

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 18, 2024 – 9:00 AM
Thursday, August 22, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 655
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 184

The Introit

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10
setting by Bruce Bengston

Antiphon: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures for- | ever!

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

Great are the works | of the Lord,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

Full of splendor and majesty | is His work,*
and His righteousness endures for- | ever.

He has caused His wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the Lord is gracious and | merciful.

He provides food for those who | fear Him;*
He remembers His covenant for- | ever.

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is His name!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Choral Collect

(choir – 9:00 AM)

Teach Us, Good Lord

Carl F. Schalk

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest:

To give and not to count the cost;

To fight and not to heed the wounds;

To toil and not to seek for rest;

To labor and to seek for no reward save that of knowing that we do thy will.

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1-10

¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;

teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse (9:00 AM)

John 6:68

verse setting by Bruce Bengston

Congregation:



Choir: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Congregation:



The Alleluia and Verse (6:30 pm)

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The Holy Gospel

John 6:51-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



⁵¹[Jesus said:] “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,⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

(9:00 AM: choir, vs 5)

LSB 696

O God, My Faithful God
setting by Henry V. Gerike

The Sermon

Text:

“Abiding in Him”

John 6:51-59

The Offertory

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Closing Hymn

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Fight the Good Fight

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	8/8/24	6:30 p.m.	33
Sunday	8/11/24	9:00 a.m.	111

FLOWERS are given in celebration of Mary Schwabe's birthday. Flowers are also given by the Cahills in celebration of Henry Nieznanski's 10th birthday.

WE PRAY for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Richard Hanson, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

THANK YOU TO THE SUMMER CHOIR for blessing us with your beautiful voices at the 9:00 a.m. church service today.

NEW MEMBERS will be received into the congregation today, Sunday, August 18 at the 9:00 a.m. service. We welcome, Nathan, Christina, Grace, Bailey, Gabriel and Ethan Scholz into the Our Father's family!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2024-2025 begins on Sunday, September 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and office, and may be returned to either the box (same location) or church office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Christina Janetzke at (414) 975-4826 or email cwingy10@yahoo.com.

REMINDER Church services return to 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. in three weeks, on Sunday, September 8. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School also resume on this day.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on *Sunday, August 25.*

OFLS ALUMNI If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org for more details.

INVITE PASTOR FOR DINNER The sign-up sheet starting with August dates is now up in the Narthex, if you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on Thursdays before church. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

USED OR NEW CHESS BOARDS NEEDED This year our school will be starting a chess club for students in grades 1 through 8. We are in need of chess sets for students to learn and practice on. Please keep an eye out for used or new sets, and either give to Mrs. Kidd or bring to the school office. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS for the church and school have returned to Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHILDCARE is **now enrolling preschoolers** ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father's is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

COACHES NEEDED! Our Father's Lutheran School's Athletic Department is looking for volunteer coaches for the 2024-25 school year. Head Coach and Assistant positions are available. Sports include Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track and Field. Coaching experience is not required. If you or someone you know may be interested, please email Ben Janetzke at bjanetzke@ourfatherslutheran.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on October 12 for the first Lutheran Classical Academy Cornhole Tournament and Hog Roast! This event, hosted by St John's Lutheran in Port Washington (217 N Freeman Drive), will include a delicious hog roast, sides, and beverages available for purchase; a fun 50/50 raffle; prizes for the top three teams! Please sign up to play via the QR code on the poster. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church – Lutheran Classical Academy. We invite you to join us for a fun time to help support the good cause of Lutheran Education!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	8/18	DIVINE SERVICE <i>Teacher Installation/Rededication & New Member Recognition</i>	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8/21	First Day of School CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	8/22	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	8/25	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“Abiding in Him”
August 18 through August 24, 2024

This week you have an opportunity to see the close parallel between Elisha and Elijah. Elijah fed the widow; Elisha gives an abundance of oil to erase debts. Just as Elijah raised a widow's son, Elisha gives a child to a woman and then raises him from the dead. The account of Naaman is an illustration of your own baptism. Baptism is simple water connected to God's word of promise and cleanses from sin. Like Naaman, you are to believe that word of promise. The presence of the holy angels is a comfort to all the faithful for they are always guarding the sheep. Although it is not part of the readings, you should take a look at 13:14-21 to see what happens at Elisha's death.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **John 14:27**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: 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. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 119:73-80

PSALMODY PRAYER: As You have called us by Your blessed Gospel testimonies, so keep us ever steadfast in the faith that we may seek You with our hole heart and not depart from You. Direct our ways to keep Your statutes. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 23:11-35
Tuesday	Acts 24:1-23
Wednesday	John 14:27 (Verse of the Year)
Thursday	1 Samuel 19:1-18
Friday	2 Samuel 20:1-23
Saturday	Mark 7:1-13

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Luther, Lectures on Genesis 3:13: Therefore, I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason, Adam's situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. About this a most beautiful text now follows, in which the preaching about Christ is included. However, just as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not call the serpent. Nor—in

order in this way to call it to repentance—does He ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately. This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam’s sin God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition. With the serpent everything is done differently. And so, although the promise concerning Christ is not yet there, it is already noticeable in the thought and counsel of God. (*LW* 1:180-181, St. Louis: Concordia, 1958)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER: 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.**

OR

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 683 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (stanza 1)*

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE WEEK OF
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

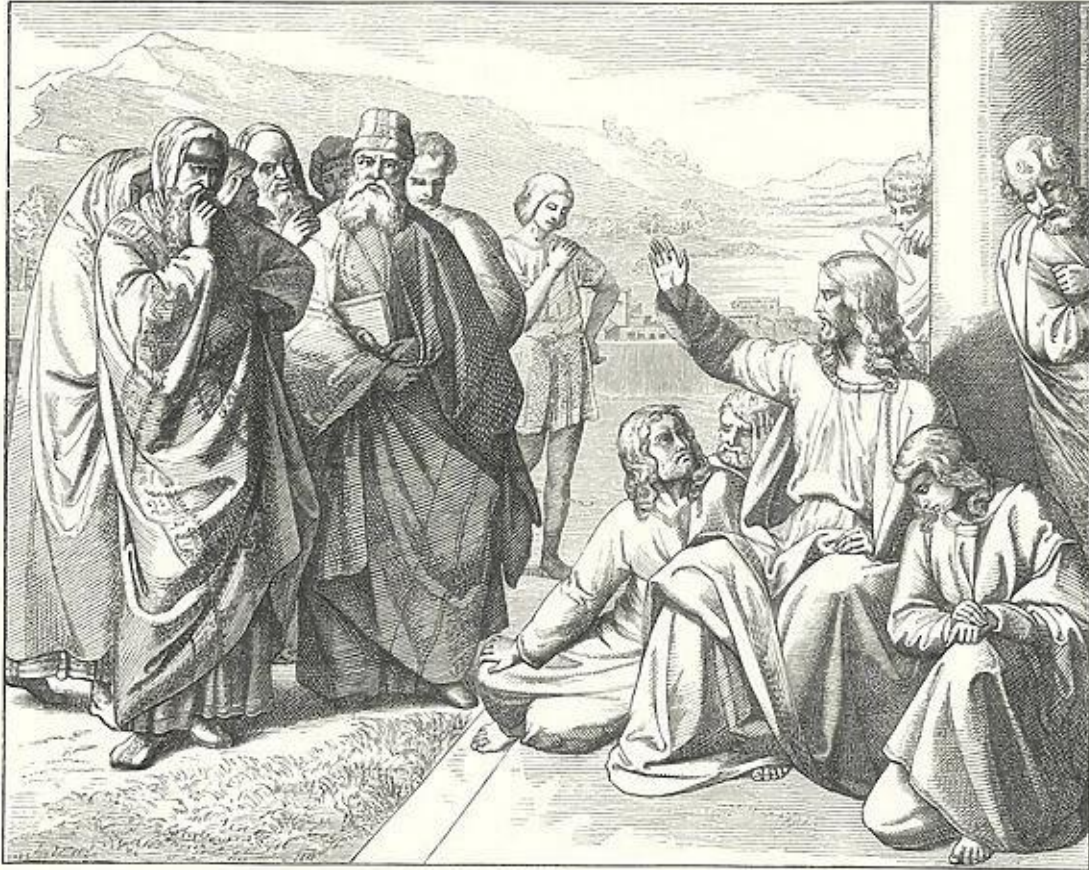
“Command of God, Tradition of Men”
August 25, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 557, 865, 713, 579, 580, 617, 860

READINGS

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

The words of Jesus are hard and cannot be understood by reason. They are to be held fast by faith for the eye of faith alone can see that the Word of Christ is true and that men eat His flesh and drink His blood in the Sacrament. These are the words which divide men for they are spirit and life. The words of men and the rational arguments of men do not bring life. So in the liturgy you echo the words of Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The words of life from Christ are in the liturgy, the preaching of your pastors, the Absolution, Baptism, and the Holy Supper. For without the word of Christ they would simply be the works of men, but the word of Christ makes them the gifts of God. Faith receives these gifts of God and lives. This is true worship of God, receiving His gifts. Joshua calls his people to faith in the God who gave His gifts to them - choosing Abraham, leading them out of Egypt through Moses, and giving them the promised land through Joshua. All other gods ask only for your gifts and actions, but the God of grace gives His gifts that you might walk in righteousness. Without God's gifts there is no serving God. Paul's words recall that we have been washed clean in the waters of baptism to be His holy Bride.



Jesus reproves the Scribes and Pharisees.—Overbeck.

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