let all the people say, “Amen! Praise the Lord.”

C: Amen! Praise the Lord.

Benediction

A: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.

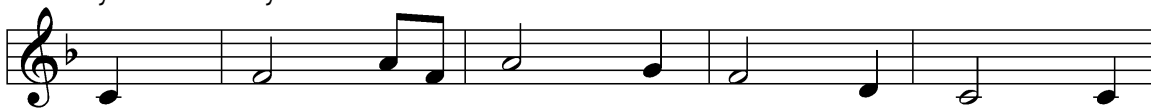
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

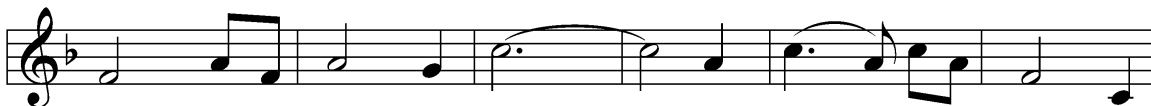
Amazing Grace

LSB 744

****Today's Favorite Hymn Selection****



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

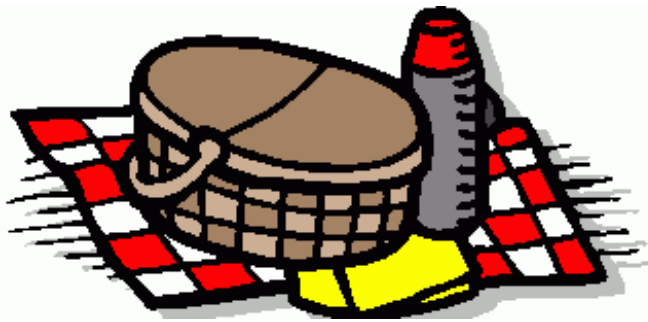


saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Announcements



Bethel Church Picnic and New Member Celebration

Sunday, August 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Bethel's church picnic will be held at the summer kitchen at Viking Park in Gurnee. Mark your calendar, clear your schedules, bring the whole family out and enjoy a few hours with our Bethel family. Come ready to have a fun day!

Watch for more information in the August Big Buzz.

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